

Sonu Sultania

Visual Artist & Photographer.

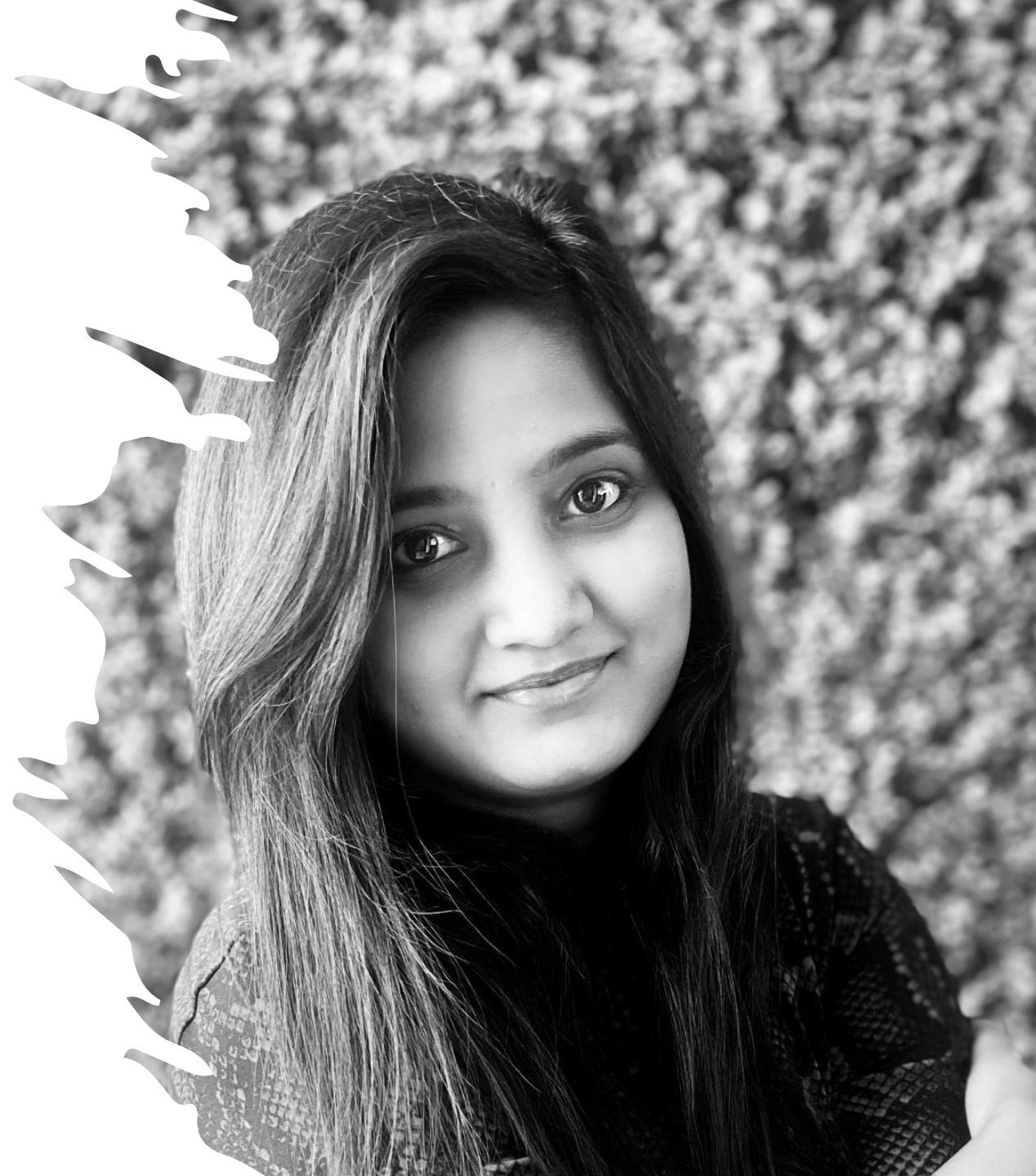
“I am a visual storyteller.
My work revolves around a tale, a dream, a moment or a journey.
it could be real or a fantasy, but it would be magical.”

