Rakhi Peswani

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Curriculum Vitae

Solo Exhibitions

2021	Elisions and Inflections. Westwerk, Hamburg, Germany. Curated by Anja Ellenberger. https://www.westwerk.org/rakhi-peswani-2021.html
2020	Incisions Inflections Aberrations. at Gallery Sumukha, Bangalore.
2019	Incisions Inflections Aberrations at Westwerk, Hamburg, Germany Curated by Anja Ellenberger.
2018	<i>Conditions of Infirmity</i> at The Guild Art Gallery, Alibaug, Mumbai. November 2018 – February 2019
2015	<i>In Continuum</i> Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi. September October 2015. http://www.vadehraart.com/exhibition/viewDetails/143
2013	Anatomy of Silence, at The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai January-March, 2013 http://www.guildindia.com/SUOWS/Anatomy/BakkiPaguani/wanks.htm
2011	http://www.guildindia.com/SHOWS/Anatomy-RakhiPeswani/works.htm <i>Matters Under the Skin</i> under Asia One, Hong Kong International Art Fair, with Guild Art Gallery. May 2011
2009	<i>Intertwinings</i> at Vadehra Art Gallery, Okhla, New Delhi. August-September 2009 http://www.vadehraart.com/exhibition/viewDetails/37
2007	Sonnet for Silent Machines at Jehangir Nicholson Gallery & The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai, India. Nov 2007
2006	http://www.guildindia.com/SHOWS/RakhiPeswani/works-1.htm <i>recent works</i> at the Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Mumbai, India. December 2006.

Institutional and Group Exhibitions

2025	(Upcoming) with Gallery 320 10" year Anniversary exhibition, curated by
	Deeksha Nath At Bikaner House, August 2025
	Mycelial Legacies iii Curated by Deeksha Nath. at
	Space Studio, Baroda (Feb - March 2025)
2024	Telling Time Under the Soil Curated by Aranya Bhowmick, Gallerie Splash,
	Bikaner House Nov 2024.
	Entwined Group show at Gallery Apparao, Bikaner House, Delhi, Aug 2024
	Moments of Collapse – Group show curated by Gigi Scaria, at Nehru
	Centre, New Delhi, hosted by Safdar Hashmi Memorial Trust(SAHMAT).
	April-June 2024

	Entwined Group show at Gallery Apparao, Chennai. Jan-Feb 2024, Bikaner
	House Delhi, Aug 2024
2023	In the Dusky Path of a Dream. Curated by Meena Vari. Rizq Art Initiative, Abu Dhabi, UAE. 23 rd Nov 2023-3 rd Feb 2024
	Mycelial Legacies ii Curated by Deeksha Nath, at Jehangir Nicholson Art Foundation, CSMVS, Mumbai. June-Sep 2023.
	Mycelial Legacies Curated by Deeksha Nath. Hosted by Anant Art Gallery, Shown at Bikaner House, New Delhi. 29 th Jan- 12 th Feb 2023.
2022	Past-Present-Continuous. 25 Years of Guild Gallery, Bikaner House, New Delhi. August 2022
	https://guildindia.com/SHOWS/Past-Present- Continuous/VaishnaviRamnathan.htm
	<i>The Promise of Grass</i> Curated by Adwait Singh, 05 Mardin Biennale, Turkey. May, June 2022.
	https://mardinbienali.org/haber/from-the-5th-mardin-biennial-artists-rakhi-peswani/
	All Canaries Bear Watching, at School of Arts and Aesthetics, JNU.
	Curated by Premjish Achari, Part of GRIDS Heritage project
	https://www.artamour.in/post/all-canaries-bear-watching February 2022
2021	2021(Me)(Memory) – at Vadehra Art Gallery. Curated by Dipti Anand
	Material Metaphor. An online exhibition hosted by Astanzi.com. Curated by
	Aranya Bhowmik
2020	Games of Chance at Sunaparanta Goa Centre of Contemporary Art India Art Fair with The Guild Art gallery. Mumbai.
2019	Text Matters at The Guild Art Gallery, Alibaug. Nov 2019-Feb 2020.
	Narrow Road to the Interior, at Vadehra Art Gallery New Delhi. Nov 2019
	'Open Borders', The 14th Curitiba International Biennale at Brazil. Curated
	by Adolfo Montejo Navas and Tereza de Arruda. Sep 2019 – Feb 2020.
	Voiceover curated by Meena Vari, at Gallery Ragini, New Delhi. Jan 2019
	<i>Critical Constellations</i> at The Twin Art Gallery, IGNCA, New Delhi. Hosted by FICA New Delhi.
2018	Connecting Threads: Textiles in Contemporary Practice. Dec 2018- Feb 2019. Bhau Daji Lad Museum, Mumbai.
	The Material Eye Curated by Meena Vari. At Sumukha Gallery, Bangalore.
	August 2018.
	Veritable Concoctions. Curated by Nirali Lal, with Yep Art, At Faculty of Fine
	Arts, Baroda. March 2018.
	Turn of the Tide 20-20. Artists for Khoj. At Khoj studios. Collateral India Art
	Fair. Feb 2018.
2017	Here and Beyond, Aomori Contemporary Art Centre, Aomori, Japan.
	(28 Oct- 11 Dec)
2016	Final Review, at G-159 art space, Yelahanka N.T, Bangalore. (April 9-18)
	Trans-Feminism, Alternative Perspective and Beyond. Curated by Narae Jin,
	Korean Cultural Centre, New Delhi. (February- March 2016)

