

RAGINI UPADHYAY

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EDUCATION

1982 Graduated in Fine Arts from Lucknow College of Arts and Crafts, Lucknow, India

1983-85 Studied the Print's Techniques at the Artist Corner-Lalit Kala Academy, Garhi, New Delhi, India

1987 Peacock Printmaker, Aberdeen, Scotland, Fellowship Sponsored by the British Council

1988 Oxford Printmaker, England, Fellowship Sponsored by the British Council

1989 Kunste Akademy, Stuttgart, Sponsored by Deutsch-Nepalischen Hilfsgemeinschaft E.V., Stuttgart, Germany

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT

1992 Guest Artist at the Radier Werkstatt, Kampen Sylt, Germany

1994 Guest Artist at the Radier Werkstatt, Kampen Sylt, Germany

1996 Guest Artist at the Radier Werkstatt, Kampen Sylt, Germany

1996 Visiting Lecturer at the Lahti's Fine Art Institute and Türku Fine Art Institute, Finland

1996 Visiting Lecturer at Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, Karachi, Pakistan

1998 Presentation on Women Issue Paintings at Kulturmagasinet Museum, Helsingborg, Sweden

1999 Talk Program on Ragini Art at Kulturmagasinet Museum, Helsingborg, Sweden

2006 Visiting Lecturer at Karachi School of Arts, Karachi, Pakistan

2007 Workshop on Nepali Paper on Etching at Institute of Art and Design, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, Pakistan

2008 Presentation on Nepalese Contemporary Women Artists at International Art Conference, Jamshoro, Sindh, Pakistan

2009 Presentation on Ragini Art at Pekka Halonen Academy of Art, Tuusula, Finland

2009 Presentation on Work Series *Time Wheel* at University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland

2010 Presentation on Ragini Art at FOMMA, Karachi, Pakistan

2011 Presentation on Ragini Art at National Council of Art (NCA), Islamabad, Pakistan

2011 Workshop Presentation on Nepali Paper on Etching at Rawalpindi College of Art, Rawalpindi, Pakistan

2012 Guest of Honour and Presentation on Ragini Art at Gorakhpur International Art Conference, Gorakhpur, India

2013 Presentation on Work Series *People's Power* on Nepal Day at R. Joest, Museum Koln, Germany

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

1979 National Association of Fine Arts, Kathmandu, Nepal in the Presence of Late Poet Bal Krishna Sama

1980 Royal Nepal Airlines, Kathmandu, Nepal

1981 October Gallery, Vajra Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

1981 Fine Art Academy of Lucknow, India, Sponsored by Lalit Kala Academy of Lucknow and Inaugurated by Late Nepalese Prime Minister B.P. Koirala