Sonu is an award-winning contemporary artist with 8 years of experience and is driven by her passion and emotions. Born and raised in Kolkata, India and trained in Corporate law, it wasn't until moving to Dubai in 2013 that Sonu decided to nurture her interests in visual art and photography. She likes experimenting with several techniques and mediums, but she specializes in her favorite medium which is Alcohol based Ink. She is passionate about its unpredictable and vibrant nature. The process behind her colorful ink paintings is very therapeutic which blends meditation with her artistic ideas and helps to focus on her perceptions, imagination, and feelings to create something that explores & expresses her inner world as well as surroundings. In her paintings, visual storytelling is often associated with the abstract landscapes which unfold naturally in different shapes and forms to convey her thoughts, feelings, and emotions.

Having lived in several countries, Sonu uses travelling as a great opportunity to explore and delve into the cultural influences and origins of the art produced in those various communities, cities, and countries. Sonu also gets her inspirations from her travel-photography and various philosophies which focus on nature, love, community development and personal development through self-discipline and responsibility.

Sonu has participated in several art exhibitions across the world and mostly in UAE which includes Ras Al Khaimah Art Festival, Tashkeel, Gallery Arabesque, Atlantis Hotel, DUCTAC, Abu Dhabi Art Hub, Art-Plus, Mercato, Mall of Emirates, Dubai Mall, DIFC, DIAC and many other Hotels and Galleries in the UAE. Sonu has been participating in Fabriano Italy's International Watercolor Exhibition for the last three years and in World Art Dubai for the last five years.