2015 Inbox Curated by George Martin PJ. Hill Fort palace, Srishti Art Gallery, Hyderabad. October 2015. *Impulses in Drawing* curated by Shivangi Singh, Vadehra Art Gallery, July-August. 2015. New Delhi. Memoir at The Loft at Lower Parel. August 2015. *The Guild Collection II – Outremer.* Curated by Ranjit Hoskote, The Guild Art Gallery, Alibaug, Mumbai. March to May, 2015 India Art Fair, with The Guild Art Gallery, Vadehra Art Gallery, The Loft Gallery, at New Delhi. 2014 *Drawing 2014*, Curated by Annapurna Garimella and Sindhura Jois. Espace Art Gallery, New Delhi Noir Blanc. Anniversary Show. The Loft at Lower Parel, August 2014. START Art Fair at Saatchi Art Gallery, London, with The Loft Art Gallery, Mumbai 'Making History' 3rd Colombo Art Biennale, Sri lanka Curated by Neil Butler, Amit Jain, Ruhanie Perera and Chandraguptha Thenuwara. . Jan-Feb India Art Fair, with Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi 2013 Fiber Visions Hangzhou Triennial of Fiber Arts, at Zhejiang Art Museum, Hangzhou, PRC. Ghar Ghar ki Baat (Tales from Two Homes), Margaret Lawrence Gallery, University of Melbourne, Australia. September, 2013. 'Zones of Contact' curated by Vidya Sivadas, Akansha Rastogi and Deeksha Nath, at Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, Noida, UP. 2012 'Porous' a group show Curated by Vidya Sivadas, at Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi. September 2012 2011 "Generation in Transition: New Art from India," Curated by Magda Kardasz at the Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland; Vilnius Art Centre, Lithuania. 'Drawings' at Chemould Art Gallery, Mumbai. August 'Turn of the Tide' with Tangerine Art Space, Bangalore. July India Art Summit, January 2011, with The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai **Art Stage Singapore**, with The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai. "Notes on the (Dis)appearance of the Real", at Shrine Empire Gallery, 2010 October 2010. New Delhi, *"I Think, Therefore Graffiti..."*, at The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai, New York, August, 2010. *Reverie*, a group show at Chemould Prescott Gallery, Mumbai. July 2010 *Triad: Introspection, Observation and Tradition*, an exhibition of Contemporary Indian Art, at Loveland Museum/Gallery, Loveland, Colorado. June-Aug. 2010 Bring me a Lion. An exhibition of Contemporary Indian Art, at Cecille R. Hunt Gallery, Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri. Curated

by Jeffrey Hughes and Dana Turkovic. March-April 2010.

