

About Prof. UTPAL BARUA



Born in the beautiful state of Assam, Utpal Barua completed his Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) and Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degrees from Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal. He then went on to receive his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati. Currently he serves as a Professor in Department of Design, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati.

He has participated in more than 28 national level exhibitions in India and more than 45 international level exhibitions/symposiums/conferences. Also he has been actively participating in Olympic Fine Arts since the year 2008.

- EDUCATION**
- **BFA from Vishva-Bharati University, Santiniketan in 1982.**
 - **MFA from Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan in 1984.**
 - **PhD, IIT Guwahati in 2007.**

🏆 AWARDS

National

1977-82: Kedarmal Charitable Trust Scholarship.

1982-84: Assam Govt. Cultural Scholarship.

1998: Senior Fellowship Awarded by Ministry of Human Resource

1997: AIFACS State Level Award.

1997: Artfest '97 National Award.

International

2008: Gold medal, Olympic Fine Arts, Beijing, China. The title “**Excellent Artist of the World**” was conferred by the International Olympic Committee in 2008, Beijing Olympics.

2012: Gold medal in 1st **Ecorea International Art Biennial in South Korea**. Honor given in Ecorea International Symposium as Ambassador for 2012.

2016: Gold medal, for his painting titled ‘**Day Dream**’ at **G20 International Art Exhibition 2016** held at Hangzhou, China

Workshop/ symposium in India:

1985: Artist workshop of Painting by Assam & Bengal organized by Society of Contemporary Artists, Assam at State Art Gallery.

1990: Summer workshop of Painting and Woodcut Print, organized by NEHU, Meghalaya

1997: Artist Camp at Guwahati, organized by Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi & Rastriya Lalit Kala Academy, Calcutta.

2001: National Artists Camp, organized by Lalit Kala Academy at SSK.

International

2004: "Challenging craft"; Scotland, UK.

<http://www2.rgu.ac.uk/challengingcraft/ChallengingCraft/papers/utpalbarua/ubaruaabstract.htm>

2008: International Olympic fine arts exhibition in Beijing, China.

•Project: "One world one dream"

2009: 100 years of Egyptian Art Conference, Cairo, Egypt.

<http://www.goldenbough.org/course/artpractices.pdf>

2010: 1st International Painting Symposium/ conference in Saint-Lo, Paris, France

•Project: *Touch-Touch, to promote art amongst the entrepreneur and Local people of Saint-Lô; A creative journey*

2012: International painting symposium in Baku, Azerbaijan.

•Project: *History of Maiden Tower of Baku; a visual dialogue*

2013: 1st Changzhou, China International Art symposium and exhibition, China

•Project: *Changzhou historical representation*

2014: Haiyan fundraising exhibition in Makati City, Philippines.

•Project: *A visual journey for fundraising for the tsunami victims*

2014: Art residency program/symposium in Ardud castle, Romania 24th July to 3rd August.

•Project: *History of Ardud Castle; a visual representation*

2014: Conference and Symposium in Khon Kean University 10th October to 21st October, Thailand.

•Project: *Cultural & Social values; a visual note*

2015: International symposium at Orta Lake, Italy from 21st June to 30th June

•Project: "Water is Life" *A visual representation for awareness*

2015: International group exhibition at Commune di Milano, Milano expo by Palazzino liberty, Italy from 8th August to 25th August.

•Project: *Italy for last 110 years, significance of each years of Historical events*

2015: Silk Journey to Art International Exhibition at Millennium Museum, Beijing, China

•Project on silk route; *visual representation of Silk route*

2016: 2nd International symposium at Orta Lake, Milan, Italy, 18th to 26th June'16

•Project: *Body and Fashion.*

One Man Show - Exhibitions:

1979: All Assam Contemporary Art Exhibition at State Art Gallery, Assam.

1997: Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai.

1998: Earth Song, Guwahati, Assam.

1999: An Exhibition of Painting dedicated to the martyrs of Kargil war at Earth Song.

1999: An Exhibition at Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi

2000: An Exhibition at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai.

2001: An Exhibition at Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi

2006: An Exhibition at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai.

2013: Solo painting exhibition at ISS Museum Gallery, Penza, Russia

2014: An Exhibition at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai.

Group Exhibitions & Art Residency:

National

1980: All Assam Contemporary Art Exhibition at State Art Gallery, Assam.

1981: Indian Contemporary Art Exhibition at Birla Academy, Calcutta.

1982: All Assam Contemporary Art Exhibition at State art Gallery, Assam.

1983: Indian Contemporary Art Exhibition at Academy of Fine Arts, Calcutta.