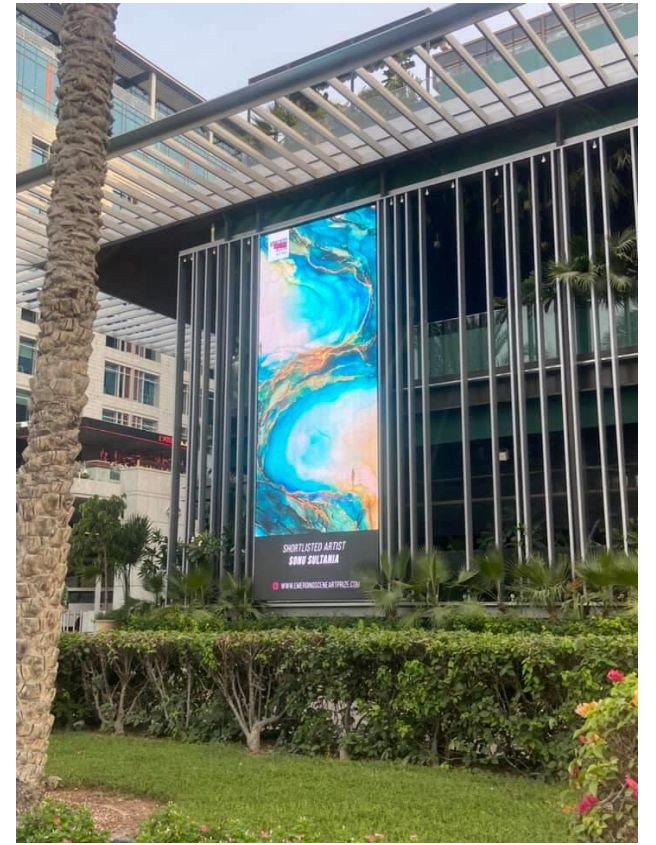
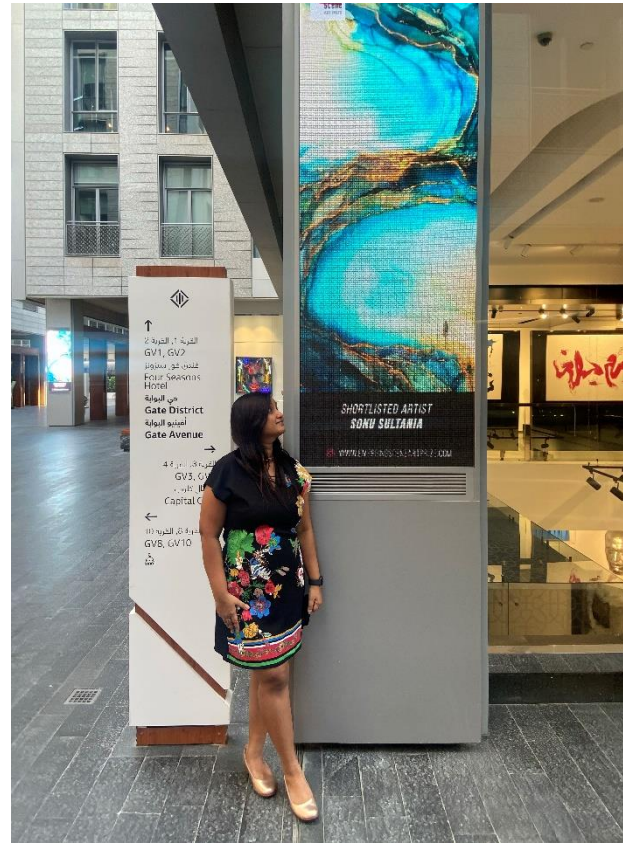
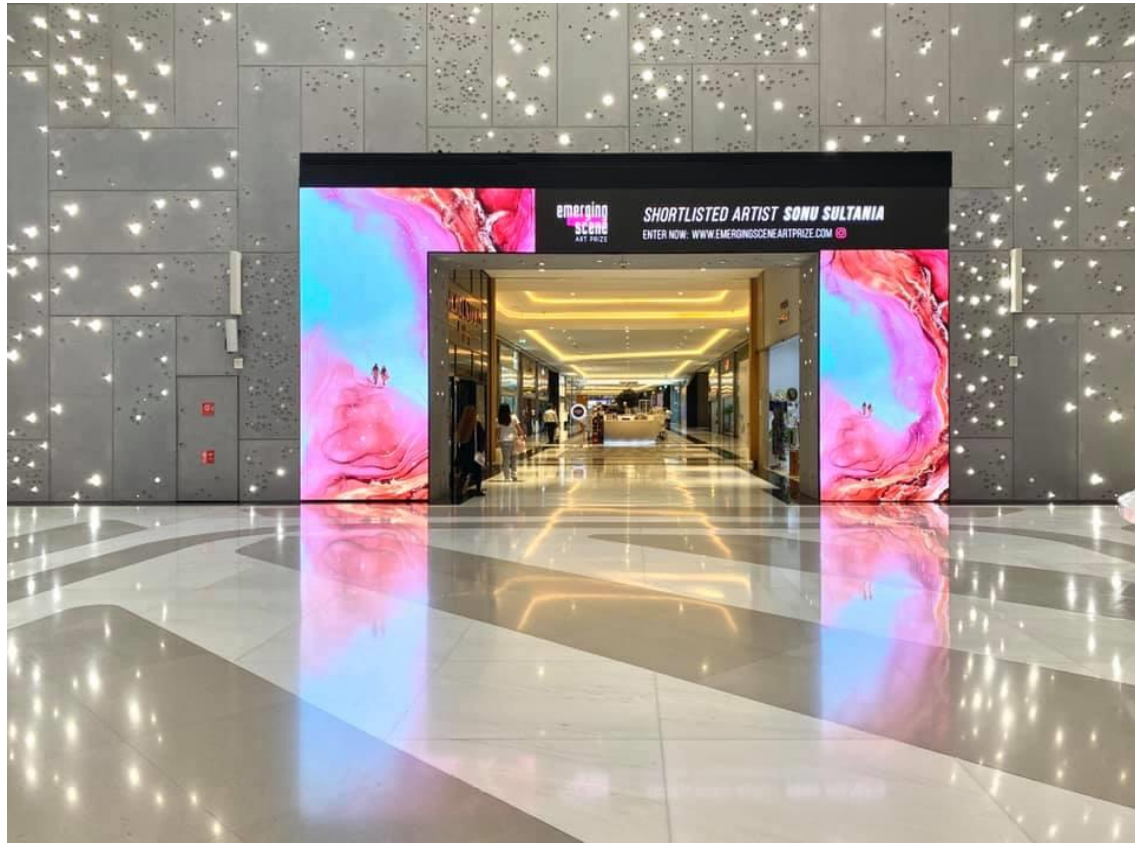
Sonu was awarded the Noon Artist Award 2019 for her work, Spring in Her Steps. She also won two competitions in 2018; 'Dubai Through My Eyes' conducted by World Art Dubai and 'Cultural Diversity' held at Antique Museum. Her work has also been featured widely in Television Media of "Emerging Artist Award" across 1100 screens all over UAE in 2019. She has also been selected as "Top 10 Emerging Artists" during World Art Dubai 2020. Among her private projects, she has been commissioned custom artworks for many high-profile private clients in UAE and abroad and she also conducts collaborative and private Alcohol Ink workshops time to time. The artist's work have also been appreciated and featured in leading Print Media and TV Channels in the UAE





EXHIBITIONS, VOLUNTEER WORKS, ACHIEVEMENTS &
AWARDS

ART



EMERGING SCENE ART PRIZE 2021

Sonu's meditative dream-like ink paintings which explore and express her inner world taking the viewer on a magical journey, have been selected for Emerging Scene Art prize 2021.