	Roots Group show commemorating 25 years of Sakshi Gallery, at The Park, Chennai Jan 2010
2009	Sculpture at The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai. Dec 09- Jan 2010 The New Vangaurds, at The Guild Art Gallery New York and Saffron Art, September- October
	Analytical Engine Group Show Curated by Heidi Fitchner.
2008	At Bose Pacia, Kolkata. Jan-Feb 2009 Participated at Art Asia Miami , with the Guild Art Gallery, Booth 160. December 4-7, Miami, Florida.
	The Ego, The Persona, The Shadow, And the Old Man or was it The Great Mother? A group show curated by Ombretta Agro at The Guild New York. November 20 th -December 20 th
	Parables of the Thread. A group show curated by Jayaram Poduval. The Loft, Mumbai. November 2008
	Through a Glass, Darkly; Reflections on the Self Portrait. Group Show at The Guild Art Gallery. October 2008
	Filament A group show commemorating 5 Years of Peers Residency at Khoj, Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi, August 2008.
	Participated in the Hong Kong Art Fair with Foundation for Indian Contemporary Art(FICA), Vadehra Art Gallery, May 2008
	Inner Vision, Group show curated by Subbalakshmi Shulka, at The Guild Art Gallery, New York, March 2008
2007	Beyond Images, Group show at Faculty of Fine Arts, M S University, Baroda, Gujarat, India, October 2007
2006	Participated in the open day exhibition with an installation for the project Real Memories, Imaginary Places, at Cittadellarte, Biella, Italy. October 2006
	'Panchmarhi', group show at ABS Lanxess, Baroda, India. February 2006
2004	<i>'Salient Liaison'</i> , at State Gallery of Fine Arts, Department of Culture, Hyderabad, India. December 2006
2001	'Potters in Peril', National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai, India.
1999	'Still Life' at Sonnet Lumiere, Mumbai, India.
1998	Gujarat State Lalit Kala Exhibition , Ravishankar Raval Bhavan, Ahmedabad, August 1998

Qualifications

2003	Qualified the National Eligibility Test for Lectureship and Junior Research
	Fellowship, University Grants Commission, India.
2001-2003	MFA (Sculpture), M.S.University, Baroda.
1996-2000	BFA (Painting), M.S.University, Baroda.

Awards and Scholarships

2007	Emerging Artist Award by Foundation for Indian Contemporary Art (FICA),
	Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi, India. Sep 2007
2006	Inlaks Scholarship for the UNIDEE in residence at Cittadellarte, Fondazione
	Pistoletto, Biella, Italy. May 2006
2003	National Merit Scholarship from the Ministry of Culture, HRD, Govt.of
	India. 2003 - 2005

Teaching Experience, Workshops, Institutional Mentorship	
Since 2020	Associate Professor of Practice, Department of Visual Arts, Ashoka University, Sonipat, Haryana. India.
2021-2024	Head of the Department of Visual Arts, Ashoka University – 1 st June 2021 to 31 st July. 2024.
2020	Higher education Art Curriculum Workshop with Gallery Ark and Reliable Copy- Amongst Many Ruins. December 2020.
2023	All that Discard 2 days' practice workshop on recycling into Arts at Jehangir Nicholson Foundation, CSMVS, August 2023
2022	Space 118 Fine Art Grant Mentorship August- Dec 2022
2018-20	Visiting Faculty at Srishti School of Art Design and Technology, Bangalore.
2020	Visiting Faculty at K.R.Narayanan National Institute of Visual Science and Arts January 2020.
2019	Visiting Faculty workshop at Fine arts Department, Sarojini Naidu School of
	Arts and Communication, Hyderabad Central University. Hyderabad. February
	2019.
2016-17	Visiting Associate Professor at School of Culture and Creative Expression,
	Ambedkar University, Delhi.
2015-16	Visiting Faculty at Srishti School of Art, Design & Technology, Bangalore.
	Visiting Faculty at Acharya Institute of Art and Design, Bangalore.
2012-2014	Full time faculty at Srishti School of Art, Design and Technology, Bangalore.
2004-2012	Guest Faculty at Fine Arts Department, S N School of Arts and

