

# SUCHIT SAHNI (India)

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Born on 30th Dec. 1977, received diploma in Fine Arts from the Academy of Fine Arts, New Delhi. Exhibited in Several Group and Solo Shows at Various places. I Live and work in New Delhi.

FAQ's

# What is your current work about?

My work mostly revolves around my memories and my surroundings. I have always been influenced with what I see on a day-to-day basis and that forms the main content of my work.

# What are your preoccupations about?

Mostly related to human interaction with their surroundings and the relationship of humans with the world around and vice versa .

# What are you trying to communicate with the visual language you are using?

My idea is to get a reaction from the viewer, of "I have seen this, I have been there". My focus remains at building a personal connect of my work with the viewer. Something where my artworks take the viewer back into a memory of their own.

# Is there anything special about your work that you want to highlight?

My works are personal, but they still tell a story that anyone or everyone can relate to.

# Can you give us 5-10 lines about your technique & materials?

I move around the city of Delhi (and also many other cities that impart the 'feel' of an India in transition) and capture images from those places, which had made an impression on my mind during my growing up years. These photographs act as primary sketches for me. In artistic terms I call them drawings. Considering them as starting point for further alterations and manipulations i approach my Canvas. Using the traditional techniques taught at all Art schools, i create. I use Acrylics on a fine cotton canvas.

# How do you see yourself in the Indian art scenario?

I represent the youth of today. I see myself representing the young minds of today, both in terms of current art scenario as well as the socio political aspects of our society.

Suchit Sahni

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AVANT GARDE (solo show) – March, 2013

What Suchit does through his artworks is go back to the memories that make him what he is today. Each of us reminisce on our past and take along the memories that excite us, that teach us and some that have caused us pain & anguish. With his works one simply remembers the memories – but purely in "Technicolor". Bright, fun, happy and cheerful! It could be the traffic on the roads or the heavily loaded rickshaw puller or even the simple stack of hats off a street vendor – his interpretations and his renditions in the vibrant hues takes us to a place that's truly spectacular.

Suchit in his current series, the most evolved of his artworks, works beautifully with a view finder. In his latest works he has taken iconography and absolute urban settings from his surroundings, to visualize and depict a commonplace that's musical and fantasy like in its visual appeal. But, what each of the artworks has is a soul. The artworks are easy to relate to as each of them, is somewhere deeply rooted in his memories. The stories are webbed in the florescent greens, pinks and yellows; the narrative being sublime and superbly romantic. The viewer also experiences the romance as he tries to find his connect to the story so depicted on the canvas. His works have found admirers in a varied selection of people, from young urban buyers to intellectually strong critics to even hardened collectors – each set acquiring his artworks for a unique reason.

Suchit has shown immense potential as a contemporary artist, and has grown strength to strength from each of his major shows in 2010, 2011 to his latest in March 2013. At such a young age – Suchit channels his thoughts so effortlessly (or so it seems) on to the canvas. The challenge remains, to grow beyond the common street life and move into more intimate and sensitive memories, and that's what we all look forward to from this young budding and street smart artist.

Niten Mehta (TAD Arts)

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URBAN Co. Ltd. (solo show) - 2011

Registration, interpretation and chronicling are the modes in which Suchit Sahni interprets the city of Delhi as he understands it. Suchit considers himself as a stealer of city images and for him, an artist keeps plundering the vast treasure troves of images both hidden and apparent in a city's body. And also he believes that the artist behaves like a contemporary Robin Hood, who gives the rich images back to the society with a deserving dividend. True to his philosophy, Suchit moves around the city of Delhi (and also many other cities that according to him impart the 'feel' of an India in transition) and from his moving car, he captures images from those places which had made an impression on his mind during his growing up years. These photographs that Suchit presents in this show both as an installation and a video projection, supply the artist with the primary sketches.

It is interesting to see how Suchit considers these photographs as a 'starting point'. In artistic terms, he calls them 'drawings'. Every time an artist approaches his canvas he has a set of mental or actual drawings with him; these doodles or lines provide them with the basic blue print for further alterations and manipulations on the real canvas. Even a random comparison between the photographs that function as Suchit's drawings with the final works in the display would reveal that in none of these paintings the artist transfer the same image as seen in the photographs. Through this double manipulation on the drawings he yields not only a new image but also a new reality, which is apparently experiential and for the viewer, true reminders of their own lived/living experiences now mediated through colors, forms and rhythmic movements.

Suchit, in his works, invests his energies in two ways; one, he likes to live the city nostalgically and see how the city changes before his eyes even when some parts of it resist the change, leaving certain reminders of the past intact for the people to witness. Two, Suchit, as an artist, goes beyond the urges to realize the apparent instead, he wants to transcend it through imparting an intimate sense of abstraction. While the images of a tonga (horse driven carriage), scooter, old vans and cars, forts and so on stand evidence to the former stance of the artist, the distance of perception that he demands from the viewer exemplifies the abstract values that he invests in the images. As the viewer goes closer to

the paintings, the images dissipate to reveal a riot of colors and forms. Suchit, within his paintings re-invents the same physical aspects of understanding a city through body adjustments within the actual urban sites.