Her works were recently featured on the largest Digital Art Gallery around Dubai and Abu Dhabi on Elevision Media network in June 2021.

World Art Dubai 2021, bigger and brighter than its previous 2020 edition

Two days into the show, one can safely announce that it's the healing powers of the arts and the hopefulness depicted by the artworks that have been shining through at the four-day fair

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Little did one know that two back-to-back editions of World Art Dubai, the region's most accessible and affordable retail art fair, would happen during the pandemic. The seventh edition of the fair opened this Wednesday and would run until Sunday, and it has once again proved the city's commitment towards the art. The event is known to offer something fresh and exciting in each edition, and its 2021 edition has been no different.

Ahead of the show WAD curator Dena Karim had promised, "First of all it will be bigger!" She'd shared how the artists wished to be in the public eye, again. "For too long now, we've been too restricted. And we have lots of new art attractions to entertain." And they have so far kept to their promise. When we'd asked the other curator Rashed Rafiq to elaborate on how WAD 2021 would be different from the previous editions, she'd confessed how there is always pressure on what they would bring to the show next and had reiterated the same thought, "It would be bigger." Interestingly, their reason with a couple of exceptions this year is keeping the crowds engaged, especially the younger ones. The third female curator Sumaiyeh Karim felt that this year's edition was significant for a particular reason. "Creating or experiencing art can be relaxing and soothing, even healers are using art in their methods now." And two days into the show, one can safely announce that it's the healing powers of the arts and the hopefulness depicted by the artworks that have been shining through at the four-day fair, which has welcomed more than 200 exhibitors from over 27 countries displaying more than 2000 art pieces.

Indian artist Sonu Sultania, who is displaying her collection titled Once Upon A

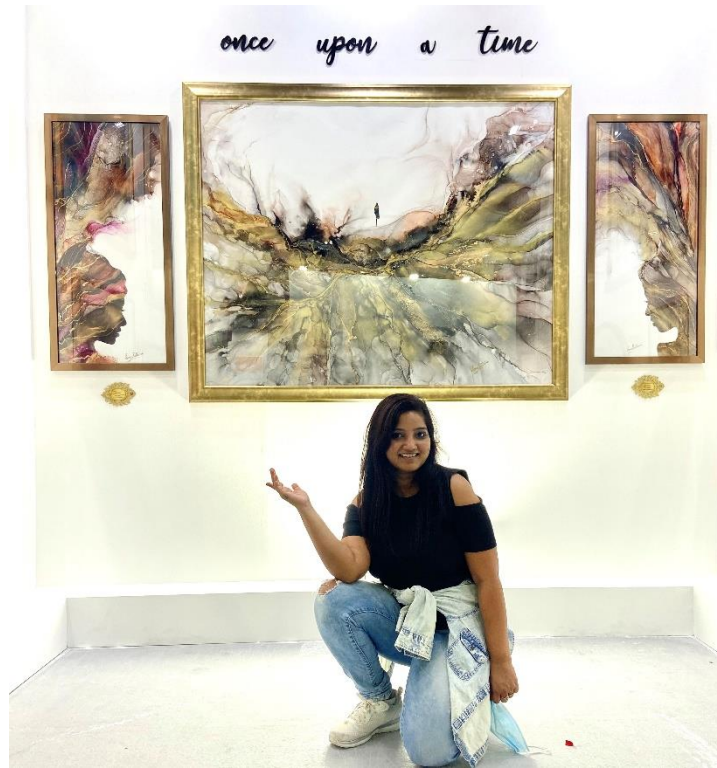


Shekha Latifa (left) and **Mohammed bin Rashed Al Maktoum**, Chairperson of The Dubai Culture and Arts Authority, inaugurated the 7th edition of World Art Dubai 2021 at the Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC) on Wednesday.



"WAD 2021 IS FILLED WITH NEW THEMES, IDEAS, HOPES AND INNOVATIONS. I BELIEVE IT IS A WINDOW TO THE LIFE BEFORE AND DURING THE PANDEMIC AND ALSO SHOWCASES WHAT THE FUTURE MAY HOLD, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY IT PROVES HOW WE CAN ENRICH LIVES AND SUPPORT ISSUES OF MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH ART."
INDIAN ARTIST SONU SULTANIA, WAD 2021 PARTICIPANT

"WAD 2021 IS AN EXHIBITION WHERE EXPECTATIONS ARE EVEN HIGHER, THERE IS A STRONG MESSAGE TO SUPPORT THE ARTS AND GET LIFE BACK TO NORMAL, SAFELY!"
EGYPTIAN ARTIST YOUSRA WAHBA, WAD 2021 PARTICIPANT



WORLD ART DUBAI 2021

Her First Solo exhibition in World Art Dubai 2021 under the theme 'Once Upon a time' has been a successful show and many of her artworks was acquired by collectors from all over UAE. Sonu was also selected for Alcohol Ink Workshop during World Art Dubai 2021 and conducted an interactive workshop for 20 and more participants.