July 2007- May 2011, Jan 2012- May 2012

Visiting Faculty workshop at Kala Bhavan, Santiniketan. Workshop titled 'Presence of the Past'. March 2011

Conducted a workshop titled, 'Negotiating Individual Subjectivities and other Excesses', For Masters' students of Painting Department at the Faculty of Fine Arts, M S University, Baroda, Aug, 2010

Guest Faculty at Indian Institute of Information Technology. August-Dec 2009

Communication, Hyderabad Central University, February 2004- May 2006;

2009 Conducted workshop on the dynamics of a Pin Hole Camera, at Deepalaya School, Okhla, New Delhi, in support with Foundation for Indian Contemporary Art

2009	Visiting faculty at Government college of Fine Arts, Trissur, University of Calicut.
2009	Visiting Faculty at Raja Ravi Verma College of Fine Art, Mavelikara, Feb 2009 University of Kerala.
2007	Part Time Project Fellow with Anveshi Research Centre for Women's Studies, Hyderabad. March-August 2007
Jury	
2025	(Upcoming) MFA jury at Shiv Nadar University, Department of Art, Media and Performance, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Noida, NCR, Delhi.
2024	Jury for FICA Emerging Artist Award. Foundation for Indian Contemporary Art, New Delhi, India.
2024	MFA jury at Shiv Nadar University, Department of Art, Media and Performance, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Noida, NCR, Delhi.
2023	MFA jury at Shiv Nadar University, Department of Art, Media and Performance, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Noida, NCR, Delhi.
2022	Jury for FICA Emerging Artist Award. Foundation for Indian Contemporary Art, New Delhi, India.
2021	Job Talk jury for the Department of Visual Art and Performing Art, Shiv Nadar University, NCPR.
2018	Jury for FICA Emerging Artist Award. Foundation for Indian Contemporary Art, New Delhi, India.
2015-17	Final year Jury for BFA and MFA students, Department of Painting, Faculty of Fine Arts, M S University, Baroda. May 2015, 2016, 2017.
2017	Khoj Peers Residency Jury.

Seminars and Artists' Presentations

2024	Art Pedagogy as Practice - Navigating the Institutional and Technological Apparatus (2004-2024), In conversation with Nupur Desai, Asia Art Archive. At KNMA, Noida. Nov 2024
2024	Decoding Artistic Practice- Seminar Roundtable Participation, Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida, UP. 24,25 September 2024
2024	Presented a paper at symposium- Re-visualizing Art Education in Kerala at Kerala Lalit kala Academy, Trissur Kerala. 9-11 August 2024.
2023	Materiality in Contemporary Art- Proximity and Distance Artists' presentation at Abu Dhabi Art Fair. UAE. Nov 2023
2023	Art and Asylum. An online panel discussion, hosted by The Guild Art Gallery, Moderated by Premjish Achari. With Achia Anzi, Zakir Hussain, Ram Rahman, June 2023
2023	Dur Daraz- In conversation with Awadhesh Tamarakar at Shrine Empire Gallery. 21st January 2023.
2022	"Temperamental Disinclination to Convention" A conversation between