1983: All Assam Contemporary Art Exhibition at State Art Gallery, Assam.

1984: Indian Contemporary Art Exhibition at Birla Academy, Calcutta.

1984: Indian Contemporary Art Exhibition at Academy of Fine Arts, Calcutta.
 1984: Exhibition of Society of Contemporary Artists at State Art Gallery, Assam.
 1985: Group Exhibition of Society of Contemporary Artists at State Art Gallery, Assam.
 1985: National Exhibition of Contemporary Art, Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi.
 1985: National Exhibition of Art (A Selection Organized by Lalit Kala academy, New Delhi in Madras, Hyderabad & Bangalore.)
 1986: All Assam Contemporary Art Exhibition at State Art Gallery, Assam.
 1987: Group Exhibition of Art at State Art Gallery, Assam.
 1988: All Assam Contemporary Art Exhibition at State Art Gallery, Assam.
 1990: Group Exhibition 'Friendship' '90' at Birla Academy, Calcutta.
 1990: 2nd Eastern Regional Art Exhibition, Rastriya Lalit Kala Academy, Calcutta.
 1990: Group Exhibition by Three Contemporary Artists of Assam, Bhaskar Art Gallery, Assam.
 1993: National Exhibition of Contemporary Art, Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi.
 1993: All India Exhibition of Art, Punjab Lalit Kala Academy, Chandigarh
 1994: All India drawing Biennial Organized by Solids at Chandigarh.
 1994: All India Exhibition of Art at Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal.
 1994: Eastern Regional Art Exhibition Organized by Gauhati Artists' Guild & Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi.
 1994: Group Exhibition of Drawing at L.T.G. Art Gallery, New Delhi.
 1995: National Exhibition of Contemporary Art, Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi.
 1996: Contemporary Art Exhibition at State Art Gallery, Assam.
 1997: AIFACS State and National Level Exhibition at Guwahati and New Delhi.
 1998: All India Art Exhibition, Guwahati, Assam.
 1998: Indian Contemporary Art Exhibition, AIFACS, New Delhi.
 2000: 'Sanjog 2000' organized by Academy of Fine Arts, Calcutta.

International

2004: "Challenging craft"; Scotland, UK.
 2004: Conference in Bergen University, Norway.
 2006: International art Exhibition in Jakarta, Indonesia.
 2007: International art Exhibition in Jakarta, Indonesia.
 2008: International Olympic fine arts exhibition in Beijing, China.
 2008: International art Exhibition in Jakarta, Indonesia.
 2009: 100 years of Egyptian Art Conference, Cairo, Egypt.
 2009: International Art Exhibition in Jakarta, Indonesia.
 2010: 1st International Painting Symposium/ conference in Saint-Lo, Paris, France
 2010: International art Exhibition in Jakarta, Indonesia.
 2011: 2nd International Water Color Symposium/ Conference in Skopje, Macedonia.
 2011: International Painting Symposium in Ehden North, Lebanon.
 2012: International Flag Art Exhibition in Beirut, Lebanon.
 2012: British Flag Exhibition under UNESCO in Beirut, Lebanon and in London.
 2012: 2nd International Water Color Biennial at Gallery A in Belgrade, Serbia.
 2012: 3rd International Water Color Symposium/ conference in Skopje, Macedonia.
 2012: International painting symposium in Baku, Azerbaijan.
 2012: 1st Ecorea International Art Biennial in Korea.
 2013: Art residency program June- July at contemporary art center, Penza, Russia.
 2013: 1st Changzhou, China International Art symposium and exhibition, China
 2014: Exhibition at Jehangir art Gallery, Mumbai in 5th Feb to 11th Feb
 2014: A group International exhibition at Gallery Art Penza from 7th Feb' to 7th March, Penza, Russia.
 2014: Haiyan fundraising exhibition in Makati City, Philippines.
 2014: Art residency program/symposium in Ardud castle, Romania 24th July to 3rd August.
 2014: Exhibition from the collection of galleries and ART - PENZA, for the festival of contemporary art "Chernozem- 2014" in Voronezh, Russia from August 29 to September 21.