RAS AL KHAIMAH FINE ART FESTIVAL 2021

Sonu's work 'Enchanted' was selected in Ras al Khaimah Fine art festival 2021 . She was also selected to conduct an ink workshop for 20 + participant during the festival for two years in a row in 2020 & 2021. She also won second place for this painting for Kobo Art Competition in 2020.





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EMERGING ARTIST OF THE WEEK EMERGING SCENE 2020

Sonu was selected as Emerging Artist of the week and her alcohol ink works were featured over 1100 Elevison screens all across UAE

OPEN MINDS & INNOCENT HEARTS Voluntary work as Art Mentor

2020

Sonu was invited and awarded by His Excellency Suhail Al Zarooni at his Palace for the Award Ceremony for mentors of student's art exhibition "OPEN MINDS & INNOCENT HEARTS" in collaboration with Funun Arts where with the support of 6 mentors almost 130 students exhibit their wonderful artworks in Cartoon art Gallery in February 2020.



TASHKEEL PLAY 2019

Sonu's work 'The game must go on' was selected and exhibited at Tashkeel art gallery under the theme Play and was highly appreciated by the visitors and collectors.



SIKKA THE SANDSCAPES 2019

Sonu's ink paintings were selected for Sikka 2019 as part of The Sandscapes Group by The Urban-Sketchers Dubai.





1. Women In art, Gallery Arabesque, The Cube, DIFC – 2020
2. World art Dubai 2020-2019-2018-2017
3. Fabriano In Acquarello, Italy 2019-2018-2017
4. Play, Tashkeel 2019
5. Sandscapes, Urban-Sketchers Dubai, Sikka 2019
7. After the Rain, Noon gallery, Sharjah ladies Club 2019
8. Common grounds, The Cube, DIFC 2019
9. Heroes by Funun arts, 2019
10. RAK Fine Arts Festival 2019
11. Clyde & Co Mena Art Awards at Ritz Carlton 2019

List of other notable Art & Photography Exhibitions in 2019-2020



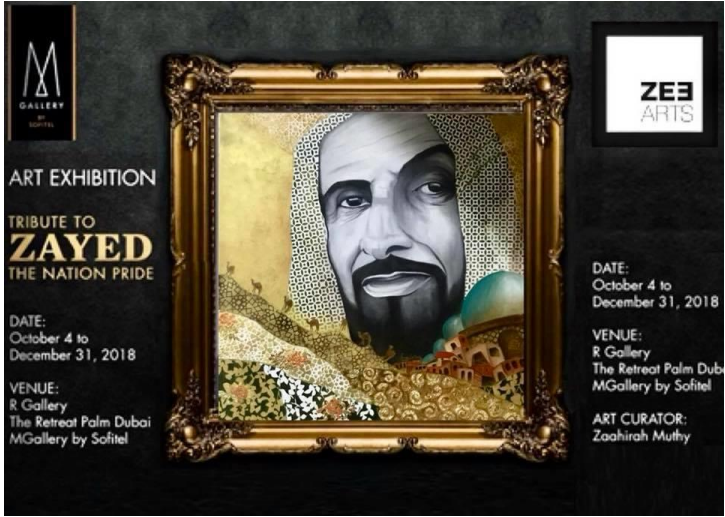
JOINING HANDS
 VOLUNTARY WORK AS ART MENTOR
 RASHID CENTER FOR THE DETERMINED ONES
 2018

"JOINING HANDS" , one of the most overwhelming workshop with Kids of Rashid Centre for The Determined Ones was followed by the beautiful exhibition which held at Event Centre in InterContinental Dubai Festival City on 9th December 2018 . The exhibition was made possible with the support of Art Couture & the team of Funun Arts.