	Rakhi Peswani and Sarover Zaidi. 26 th Nov 2022. Hosted by FICA Reading room and Asia Art Archive
2022	'Preoccupations with DRAWING' Presentation of works at SNU, Department of Art, Media and Performance, School of Humanities and Social Sciences. 9 th Nov 2022.
2022	In Conversation New Collecting Award – with Uthra Rajagopal and Olivia Heron. Hosted by Whitworth Museum, Manchester. 30 th Nov 2022
2022	Washing (one's) Dirty Linen in Public. Art praxis and reflections on Dirt, Linen, the Public and Globalization. Presentation in Seminar GRIDS Panel February 2022.
2021	Book Discussion- <i>Vasudha Thozhur: Diaries, Projects, Pedagogy 1998–2018</i> Online seminar hosted by Shergil Sundaram Arts Foundation and Tulika Books. 13 November, 2021.
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiiGRd5 t9c
2021	Connecting Squares: The Handkerchiefs. Textiles in Contemporary Art. Webinar with Uthra Rajgopal and Suman Gujral. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiG29f_iJtY
2017	Participated in the seminar: The Future of Art Education in India. Students' Biennale, Kochi Muziris Biennale, 2016-17. April 2017.
2016	Materials, Processes, Objects, Environment: Notes on Materiality and the Physical Experience of Language. Presentation of selected works at National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Bengaluru. March 6 th , 2016
2011	Presentations and display of work from the project Bodies/Subterrain, at Vrije Akademie, Den Haag, The Netherlands. October 2011.
2008	Presented a visual essay titled <i>Hands between the Eyes and the Mind:</i> Some Reflections on the hand made in craft practices in the seminar Visual Culture: Mapping the terrain. Held at Hyderabad Central University under UGC DSA, Hyderabad, India. March 2008

Residency Invitation

2025	(Upcoming) Artist in Residence with Amant Foundation, Chiusure, Siena,
	Italy. June to August 2025.
2021	Artist in residence at Westwerk, Hamburg, Germany
2019	Artist in residence at Westwerk, Hamburg, Germany
2017	Artist in Residence at Aomori Centemporary Arts Centre (ACAC), Aomori
	Prefecture. Japan.
2013	Artist in residence with Margaret Lawrence Gallery, Victoria College of
	Arts, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia.
2011	Artist in Residence with Kosmopolis Den Haag, at The Hague, The
	Netherlands. Sep-Dec 2011
2007	Artists' residency at Sanskriti Kendra, Sanskrithi Pratishthan, New Delhi.

2006	Dec 2007-Feb 2008 UNIDEE in residency, at Cittadellarte, Fondazione Pistoletto, Italy. July- October 2006. http://www.cittadellarte.it/unidee/unidee2006/index.htm 'PEERS-2003', residency invitation from KHOJ, New Delhi. June – August 2003
Projects	
2013	Fruits of Labor (A Monument to Exhaustion) at <i>Fiber Visions</i> Hangzhou Triennial of Fiber Arts, at Zhejiang Art Museum, Hangzhou, PRC
2011	Bodies/Subterrain (Eurydice and Sita). A collaboration with Miranda Lakerveld, (Opera Director, Amsterdam) to situate the voices of two literary characters. The project took shape as a developing and expanding site, with an installation, performance and music in three public spaces in the city of The Hague.
2010	Designed Sets and Costumes for Opera production titled 'Orfeo in India'. A collaboration between Les Autres Musictheatre, Amsterdam and Darpana, Ahmedabad. An opera adapted from Monteverdi's L'Orfeo.
2008	Illustrated a children's book titled <i>Chakuprantham The Sack Cloth Man,</i> by Jayashree Kalathil, part of a larger project titled, Different Tales, Stories from Marginalised cultures, Anveshi Womens studies and Research Centre.

Won the design competition for an entry in the project *Cubes in Motion*, an ongoing traveling design project collaborating local entrepreneurship and craftsmanship from Biella, at Cittadellarte, Italy.

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- 2006 *Real Memories, Imaginary Places*. A project in collaboration with Cittadellarte for Botto Giuseppe Textile industry, Valle Mosso, Italy.
- 2004 *'Salient Liaison'*, a self-curated, collaborative exhibition project with Shaila Nambiar, Textile Designer based in Hyderabad. Funded by the Department of Culture, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, The French Embassy in India & Alliance Françoise de Hyderabad, India

Reference texts

2020	Bent Bodies, Dead Insects and Old Leaves- Review- <i>Incisions, Inflections Aberration</i> By Mamata Sagar Art India - Volume 24/ Issue 2/ Quarter 3, 2020
2019	Paper Thread Dolls by Sandhya Bordwekar Gajjar. Art <i>India</i> Vol.23/Issue 3/Quarter 3.
2019	Tear Rupture Repair . Lead feature. Mario D'Souza. Art <i>India</i> Vol.23/Issue 3/Quarter 3.
2019	Critics' Picks, Art Forum, 08 th January 2019. Roshan Kumar Mogali https://www.artforum.com/picks/mumbai
2019	<i>The Possibilities of a Slow Stitch</i> - Amrita Gupta Singh — Critical Collective, February 2019.

