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ABOUT

Ananta Mandal was born in 1983. He spent his childhood at Chakdaha, a small town in West Bengal,India. After pursuing his graduation in Bachelor of Visual Arts in the discipline of Graphic Design and Applied Art with First Class from Govt. College of Art & Craft, Calcutta University, Kolkata in 2007, he moved to Mumbai, India. At present he lives and works here.

During his early phase the little boy started painting the Indian mythological characters and legend Personalities from photo calendars and various books. Later, in childhood, his artistic sense aroused, when he got introduced to a book series of old masters, named "THE GREAT ARTISTS". He realized that only with colors and brush, another world can be created. He accepted this as a challenge and from that day onwards the journey began which is still going on. Before college, as a part of the journey, with an inner quest to learn more, he explored Sealdah and Howrah Railway Stations to capture from life, the movement and rhythm of different characters there. He also went to Indian Museum, Archaeological Department to study from antiques.

After schooling, he enrolled himself in the most prestigious institute Govt. College of Art & Craft, in Kolkata. This academic journey gave him a platform to fully indulge himself into his passion of painting. A turning page was written when all his dedication and fervor drove him into relentless effort to nothing but only become an artist.

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Ananta has held regular one man shows of his work since his college time. His first solo exhibition was held in Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata, in the year 2004.

His painting career augmented as he shifted to Mumbai in 2008. Gradually his creations spreaded with numerous invited group shows as well as by solo exhibitions in various galleries and organizations. At the same time he was invited to exhibit and demonstrate in different parts of India and abroad.

During his college days, Ananta bagged many national and international awards. From participating in the most prestigious Harmony Art show, Mumbai in 2008, his excellent achievements include Award from Northwest Watercolor Society, Washington, USA in 2017, the First Place Award from the Watercolor Art Society-Houston, U.S.A. in 2013, Award for Best Landscape in Watercolor from The Bombay Art Society, Mumbai, in both 2006 and 2011, and many more to mention. In 2016, Ananta was invited by the Indian branch of Faber Castell to test their new watercolors. His painting is featured in the front cover of their new set of watercolors.

He is known as an expressive and imaginative painter. Mostly his paintings are created in impressionist manner and surrealist way in various mediums like watercolor, oil and acrylic. Ananta has evolved a highly individual style, deeply contemporary in its sensibilities. His paintings are best known for realistic urban landscapes. His brush stroke speaks of many things: the hustle and bustle of modern city life, figurative movements, festive seasons, seascapes and lakes, the time endured old railway steam engine, tropical desert, and the many moods of nature; where fluid moments are brilliantly captured by the artist. He has also gained recognition for his surrealistic paintings. His youthful exuberance and his wide-eyed optimism reflect in the paintings. He has a fine sense of composition with an eye for subtle details and a tactile sense of monsoon atmospherics. Ananta has shown with considerable skill, how in the presence of rain, human activities are endowed with a special beauty. His water colors are bright and sensuous but their atmosphere evokes a strange mysteriousness.

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His sketchy use of acrylic and oil, lends his figure vitality and fluidity of motion with surface wrinkles; his color and tonal compositions set up a dynamic encounter in a neutral space fraught with ambiguity. Impression with different textures, adds to the meaning and depth of an artwork; contrast of transparent areas, set against thick, solid paint with varying intensity of strokes, gives surface, a palpable quality.

Ananta is a member of numerous art organizations, including Member of The Pennsylvania Watercolor Society 2012-13, San Diego Watercolor Society, U.S.A. - 2008-09, Philadelphia Water Color Society, U.S.A. - 2008-09. Life Member of the Bombay Art Society, the Art Society of India, Mumbai.

Besides involving himself in Workshops, he also keeps himself busy in making experimental films based on paintings, Video Installations. Among his various passions, Photography also has a place.His video DVD enumerates his expertise in handling the medium, his inspiring insights and his artistic vision while creating paintings.