1982 Morya Hotel, Patna, India

1983 Fine Art Academy of India, Ravindra Bhawan, New Delhi, Sponsored by the Nepalese Embassy in India

1985 October Gallery in Vajra Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

1986 National Association of Fine Arts, Kathmandu, Inaugurated by Her Majesty the Queen Aishwarya of Nepal

1987 October Gallery at Vajra Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

- 1988 British Council Hall, Kathmandu, Nepal, Sponsored by British Council, Nepal, Inaugurated by the Late Prime Minister Mr. Marich Man Singh
- 1989 Deutsch-Nepalischen Hilfsgemeinschaft e.v., Stuttgart, Germany
- 1990 Goethe Institute Hall, Sponsored by Goethe Institute, Frankfurt, Germany, Guests of Honours: the Consul of Nepal in Frankfurt and Late Mrs. Busak
- 1990 Goethe Institute Hall, Sponsored by Goethe Institute, Schwäbisch Hall, Germany
- 1990 Goethe Institute, Kathmandu, Nepal, Inaugurated by the Late Prime Minister Mr. Krishna Prasad Bhattarai
- 1991 Shimba Gallery, Tokoshima, Japan
- 1991 Ujuka Gallery, Naruto, Japan
- 1991 Hananj Restaurant and gallery, Kamojima, Japan
- 1992 British Council Hall, Sponsored by British Council, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 1992 Galerie Art du Temps, Verviers, Belgium
- 1992 Galerie Eglau, Radier Werkstadt, Kampen, Germany
- 1994 French Cultural Centre, Sponsored by French Cultural Centre, Kathmandu, Nepal - *Politics, Dust and Love*
- 1994 Galerie Eglau, Radier Werkstadt, Kampen, Germany
- 1994 Gallery Gamlastan, Helsingborg, Sweden
- 1995 National Fine Art Association, Kathmandu, Nepal - *The Myth of Politics*
- 1995 Gallery S, Eupen, Belgium
- 1996 Gallery Joella, Türku, Finland - *Windows*
- 1996 Majuma Art Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
- 1997 Goethe Institute, Kathmandu, Nepal - *Goddesses and Women, Mythology and Reality*
- 1997 Grand Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan, as part of the YWCA World Meeting on Violence Against Women
- 1998 Gallery Oljemark, Helsinki, Sponsored by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Nepal Finland Society - *Goddesses and Women, Mythology and Reality*
- 1998 Gallery Harmaja, Oulu, Finland, Sponsored by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1999 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal - *Sensitive Women*
- 1999 Gallery Bellange, Atelje, Stockholm, Sweden - *Sensitive Women*
- 2001 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal - *Ragini's Odyssey 2001*, Inaugurated by her Majesty the Queen Aishwarya of Nepal
- 2001 Studio am Schloss, Berlin, Germany
- 2001 Ateller I.S., Eupen, Belgium, Inaugurated by H.E. Kedar Bhakta Shrestha, Ambassador of Nepal to the EU
- 2002 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal - *The Sun Never Dies, Buddha Lights and Truth Shines*
- 2002 Bilderwand Manufaktur (Culture House), Schorndorf, Germany
- 2002 Centrum Kultury 1 Jezyka NIemieckiego, Zielona Gora, Poland
- 2003 Culture Hall, Organized by Rotary Club, Halle, Belgium- *The Sun Never Dies, Buddha Lights and Truth Shines*
- 2005 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal - *Time Wheel*
- 2006 Academy of Fine Art and Literature, New Delhi, India Sponsored by Indian Council for Cultural Relations - *Time Wheel*
- 2006 ICCR Hall, Hyderabad, Sponsored by Indian Council for Cultural Relations - *Time Wheel*
- 2006 National Association of Fine Arts Gallery. Kathmandu, Nepal Inaugurated by Former Deputy Prime Minister KP Oli - *People's Power*
- 2007 Majmua Art Gallery, Karachi Pakistan - *Sound of Love*
- 2007 Art Shop, Kathmandu, Nepal - *Sound of Love*
- 2007 Culture House (Manufaktur) Shorndorf, Germany - *People's Power*
- 2008 Venetian Multiversal Academy, Vienna, Austria
- 2009 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal - *Love in the Air*
- 2009 Gallery Riddaren, Stockholm, Sweden - *Love in the Air*
- 2010 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal - *Gaijatra Nepal*
- 2010 Gallery 919, Karachi, Pakistan - *Love in the Air*
- 2011 Museum Art Gallery, Organized by The Gaekwad Art Foundation, Mumbai, India - *Nature Speaks*
- 2012 Solace International Designs, Kathmandu, Nepal - *Nature Speaks*

- 2013 Studio am Schloss, Berlin, Germany - *Nature Speaks*
- 2013 Saemmer, Teppicharchitektur, Munich, Germany
- 2014 Culture Council, Chaudfontaine, Belgium - *Preserve Nature for Our Future*
- 2014 Atelier I.S., Walhom, Belgium
- 2016 Wang Xiaohui Art Museum, Suzhou, China
- 2017 Xiao Hui Wang Art Space, Shanghai, China.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1985 Nepal Association of Fine Arts (NAFA), Naxal, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 1986 Nepal Association of Fine Arts (NAFA), Naxal, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 1988 Nepal Association of Fine Arts (NAFA), Naxal, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 1999 Patan Museum, Lalitpur, Nepal, International Women Artists Exhibition - *Women A Commitment*
- 2002 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal - *Made in Janakpur- A Mithila Yatra*
- 2003 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal - *Himalayan Expression 2003*
- 2007 Art Shop, Kathmandu, Nepal, Organized by Women Artists Group of Nepal - *Shakti*
- 2007 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal, Sponsored by BP Koirala India-Nepal Foundation - *Ek Raat*
- 2008 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 2008 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal, *Double Vision* Group Exhibition
- 2008 Imago Dei Cage Gallery, Gairidhara - WAGON Workshop
- 2010 Artist Proof, Lalitpur, Nepal - *Contemporary Nepalese Printmakers*
- 2010 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal - *Celebrating Line*
- 2013 Artist Proof, Lalitpur, Nepal, Sponsored by BP Koirala India Nepal Foundation- *Search for Ethics*
- 2013 Park Gallery, Lalitpur, Nepal - *Emergence of Nepali Modern Art 1960-80 AD*
- 2014 Park Gallery, Lalitpur, Nepal, Sponsored by BP Koirala India-Nepal Foundation - *BP Ko Samjhanama*
- 2014 Imageark, Patan, Nepal - *Paribartan Sochma: Understanding Gender*
- 2017 Art for Nature, Gaidakot, Nepal, Organised by Kalawati Art Council.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

- 1979 College of Arts and Crafts, Lucknow, India
- 1980 Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Calcutta, India
- 1980 Madras, India
- 1980 Srinagar, India
- 1982 Lalit Kala Academy, Lucknow, India
- 1983 International Biennial, Lubjiana (Ex-Yugoslavia)
- 1983 International Print Graphic Exhibition, New Delhi, India
- 1983 International Asian Biennial, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 1986 British International Print Biennial, Cardwright Hall, Bradford, England
- 1988 Hananj Gallery, Tokoshima, Japan
- 1990 Arijiano, Italy
- 1991 Osaka Triennial, Japan
- 1992 Luxembourg
- 1992 Liège, Belgium
- 1994 Atelier I.S. Gallery, Eupen, Belgium
- 1995 Lahti Museum, Lahti, Finland-Nepal Group Exhibition *Aesthetics in Practice Conference*
- 1996 Lahti University Hall, Lahti, Finland
- 2003 Habiart Gallery, New Delhi, India, Organized by Siddhartha Art Gallery - *Himalayan Expression 2003*
- 2007 Gallery Open Eye, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK - *Double Vision* Group Exhibition
- 2008 Jamshoro School of Art and Design Gallery, Pakistan