2019	<i>Prognosis on Modernity</i> — Amrita Gupta Singh reviews solo exhibition-Conditions of Infirmity, Indian Art Journal. January 2019.
2018	<i>The Uncertain Body</i> by Parul Dave Mukherjee. Catalogue Essay for the exhibition - Conditions of Infirmity.
2017	Essay by Murakami Aya, Aomori Contemporary Arts Centre, Aomori, Japan. http://www.acac-aomori.jp/work/2017-5-5/?lang=en
2015	Zakkir Hussain and Rakhi Peswani Review by Georgina Maddox, Studio International, 16/09/2015 http://www.studiointernational.com/index.php/zakkir-hussain-translating-the-
	silence-rakhi-peswani-in-continuum-review-india
2014	A Sharp Needle, Interview with Giridhar Khasnis, Indian Contemporary Art Journal, Volume 13, 2014
2013	Weaving tales with no end or beginning, Robert Nelson, The Age, Review of Ghar Ghar Ki Baat, at Margaret Lawrence Gallery, Victoria College of the Arts, University of Melbourne, Australia http://www.theage.com.au/entertainment/art-and-design/weaving-tales-with-
	no-end-or- beginning-20130917-2tx44.html
2011	Santosh Sakhinala <i>Matters Under the Skin, A Review,</i> published in Art etc, volume 3, no.1
2010	An Anagram of Making Meanings, an article in the section Understanding Art, Time Out, Mumbai, January 08-21, 2010.Rakhi Peswani
2009	Featured in Younger than Jesus : The artist directory co-published by the New Museum and Phaidon.
2009	Janice Pariat reviews the show <i>Intertwinings</i> in Art India Magazine, Vol XIV, Issue III, Quarter III, 2009
2009	Review, <i>Of material and the 'stitched word</i> ' Art Concerns, Dec 2009-Jan 2010, Akanksha Rastogi, http://artconcerns.com/html/review5_akansha.htm
2009	Review, Flash Art International, November-December 2009, Rajashree Biswal.
2009	Matters of Art, e magazine. <i>Woven Dreams</i> , by Lina Vincent http://mattersofart.net/August07/exhireview/131.html September 15, 2009
2009	Growing from the Middle'Catalogue Text for Intertwinings, by Parul Dave Mukherjee, Published Cat; Vadehra Art gallery ISBN 978-93-80001-09-8
2009	Images, Text and Mutagenesis, Catalogue Text for Intertwinings, by Avijna Bhattacharya
2007	Matters of Art, e magazine. <i>My work</i> : <i>Re-winding the modern</i> http://www.mattersofart.com/features80.html February 21, 2007
2007	Indian Express, National Newspaper. <i>Arts New Clothes</i> by Georgina Maddox, http://www.indianexpress.com/sunday/story/20290.html
2007	Sunday, January 07, 2007 Matters of Art, e magazine. <i>Pointing at Cognitive Experiences</i> by Subbalakshmi Shukla

http://moaseptember.nucleation.net/jan2007rev/5.html

Time Out, Mumbai. *Girl Talk* by Deepanjana Pal. December 2006

Art India, National art News Magazine. *Salient Liaison reviewed* by Susie Tharu, Volume X, Issue ii, 2005

The Hindu, Hyderabad. *Novel Dimension* by Deepa Alexander. Dec 2004 http://www.hinduonnet.com/thehindu/mp/2004/12/06/stories/200412060 0720300.htm

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Marino Golinelli Collection, Bologna, Italy. Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, Delhi, India Whitworth Museum, Manchester, UK

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