RAMADANIZATION
DUCTAC,
GALLERY OF LIGHTS
MALL OF EMIRATES

2018

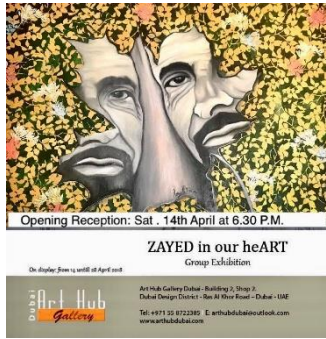


TRIBUTE TO ZAYED
M GALLERY
ZEE ARTS
SOFITEL, PALM DUBAI

2018



CULTURAL DIVERSITY ART EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION
ART 4 YOU GALLERY
ANTIQUE MUSEUM
2017

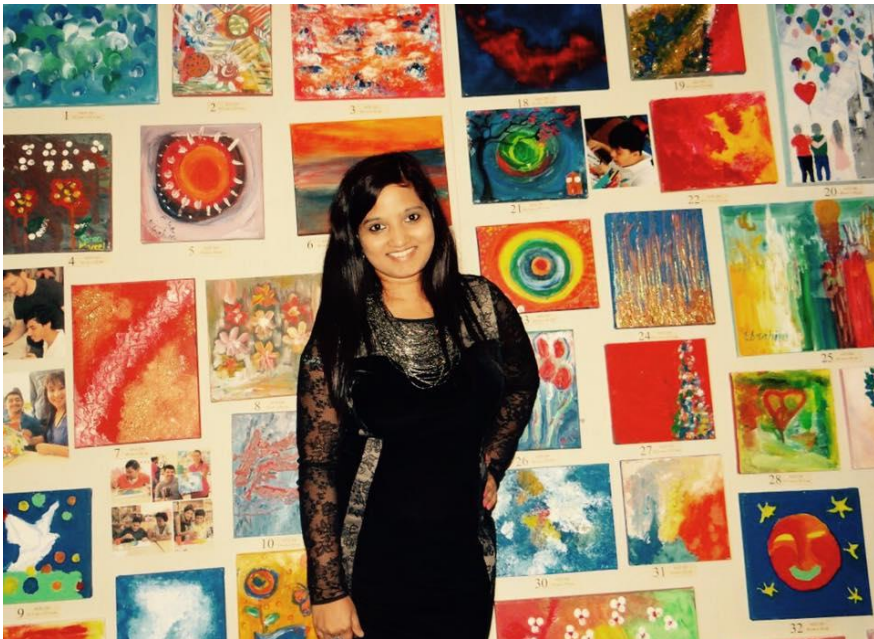
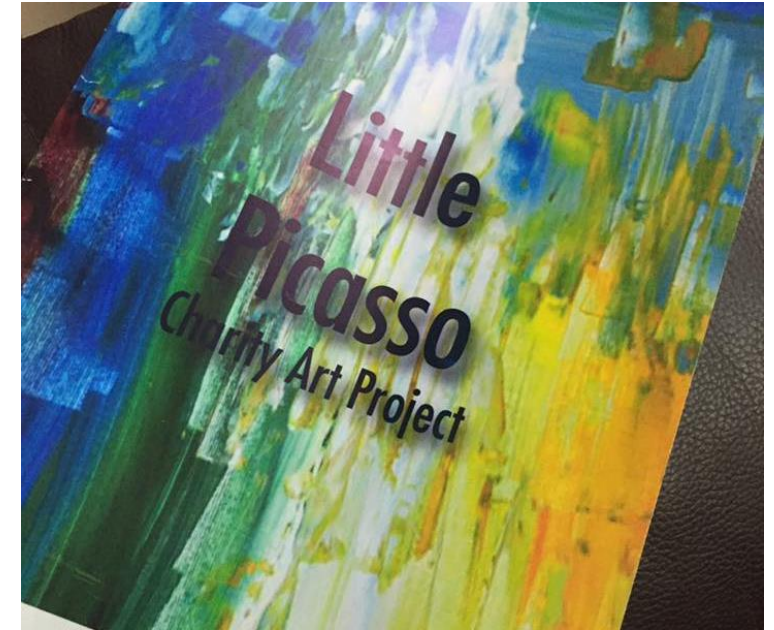


1. Dubai International Horse fair 2018
2. Zayed In our Hearts, Dubai art Hub 2018
3. Ramadanization, Ductac 2018
4. Less Is More, Nest Dubai 2018
5. Performance, Vantage Point Sharjah 2018
6. Together we Can, Funun Arts 2018
7. Cultural Diversity, Art4You, Antique museum 2018
8. Tribute to Zayed, Zee Arts, M gallery Sofitel 2018
9. The Best Version of You, St Regis 2018
10. Joining hands, Rashid Center for Disabled 2018
11. National day, Zee arts, Queen Elizabeth 2018
12. The Incoming, Studio seven gallery 2017
13. The Art of Giving, FNdesigns, Alsercal avenue 2017