JohnyML (Writer/Curator/Critic)

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## Exhibitions

2018

India Art Fair 2018, Booth No. E-10 with Gallery Ragini @ NSIC Ground Okhla from 9th to 12th Feb 2018

"Palette 18" Fundraiser @Delhi on 25th February 2018

Group Show with Gallerie Splash @ India Habitat Centre, New Delhi from 1st to 4th March 2018

2017

India Art Fair 2017, Booth D-5 )Gallery Ragini) NSIC Ground Okhla from 2nd to 5th Feb 2017

Group show " Within Reach - VIII " with Gallerie NVYA at their galley in Square One mall from 29th April to 40th June 2017

Sour D'ete - Group show curated by Niten Mehta @ Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi on 6th May 2017

Monsoon Show (Group Show) with Gallery Nvya at Pullmon Hotel from 27th August to 27th October 2017

Riddle Of Colours - Group show with Krisala Arts from 17th to 27th November 2017 @ Taj Westend, Bengaluru

Indian Art Festival, with Gallery Splash, @Booth No. 39 Tyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi. November 23 -26, 2017

Group Exhibition curated by Swapnil Khullar @ The Oberoi, Gurgoan on 26th November 2017

The Contemporary Walk, Group show with Gallery Ragini @ Vivanta by Taj Ambassador, New Delhi on 29th Nov 2017

Unconceptual - Group show with Gallerie Nvya from December 2017 to April 2018 @ IGI Airport, New Delhi

2016

India Art Fair 2016, Booth No. F-6 (Gallery Ragini) NSIC Ground Okhla from 28th to 31st Jan 2016

"Palette 16" Fundraiser @Mumbai on 14th February 2016

Metropolis Delhi Interpreted- With Gallery Ragini @Marriott, Dubai on 7th March 2016

Triptych Parade - Group show with Artylesque on 7th & 8th May 2016

Urban Co. Ltd. - Solo show @ Marriot Hotel, Dubai from 19th November 2016

2015

Expressions - Group show with Krisala Arts @ ITC Windsor, Bangalore, from 31st Jan - 8th Feb 2015

Collectors Corner 2015 -Group Show with TAD Arts @Visual Art Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi from 30 January to 2 February 2015

India Art Fair 2015, Booth No. F-5 (Gallery Ragini) NSIC Ground Okhla from 29th Jan to 1st Feb 2015

"NEONSCAPES" display with Apparao Galleries @ The Lodhi Hotel, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, 2nd Feb to 28th March 2015

"Charity Auction" with Plan India @ JW Marriott, Pune on 15th Feb, 2015

Mega Annual Exhibition - Group Show with Artchill @ Juneja Art Gallery, Jaipur from 15th Feb to 10th March 2015

Ephemeral Timeless group show with Gallerie Nvya from 1st March to 31st May 2015 @ Reserve Lounge, Terminal 1-D, IGI Airport, New Delhi

'One cake and ten candles' Group Show with Gallery Ragini @ Galerie Romain Rolland, Alliance Francaise, 72, Lodhi Estate from 10th to 12th April 2015

'Quietude' Group Show with Art Chill Gallery from 20th - 30th June 2015 @Juneja Art Gallery, 7 Lakshmi Complex, M I Road, Jaipur.

NEONSCAPES by Suchit Sahni @ Magnolias, Gurgaon from 1st to 30th Oct 2015

2014

India Art Fair 2014, Booth No. G-6 (Gallery Ragini) NSIC Ground Okhla from 30th Jan to 2nd Feb 2014

Group Show with APPARAO GALLERIES @ The Lodhi, New Delhi from 3rd March to 30th April 2014

Affordable Art Fair - Hong Kong at HK Convention Centre, booth B02 with Art Cinnamon from 21st to 23rd March 2014

'The Contemporary Walk III' at The Visual Art Gallery, India Habitat Centre with Gallery Ragini, 18th - 22nd April 2014

"Arty Party" with TAD ARTS from 19th - 26th of April at The Gallery on MG, Delhi

2013

Group Show "Merry Go Round" with TAD Arts Pvt Ltd., at Indira Gandhi National Center for Arts, 1 CV Mess Janpath from Jan 30th until Feb 7TH 2013

Two Man Show "Avant Garde" with TAD Arts at Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi from 18th to 24th March 2013

Group Show " The Contemporary Walk " with Gallery Ragini @ Claridges Hotel, New Delhi on 22nd March 2013

Group Show " Summer Fest 2013 " with TAD Arts @ Courtyard at Marriot, Gurgaon, 10th May to 15th July 2013

Group show " Within Reach - IV " with Gallerie NVYA at their galley in Square One mall from 15th May - 27th July 2013