- 2008 Kunste Centrum, Haarlem, Holland - *Double Vision* Group Exhibition
 2009 Siddhartha Art Gallery, International Art Exhibition - *Separating Myth from Reality Status of Women*
 2010 London, UK, Organized by Siddhartha Art Gallery
 2010 Artistproof Gallery, Belgium - *Double Vision* Group Exhibition
 2011 Gallery 6. Islamabad, Pakistan
 2012 Satrang Gallery, Islamabad, Pakistan - *Double Vision* Group Exhibition
 2012 Neerja Modi Art Centre, Jaipur, India
 2012 Gorakhpur Fine Art Faculty, Gorakhpur, India
 2014 Artistproof Gallery, Antwerpen, Belgium - *Exhibition 60/60*
 2017 First International Nature Art Festival, Gaidakot-17, Nepal.
 2017 Korea-Nepal International Art Exchange Exhibition, titled "Draw the Himalayas", Korea.

ATTENDED WORKSHOPS

- 2002 Dolakha, Nepal, Sponsored by Nepal Academy Organized by Lalit Kala Academy
 2006 Hyderabad, India, SAARC Countries Artists Workshop on the Occasion of Golden Jubilee of Lalit Kala Academy
 2006 Mandala, Organized by Women Artists Group of Nepal
 2007 Jaisalmeir, Rajsthan, SAARC Countries Artists Workshop Organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations and SEHER Organization
 2007 Fine Art Faculty Hall, Benaras, India, with Indian Artists - *Ek Raat* organized by BPKF
 2008 Nagpokhari, Kathmandu, Organized by Women Artists Group of Nepal - *Shakti*
 2008 Darjeeling, India, Nepali Sahitya Sansthan, *BP Ko Samjhanama* organized by BPKF
 2009 Nepal Art Council, Organized by Women Artists' Group of Nepal to Support Flood Victims
 2011 Maiti Nepal, Kathmandu
 2012 Dhulikhel, Nepal, *Search for Ethics* Organized by Women Artists' Group of Nepal (WAGON) Sponsored by BPKF
 2012 Neerja Modi Art Centre, Jaipur, India *International Art Workshop*
 2014 International Workshop, Dhampus, Nepal, Organized by Nepal Academy of Fine Arts
 2016 International Workshop, Lumbini, Nepal, Organized by Nepal Academy of Fine Arts
 2016 International Workshop, Janakpur, Nepal, Organized by B.P. Koirala Foundation, Nepal.
2016 Banaras, India, Organized by Art beyond the border.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

- 1979 *National Exhibition Prize*, Nepal
 1985 *National Exhibition Prize*, Nepal
 1988 *National Exhibition Prize*, Nepal
 1986 *Kate and Robert Wilson Prize*, Bradford, UK
 2002 *Birendra-Aishwarya Memorial Medal*, Kathmandu, Nepal
 2005 *50 Most Influential Women of Nepal*, The Boss, Kathmandu, Nepal
 2010 *Sankalp Samman*, Sankalp Nepal Welfare Society, Kathmandu, Nepal
 2011 *Best Student Award in 100 Years of Lucknow College of Arts and Crafts*, Lucknow
 2013 *Toran Kumari Kala Sanskriti Award*, Kathmandu, Nepal
 2013 *Senior Artist Honour Award*, Nepal Commercial Artist Association of Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal
 2014 *Bhadra Kumari sewa Sadan Award*, Nepal
 2016 *Sahamati Award for social work*, Nepal

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Founder and Former President of Women Artist Group of Nepal.
 Board Member – B.P. Koirala Foundation
 Board Member – Barbara Peace Foundation
 Founder and President of Shivata Love Foundation.

PRESENT IN OFFICIAL COLLECTIONS

Bradford Museum (The U.K.), Fukuoka Asian Art Museum (Japan), SAARC Building (Kathmandu, Nepal), Tribhuvan University (Kathmandu, Nepal), Tribhuvan Airport (VVIP Room, Kathmandu, Nepal), Nepal Television Office (Kathmandu, Nepal), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Kathmandu, Nepal), Ministry of Culture (Kathmandu, Nepal), World Bank (Kathmandu, Nepal), Danish Embassy (Kathmandu, Nepal), PM House (Kathmandu, Nepal), and other Government Offices (Kathmandu, Nepal), Fine Art Academy (Lucknow, India), King Birendra Art Gallery Museum (Kathmandu, Nepal), World Bank Museum, Head Office, U.S.A., Culture Ministry, Beijing, China.

PRESENT IN PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Nepal, Norway, Pakistan, Africa, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Luxembourg, UK, USA, Nepal, Malaysia

VISITED COUNTRIES

India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Thailand, Hongkong, Cambodia, Japan, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Germany, UK, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, Taiwan, Philippines, Israel, China, Malaysia.