List of other notable Art & photography Exhibitions in 2017-2018





LITTLE PICASSO VOLUNTEER WORK AS ART MENTOR SENSES CENTER 2016

'Little Picasso' an Art initiative in collaboration with ZeeArts Community and Pullman Hotel JLT to support a very good cause was launched in 2016. More than 20 artist-volunteers from ZeeArts Community gathered with the aim to raise funds for Senses Centre . More than 45 masterpieces was created by kids and was on display for sale in the Pullman Dubai JLT hotel lobby during the holy month of Ramadan 2016.



1. Eva- Art Plus 2016
2. The Message- Moonlight, Abu Dhabi 2016
3. Making A mark, Studio seven 2016
4. The Message- DUCTAC 2016
5. A Blank canvas- Deerfield mall, Abudhabi 2015
6. Abu-Dhabi Art Hub, Abu Dhabi 2015

List of other notable Art exhibitions in 2015-2016



THE BIG PICTURE PRO ART GALLERY 2014

The Big Picture Exhibition under the theme 'Human Anatomy' was held at Pro Art Gallery, Dubai where one of Sonu's work 'Beauty in her soul' was exhibited along with the great works of legendary Master artists like Picasso, Dali, Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol.

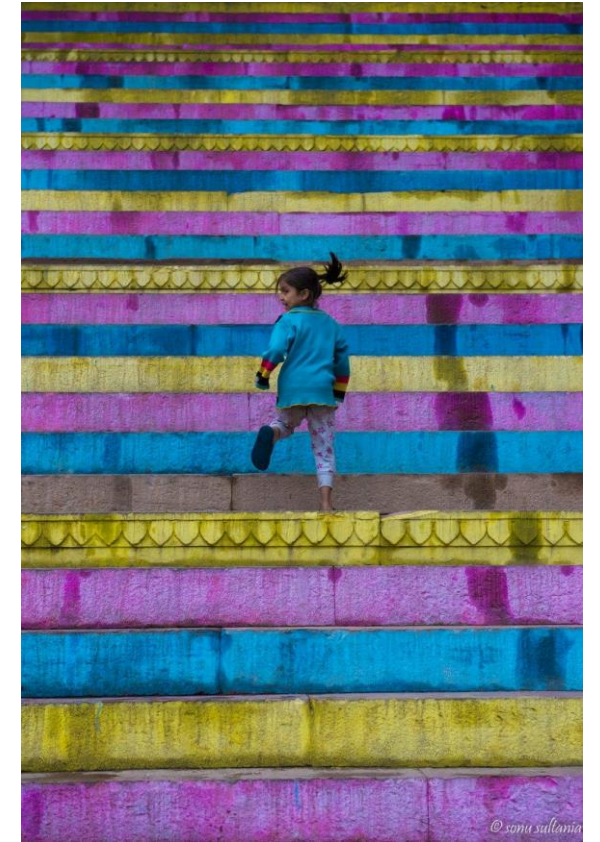
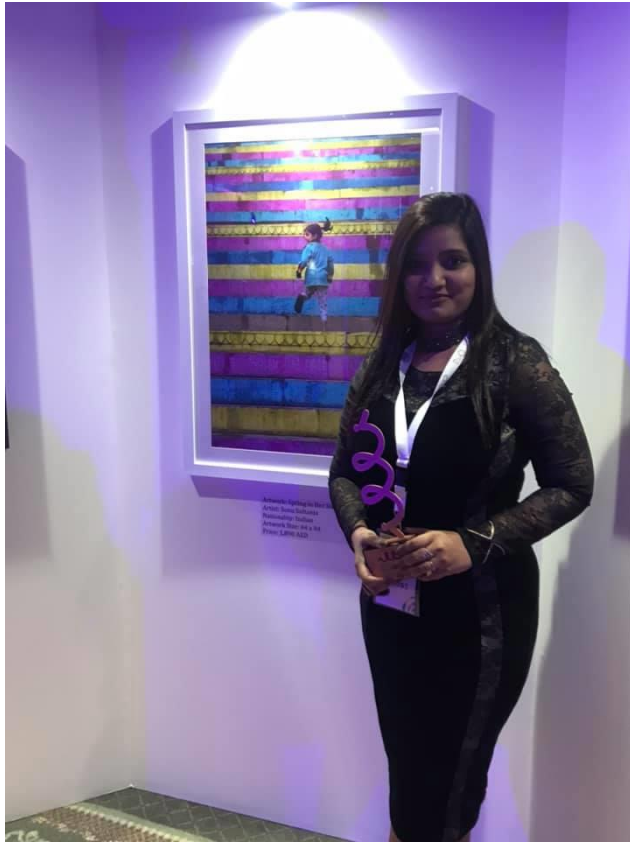