Group show "CONFLUENCE" with Prakrit Arts (Chennai) on 15th June 2013 @ JW Marriot, New York, USA

Group show "Collectors Weekend" with STUDIO ART @ Lado Sarai, 12th to 15th July 2013

"VARSHA SHARDA - 2013" Group show with Gallerie Nvya @ Gallerie Nvya Art Walk, Reserve Lounge, Terminal 1-D, IGI Airport, New Delhi, from 14th July, 2013 to 16th November, 2013

"TAD ARTS ANNUAL - 2013" Group show with TAD Arts from 26th to 31st July 2013 @ Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Auction @ Art Bengaluru on 23rd August,2013, Lot no. 31 @ ITC Windsor, Bangalore

2012

INDIA ON CANVAS (Charity Auction) with "Khushii" at The Clarion Collection Hotel, New Delhi on January 10, 2012

Group Show "The Contemporary Walk" with Gallery Ragini, at Claridges Hotel, New Delhi on 22nd March, 2012

Group Show CHAPTERS presented by TAD ARTS at Galaxy Hotel, Gurgaon on 11th April 2012

Exhibition of Paintings & Sculptures created during the AIFACS Senior & Junior Artist Camp in March, 2012 at AIFACS, New Delhi from 8th to 14th June 2012

Group Show "Urban Reflections" with Gallery Ragini at Gallery Ragini, Lado Sarai, New Delhi, 13th Oct to 10th Nov. 12

Group Show "100000" with TAD Arts Pvt Ltd., at Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi 6th to 10th Dec 2012

2011

Two man show "Urban Co. Ltd." At Gallery Ragini, New Delhi, 5th March to 5th April 11.

Group Show "Grand Art Sale" with Khushii at Crayon Capital Art, Defence Colony, New Delhi, 3rd to 5th Oct 11

Group Show "100000" with TAD Arts Pvt Ltd., at Hyatt Residency, New Delhi on 11-11-11

Group Show "SOFA (sculptural objects & functional art) a spl. project curated by Johny ML at the India Art Festival, Nehru Centre, Mumbai. 17th to 20th Nov, 2011

Group Show "A 4 Arple" with Gallery Ragini curated by Johny ML at Gallery Ragini, Lado Sarai, New Delhi 25th Nov 11 to 30 Jan 12.

Group Show at INDIA ART COLLECTIVE (online art fair) with Ashna Gallery from 19th to 26th Nov 11

2010

Group Show at Gallery Ragini, Lado Sarai, New Delhi, 22nd Jan to 13th Feb, 2010

Group Show "Art Loot" with NGO Khushii's at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi, 6th March 10

Group Show at NEWS CAFÉ, V. Kunj, N. Delhi with Gallery Ragini 24th to 22nd April 10

Solo Show at OPC, India Habitat Centre, N. Delhi 18th to 23th April 10

Group Show "Red Dot" at Hotel Marriott, Gurgaon, with Gallery Ragini 1st to 30th July 10

Group Show "Monsoon" at Gallery Defence, Defence Colony Mkt, New Delhi 1st to 15th August 10

Group Show "Collectors Corner" at Hotel Marriott, Gurgaon, with Gallery Ragini 18th to 30th Sept. 10

2009

Group Show at Taj Coromandel, Chennai, with Gallery Ragini 11th to 15th Feb, 09

Group Show at Bank On Art Gallery, Lodhi Road, 22nd Feb to 13th Mar,09

Group Show at 80th & 81st Annual All India Exhibition organized by AIFACS, 5th to 14th Mar 09

Group Show at OPC, India Habitat Centre, N. Delhi, with Gallery Ragini 14th to 18th March 09

Group Show at OPC, India Habitat Centre, N.Delhi, with Krishna Gallery 26th to 31st March 09

Group Show at Republica Argentina, 27 April – 5 May 2009, Argentina

Group Show at Epicentre, Gurgaon with Art Nouveau , 25th – 28th April 2009

Group Show at Gallery Ragini, Lado Sarai, New Delhi, 29th May to 17th June 2009

Solo Show at Gallery Ragini displayed at Choko La, Khan Market, N.Delhi 4th Sept to 1st Oct 09

Group Show at Domus Art Gallery, 17, Hauz Khas Village, N. Delhi, 5th to 25th Sept. 09

Group Show at Art Expo –09, with Progressive Art Gallery, Worli, Mumbai, 25th to 27th Sept. 09

Group Show at Romian Rolland with Roopsi Art , Alliance Franciase, New Delhi, 1st to 3rd Oct. 09

Group Show at “Miele” – Experience Centre, Jasola, N.Delhi with PAG 20th to 28th Nov 09 2008

Group Show at AIFACS, New Delhi,with Ragini Gallery 8th to 15th Jan,08

Two Man Show at Lodhi Garden Restaurant, N.Delhi with Artoholics , 21st March 08

Group Show at Travencore Gallery, New Delhi, 10th to 16th April 08

Group Show at Academy of Fine Arts & Literature (academy show)