

Akshata Prabhu

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Bio

Akshata Prabhu is an interdisciplinary artist-researcher and illustrator based in Mumbai, working across paper clay sculpting, traditional painting, and digital media. Operating at the intersection of experiential inquiry and visual storytelling, her practice explores subconscious archetypes, anatomical symmetry, and panpsychism. Through ongoing projects like *Dendruh*, she translates botanical affinities and ancient forms into speculative world-building and surreal, biomorphic artifacts. Her digital self-portrait renditions, *Self-Face Experiments*, inquire into the varied possibilities of human facial perception. She uses her face as a specimen to peruse the fragility and impermanence of perceiving facial identity and unlearning of a face-form by manipulating it.

Institutional & Museum Experience

2022-2023	Jr. Executive (Restoration) , AstaGuru Auction House Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
2019	Make-Art Studio Artist , Piramal Museum of Art, Mumbai

Workshops & Public Programs

2019	Workshop Coordinator (Paper Marbling) , Piramal Museum of Art, Mumbai
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Education

2021	‘Words Spun out of Images - Visual and Literary Culture in Nineteenth Century Japan’ Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) offered by The University of Tokyo, Japan via Coursera Certificate: https://www.coursera.org/account/accomplishments/certificate/7HJS8GKEP892
2016 -2020	Bachelor of Fine Arts - BFA, Drawing and Painting Sir J. J. School of Art, Fort, Mumbai University of Mumbai
2015 - 2016	Foundation Diploma course, Visual Arts Mumbai Kala Mahavidyalaya, Charni Road, Mumbai
2013 – 2015	Higher Secondary School Ramnivas Ruia Junior College, Matunga, Mumbai
2009 - 2011	Preliminary, Elementary Part I & II exam in Hindustani Classical Vocal Music Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Mumbai
2001- 2013	Primary & Secondary School V.P.M.’s Vidya Mandir, Dahisar, Mumbai

Honours & Awards

2020	Government Second Prize and Silver Medal Annual Art Exhibition at Sir J. J. School of Art, Architecture & Design, Mumbai
2020	J. J. ites Award Annual Art Exhibition at Sir J. J. School of Art, Architecture & Design, Mumbai
2020	Print Making Studio Award (For Print Making) Annual Art Exhibition at Sir J. J. School of Art, Architecture & Design, Mumbai
2017	Camlin Award Annual Art Exhibition at Sir J. J. School of Art, Architecture & Design, Mumbai

Shows

2020	Annual Art Exhibition, Sir J. J. School of Art, Architecture & Design, Mumbai
2020	Group show 'Habitat', Kala Ghoda Arts Festival 2020 at Hirji Jehangir Gallery, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai
2018	Study Tour Exhibition, Sir J. J. School of Art, Architecture & Design, Mumbai
2016	Monsoon Exhibition, Sir J. J. School of Art, Architecture & Design, Mumbai

Digital Archives & Institutional Features

2021	<i>Artist Archive, Homeostasis Lab – Database for Digital Arts</i> (Listed under pseudonym AXA PRA) https://homeostasislab.org/visualizar/artista/1094
2020	<i>Mirror Image, Digital Activity & Feature, Jehangir Nicholson Art Foundation (JNAF), Mumbai</i> http://jnaf.org/event/mirror-image/