His works can be viewed in numerous public and private collections worldwide.

The artist who has always been miles away from limelight is a special feast to the eyes of art lovers.

Date of Birth

5th February 1983

Education

Graduation in Bachelor of Visual Arts from Govt. College of Art & Craft, Calcutta University, Kolkata, India in the year 2007

One Man Shows

2018 : Cities in Motion Kolkata to Mumbai - Sponsored by Art & Soul, Mumbai

2016 : Mumbai Cities - Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

2016 : Rajasthan the color ecstasy - Nehru Center Art Gallery (A.C), Mumbai

2014 : Multifarious Impressions II - Lokayata Art Gallery, New Delhi

2013: Multifarious Impressions - Kamalnayan Bajaj Art Gallery, Mumbai

2012 : The Journey - IFM Art Portfolio, Chandigarh

2011 : MUMBAI - Nehru Center Art Gallery (A.C), Mumbai

2010 : Journey from Reality II - Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

2010 : Journey from Reality - Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

2008 : Triveni Kala Sangam, New Delhi

2008 : Colour Scape - Sponsored by Ray Art Gallery, Pune

2007 : Divine Reflections - The Museum Gallery, Mumbai

2007 : The City of Joy - Lokayata Art Gallery, Sponsored by Planet Art, New Delhi

2006 : The Kolkata - Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata

2004 : Watercolor Painting - Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata

International Awards

2017 : Award - Northwest Watercolor Society, Washington, USA

2013 : First Place Award - Watercolor Art Society-Houston, U.S.A

2012 : The Winsor & Newton Excellence Award - Northwest Watercolor Society, USA

2011 : Award - The Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, USA

2010 : Award - Outstanding Acrylic. Bold Brush Painting Competition, October 2010

2010 : Best of show Award - Western Federation of Watercolor Society, Utah, U.S.A.

2009 : Award - North East Watercolor Society, New York, U.S.A.

2009 : Award - San Diego Watercolor Society, California, U.S.A.

2009 : Merit Award - Watercolor Art Society-Houston, U.S.A.

2008-09 : Honorable Mention - The Art Renewal Center, New York

2007 : Award of Excellence - Western Federation of Watercolor Society, U.S.A.

2007 : Award - Texas Watercolor Society, Texas , U.S.A.

2006 : Award of Excellence - San Diego Watercolor Society, California, U.S.A.

Awards in India

2013 : AIFACS Award - 14th all India Watercolor Exhibition, New Delhi

2012 : AIFACS Award - 100 Years of the city of New Delhi 2011, New Delhi

2011 : Award for Best Landscape in Watercolor - The Bombay Art Society, Mumbai

2010 : Best Painting Award - R.A.D Exhibition, Arannya 2010, Kolkata

2009 : Best Entry Award - The Art Society of India, Mumbai

2009 : Award - The Bombay Art Society, Mumbai

2006 : Camlin Award - 7th Eastern Region, Kolkata

2006 : Award - The Art Society of India, Mumbai

2006 : Award - Lokmanya Tilak Art Exhibition, Pune

2006 : Gold Medal - A.G.N.I.P.A.T.H, New Delhi

2005 : Award - The Bombay Art Society, Mumbai

2005 : Award - S.C.Z.C.C, ministry of culture. Govt. of India, Nagpur

2005 : Birla Academy Award - Birla Academy Art & Culture, Kolkata

2005 : Best Painting Award with Gold Medal - K.N.A.C, Ujjain

2005 : Best Painting Award - Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata

2005 : Award - A.G.N.I.P.A.T.H, New Delhi

2005 : Best Award - R.A.D Exhibition, Arannya 2005, Kolkata

2005 : Award - Indian Society of Oriental Art, Kolkata

2005 : Best Water Color Painting Award, Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata

