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ABOUT ME

I'm an artist trained in several Indian traditional arts, and passionate about learning techniques of various indigenous art forms. The current focus of my research is Basohli, which belongs to Pahari Tradition and needs revival. Through my work, I have been exploring the recreation of famous museum pieces as a practise to enhance my abilities and skills, and also to acquaint myself with the techniques of Pahari tradition. I hope to produce original works in the traditional Basohli style in the future, focussing on the connection between poetic works and painting, thereby hoping to contribute to the continuation of the tradition in the contemporary studio environment.

EDUCATION

Educational Tour to learn from Master Craftsmen in Traditional Arts.

2018-2019

- Udaipur- Basics of Indian Miniature Painting from artist Lalaji.
- Dahanu- Worli art from artist Sadashiv Mashe.
- Odisha - Pattachitra and Pothichitra from artist Prasanna Nayak.
- Bangalore- Tanjore Painting from artist Swarna Raja.
- Sri Kalahasti - Kalamkari Art from Sri Viswanath Reddy.
- Hyderabad- Drawing of Sri Yantra from artist Sambashiva Shastri.
- Cheriya Painting from artist Madhu Merugaju.
- Madhubani Painting from artist Pavan ji.

Master of Traditional Arts with Distinction from the Prince's Foundation school of Traditional Arts (Presently the King's Foundation School of Traditional Arts), London.

2019-2021

Educational Tour to learn from Master Craftsmen in Traditional Arts.

2021-2022

- Udaipur- Basics of Pichwai Painting from artist Rajaram Sharma.
- Jaipur - Embossed and Illuminated Calligraphy from artist Kailashchand Sharma.
- Mysore- Mysore Painting from artist J. S. Sridhar Rao

Undergoing advanced training in Pahari art from Padmashri Dr Vijay Sharma, Chamba, Himachal Pradesh.

2021-Present

EXHIBITIONS

Degree Show at London, Prince's Foundation for Traditional Arts
<https://www.kings-foundation.org/degree-show-2021>

2021

Alumni Exhibition @start.art.global and @schooloftraditionalarts at London
<https://media.umbraco.io/live-company-group/hfehctka/startx-pfsta-catalogue-2023.pdf>

2023

Upcoming Exhibition: At State Art Gallery, Hyderabad

2026

Upcoming Exhibition: Interm Show, 2026 at Garrison Chapel, London

2026

EXPERIENCE

Teaching of Tanjore and Oil Painting

2018-Present

Conducted Demonstration of Pahari Art to students of Glendale Academy, Hyderabad.

2022