

Akshata Naik

A Multidisciplinary Visual Artist

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Selected Solo and Group Exhibitions

2023 - 'Bloody Boats' showcased at THEMUSEUM, Kitchener.

2022 - 'Bloody Boats + Voyage I' displayed at Humber Galleries, Humber College, North Campus.

2021 - 2022 - 'Infinite Journeys' displayed as part of Home(Land): Bodies of Water, a group exhibition at Cloverdale Hub for the ArtworxTO, Year of Public Art with the City of Toronto curated by Claudia Arana.

2020 - 'Song of the water' at Big Art TO a Virtual Reality art projection at Mimico Square/ Amos Waites park, presented by the City of Toronto's and OCADU

2020 - 'Abstract Notations', a group show of 25 emerging Indian artists presented by Gallery Espace curated by Jesal Thacker in Delhi, India

2019 - 'Baroda' a group show comprising of Indian and British artists held at the Gallery, De Montford University, the UK curated by Prof. Jamie Scott

2019 - 'Frozen Voyage' an experiential art installation at the Side Launch Day, presented by Town of Collingwood and installed at the Council Chambers, Townhall of Collingwood, Ontario.

2019 - 'Bloody Boats' an experiential art installation at Nuit Blanche, Gladstone Hotel, Toronto.

2019 - Participated in a Spring Juried Art Show, "White" held at Arts Etobicoke, Toronto.

2018 - 'The Gathering 1.0' a multidisciplinary art exhibition presented by Cultural Pluralism in the Art Movement Ontario held at Artscape Youngplace, Toronto.

2018 - 'Stroke of Luck' a multidisciplinary art exhibition at Coldstream Fine Art Gallery, Toronto.

2016 - 'Bloody Boats by Akshata Naik' a solo show presented by Artcore Gallery, UK

2015 - Participated in a three men show held at the Trinity Gallery, DMU, Leicester, UK

2015 - 'A Piece of Peace' a solo show presented by Artcore Gallery at the ICCA, UK

2015 - 'Reviving the Retinal', a group show curated by Kathleen Wyma at OED Gallery, Kochi

2015 - 'Baroda March' a group show curated by Rukshaan Krishna at Coomaraswamy Hall, Mumbai

Temporary Public Art Projects

2023 - Bloody Boats installed at the Billy Bishop Airport as part of ArtworxTO, City of Toronto's Year of Public Art extended projects funded by Nieuport Aviation.

2021 - 2022 - Voyage I, a sculptural piece temporarily installed at the Toronto Public Library, Brentwood branch as part of ArtworxTO, City of Toronto's Year of Public Art extended projects.

2021 - 2022 - Works displayed on the lightbox as part of the temporary public art installation at THEMUSEUM in partnership with the City of Kitchener.

2020 - Working as an artist from the community with lead artist Luke Garwood for Arts Etobicoke's Augmented Reality in the Village of Islington project to develop an AR piece.

2016 - Worked with a city architect for a mural project (216 Sq.ft) in GRC medium with industrial acrylic paint for an exterior of a Hotel in Udaipur, Rajasthan

2015 - Designed the outdoor mural panels for Peer Tree church in Derby, UK. These panels were a part of a public project undertaken by the Artcore Gallery as a part of restoration of the church.

2015 - Conceptualized and executed the designing and installation of artworks at the New Ahmedabad Bus Depot in Gujarat, India

2014 - Designed and executed the installation of artworks at the New Vadodara Bus Depot, the largest public space in the city for aesthetic beautification in Gujarat, India

Awards, Grants & Residencies

2021 - 2022 - Public Art Mentorship award administered by Karen Mills, Public Art Consultant as part of the public art program for The Quad Phase II development project in Toronto.

2020 - RBC Newcomer Arts award by Toronto Arts Foundation administered by Neighborhood Arts Network

2020 - Digital Originals grant by Canada Council for the Arts

2019 - Newcomer Artist Mentorship grant by Toronto Arts Council with Menon Dwarka

2015 - Two gold medals by the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda for having the best performance in the Painting department and securing the highest grades in the Faculty.

2015 - A six week art residency by De Montfort University, Leicester, United Kingdom

Lectures and Artist Talks

2022 – Panelist, Augmented Reality: Digital Creations and Supporting Arts Practices organized online by ArtsUnite and hosted by Arts Etobicoke in Canada.

2021 – Panelist, Art and Emerging from the Pandemic, moderated by Melissa Vincent and organized online by Live@5, ArtworxTO in Toronto, Canada

2021 – Artist in conversation with the curator Claudia Arana, Happening festival organized online by Muse Arts in Toronto, Canada

2020 – Panelist, the Gathering, webinar organized online by CPAMO in Toronto, Canada

2020 – Artist talk organized online by THE MUSEUM, Kitchener-Waterloo, Canada

2018 – Presenter, the Gathering 1.0 organized by CPAMO at Artscape Young Place, Toronto, Canada

2018 – Presenter, Emergence Symposium organized by Neighbourhood Arts Network and Toronto Arts Council at Humber College, Toronto, Canada

2018 – Talk delivered at Speaker Series at Neilson Park Creative Centre, Toronto, Canada

2017 – Artist talk & presentation at the auditorium, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India

2015 - 2017 – Lecturer, Drawing and Painting at Parul University, Vadodara, India

2015 – Presenter as a resident artist at De Montford University, the UK

Press Release and Media Reviews

2021 - The Globe & Mail, [This is the year of public art in Toronto](#), Toronto, Canada

2021 - Newest Magazine, [Bloody Boats: on the endless journeys through cultural and political borders in human history](#), Canada

2020 - Toronto Star, [Murals on bridges, poems on library walls, exhibits at the mall: 2021 will be the Year of Public Art in Toronto](#), Toronto, Canada

2020 - CBC Arts, [Canada Council Digital Originals supports artists with \\$5,000 pandemic relief grants](#).

2020 - [CBC Arts, featured the projection of 'Song of the Water'](#) Toronto, Canada

2019 - Collingwood.ca covered the community art project led by Akshata Naik at the Town of Collingwood for the Sidelaunch Days Festival, Canada

<https://www.collingwood.ca/culture-recreation-events/festivals-events/community-art-project-open-house-frozen-voyage>

2016 - BBC East Midlands Covered the exhibition Bloody Boats by Akshata Naik at Artcore gallery, UK. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqOnhd_1KJo

Education

Arts Administration & Cultural Management

Humber College, Toronto, Canada 2018

Resident Artist

Arts and Media department, De Montford University, United Kingdom, 2015

Masters of Visual Arts in Painting

Faculty of Fine Arts, the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India, 2014.

Bachelors of Visual Arts in Painting

Faculty of Fine Arts, the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India, 2012.

Collections

Humber College Corporate Collection, Toronto, Canada

North York Arts Office, Toronto, Canada

Keele Community Hub, Toronto, Canada

Town of Collingwood, ON, Canada

Tracey Kershaw, Artcore Gallery, UK

Burland Art Gallery, UK

OED Gallery, India