Group Exhibitions & Art Residency(cont.):

- 2014: International Water color symposium, Skopje, Macedonia- 1st September to 8th September
2014: Conference and Symposium in Khon Kean University 10th October to 21st October, Thailand.
2014: Malacca International Contemporary Art Exhibition from 26th November to 1st December 2014, Malaysia.
2015: 8th International Painting and Sculpture symposium, Penza, Russia from 3rd May to 20th May.
2015: International Group exhibition at contemporary art Gallery, ISS Museum, Penza from 18th June to 25th June.
2015: International symposium at Orta Lake, Italy from 21st June to 30th June
2015: International Art exhibition at san Rocco, Milan, Italy from 28th June to 5th July.
2015: International group exhibition at Commune di Milano, Milano expo by Palazzino liberty, Italy from 8th August to 25th August.
2015: Silk Journey to Art International Exhibition at Millennium Museum, Beijing, China
2015: International Art Residency'15 DFEWA, November, Chile, South America.
2016: Olympia Fine Arts International Exhibition and Symposium (OFAIES'16)
16TH TO 22ND January'2016 in Guwahati, Assam, India
2016: 15th International Art and Calligraphy exchange exposition at Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan, 5th to 10th January'2016
2016: International Symposium in Jambolia, Romania, 16th to 26th April'16
2016: 8th Asian Art Exhibition, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 11th to 26th June'16
2016: 2nd International symposium at Orta Lake, Milan, Italy, 18th to 26th June'16
2016: International symposium "Gernik Art", 24th September to 1st Oct'16, Romania.
2016: Exposition at Galleria Pygmalion Timisoara 23rd Nov. to 7th Dec.16
2016: "Global Art Agenda" G20 International Art Exhibition, Qianjiang museum, Hangzhou, China.
2016: 9th Luxor International Symposium/Conference, Luxor Egypt Dec -2016
2017: International Water Colour Symposium, Skepje, Macedonia
2017: Exhibition By Indian Contemporary Artist's art Gallery Penza, Nov'18
2017: 9th Asian International Art Exhibition, Qingdao City, China, 13th - 19th Oct'17
2018: Miami Solo, Florida, January'18.
2018: Contemporary Indian Art at Penza State City Art Museum, 16th Jan'2018
2018: 8th Japanese International Exchange exhibition, Tokyo, Japan.
2018: International Shiva Festival, Sivsagar, Assam, India, 13th Feb- 23rd Feb'18.
2018: International Friendship Painting Symposium Cum Cultural Festival, Kokrajhar, Assam, India, 17th- 12 March' 18
2018: 8th International Symposium Kusadas, Izmir, Turkey, 21st April- 29th April'18.
2018: 5th International Water Colour Biennale Art Gallery "A", Belgrade, Serbia'18.
2018: International Art Exchange Exhibition at Hangzhou, China., 1st- 9th November'18.
2018: Personal Structure & International Art exhibition at Colosoul Louvre Art Gallery, Paris, 13th - 16th Dec'18.
2018: 4th Kunming Biennale Art exhibition at Kunming, China, 16th - 21st Dec'18.
2019: 14th International Art Symposium, Bitola, Macedonia, June'19.
2019: 4th Shanghai International Contemporary Art Exchange & Symposium, China, October'19.
2019: 19th International Exchange Art Exhibition, National Art Center, Japan, 26th November till 9th December' 2019
2020: 41th ASROPA International Art Online Exhibition in South Korea. 1st ASROPA's "New Year New Day" Online International art Exhibition in South Korea. 61 artists from 32 countries participate. Jan. to Feb. 2021
2020: International virtual Art exhibition, at Qianjiang Art Museum, Hangzhou, China in the month December.
2020: International Art Colony "De Niro" - Bitola, in September
2021: Agyeya International online exhibition.
2021: International Art Online Exhibition in South Korea.

Works in Collections:

National

- National Academy of Art, New Delhi.
- Rupankar Museum, Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal.
- Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Guwahati, Assam.
- Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai.
- O.N.G.C., New Delhi.
- Oil India Ltd., New Delhi.
- G.L. Publication Ltd., Assam.
- B.V.E.P. (Oil India Ltd..) , Assam
- Other Personal Collection at various places in India and abroad.

International

- Gallery A, Serbia, Belgrade.
- Municipality of Korpas, Skopje, Macedonia
- Tai Miao Temple, Forbidden City, Beijing, China.
- Arts at Architecture, Saint-Lo, France
- Icherisheher, Baku, Azerbaijan.
- Beokam Museum, South Korea
- Sori Arts Center of Jeollabuk-do. South Korea
- Baoshengyuan Art Museum, Changzhou, China
- ISS Museum Gallery, Penza, Russia
- Ardud castle Museum, Romania
- ISS Museum Gallery, Penza, Russia
- Millennium Museum, Beijing, China.
- Metropolitan Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- Qianjiang museum, Hangzhou, China.
- Cultural Academy, Luxor, Egypt
- Palazzino liberty, Milano, Italy
- Yunnan Art Museum, Kunming, China