1. The Big picture at Pro art gallery 2014
 2. Art nation at Barjuman 2014
 3. 22 ways to Kill Your Boss, Gallery of Lights, DUCTAC, Mall of Emirates 2014
 4. Bosnia charity Exhibition, Dubai International Art Center 2014
 5. National Pride Exhibition, Ahmedia Galley 2014
 6. Zee Arts national day Exhibition, Outlet Mall 2014
 7. Gallery 76, Dubai at Dubai International Art Center, Dubai 2013
 8. Abu-Dhabi Art Hub, Abu Dhabi 2013
 9. Against The Tides-in Art Gallery Ahmedia , Dubai 2013
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- List of other notable Art Exhibitions in 2013-2014**

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NOON ART AWARDS AFTER THE RAIN 2019

Sonu received the first place in Noon Artist Award in photography under the theme 'After the Rain' from Her Highness Sheikha Jawaher Bint Mohommad Al Qasimi, Queen of Sharjah for her photograph 'Spring in her steps'. This photo was captured during her photo-walk trip to Varanasi, India in 2017 where she spotted this little girl playing just after the rain showers and was lucky to capture this award-winning shot which was true to the theme of the competition.



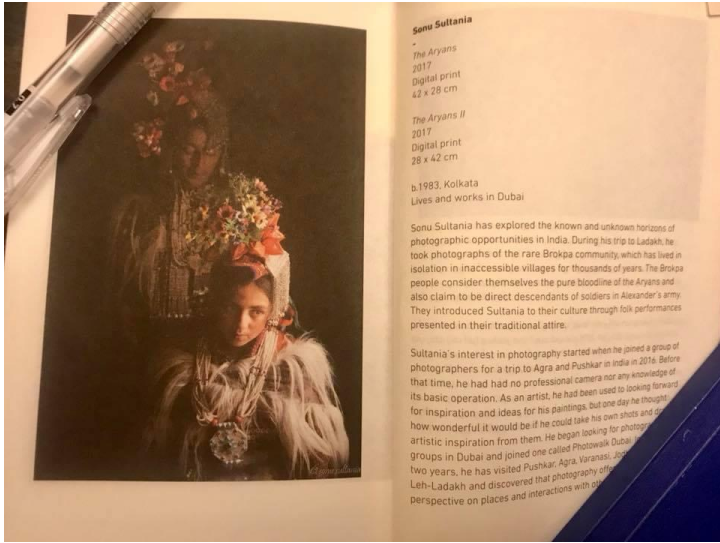
CLYDE & CO MENA ART AWARD 2019

Sonu 's photography work 'Padma The Aryan' was nominated in collaboration with KoboArt for Clyde and Co Mena Art Awards in year 2019.



**BALANCE FOR BETTER
'ART CONNECT WOMEN' INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION BY ZEE ARTS
VOLUNTARY WORK AS PHOTOGRAPHER
DUBAI OPERA
2018**

ZeeArts in collaboration with Alliance Francaise- Dubai, put together an exceptional Conference under the theme 'Balance for Better' at Dubai Opera. By bringing leaders in the creative industry to express their insight on gender balance and shared a strong message of empowerment, the panel was moderated by a someone who has made a difference in the life of many women, Jane Valls- The executive director of GCC board of Institute in UAE. The key note speaker was Her Excellency Dr. D. Assaf, the United National UAE- resident coordinator. Sonu had the privilege to volunteer as the official Photographer for the show.



VANTAGE POINT SHARJAH 6
PERFORMANCE
SHARJAH ART FOUNDATION
2018

The Aryans, captured in Ladakh, India was selected and exhibited in Sharjah Art Foundation for the exhibition Vantage Point Sharjah 6. These photographs capture the essence of culture of Aryan Village and its inhabitants, who are also known as the last successors from Alexander's Army



NIKON KIDS PHOTO CLUB
VOLUNTEER WORK AS MENTOR
GEMS MODERN ACADEMY
2017

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