2004 : Award - Govt. College of Art & Craft, Kolkata

2004 : Camlin Award - 5th Eastern Region, Kolkata

2004 : Best Water Color Painting Award - E.Z.C.C, Govt of India, Kolkata

2004 : Jury Award - Varnika Art Contest, Ujjain, M.P

2004 : Gold Medal - Avantika Art Exhibition, Kolkata

2003 : Gold Medal for Best Painting - K.N.A.C, Ujjain

2002 : Award - Govt. College of Art & Craft, Kolkata

Art Auction - selected

2016 : The MCAN Foundation Show, the Taj Mahal Hotel, Gateway of India, Mumbai

2016-15 : SNF Development Center, Dubai, UAE

2016 : The Live Life Love Life Charity Foundation Exhibition, Pune

Participation - selected

2018-17-16-15 : Indian Cancer Society's Annual Exhibition, Mumbai

2018 : Vintage Glamour Ball, Charitable Art Show, Grosvenor House, London, UK

2017-16-15-14-13-12 : Color of Life, CPAA a charitable NGO, Mumbai

2017 : PIGMENT - Nargis Dutt Foundation Art Show, Taj Lands End, Mumbai

2017 : CRY-Child Rights and You, charity art show, Mumbai

2013 : The Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, USA

2013 : Project 7, exhibition of contemporary paintings, Mumbai

2012 : The Royal Watercolour Society, London, UK

2010 : Colours Changing Hue II, Camlin Art Foundation, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

2009 : 51st National Exhibition, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi

2008 : Harmony Art show, Reliance, Mumbai

2008 : Art Fusion Show 2008, Nehru Centre, Mumbai

2008-07-06-05 : Annual Exhibition, The Art Society of India. Mumbai

2007 : Traveling Show, Texas Watercolor Society, USA

2007 : Watercolor Art Society-Houston, USA

2007-06-05 : Birla Academy Art & Cultural. Kolkata

2006 : Top 100 Artist, The Art Renewal Center's International Competition, New York

2006 : Annual Exhibition, Indian Academy of Fine Arts. Amritsar

2006 : "Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow", Govt. College of Art & Craft, Kolkata

2005-06 : West Bengal State Academy, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata

2003 : 76th A.I.F.C.S Regional Art Exhibition, Kolkata

2006-05-04-03 : Annual Exhibition, Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata

2007-06-05-04-03-02 : Annual Exhibition Govt. College of Art & Craft, Kolkata

Group Exhibitions - Invited

2014 : The Coffee House Dialogues, The Viewing Room Art Gallery, Mumbai

2009 : The Art Group, at Nehru Centre Art Gallery, Mumbai

2006-05 : International Exhibition, World Trade Center, Jakarta, Indonesia

2006 : Figure in Nature, Birla Academy, Kolkata

2005 : International Exhibition, Barli Museum, Bandung City, Indonesia

2005 : Award Winners Exhibition, Birla Academy Art & Culture, Kolkata

2004 : Young Faces in Contemporary Art, Birla Academy Art & Culture, New Delhi

Publication in International Magazines, Books

2011 : English language textbook, Cambridge University Press Publishers, London, UK

2011 : Watercolor Artist Magazine, February Issue, USA

2007 : American Artist Magazine, January Issue, USA

International Art residency

2014 : TellusArt & Abu Dhabi Art Hub International art residency, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Work Shop

2014 : 5 Days watercolor workshop, Lokayata Art Gallery, New Delhi

2008 : 4 Days watercolor workshop, Ray art gallery, Pune, India

2008 : 3 Days workshop, R.A.D, Hyderabad, India

Art Camp

2014 : Painternet art camp, Gujarat

2009 : R.A.D Art Camp, Kolkata

2008 : R.A.D art camp, Hyderabad

2006 : Art Camp, Planet Art, New Delhi

2005 : R.A.D art camp, Uttarakhand

2003 : Kalavart Nyas Art Festival, Ujjain

Demonstration

2015 : Watercolor Demo, Peninsula Chambers, Mumbai

2014 : Landscape Demo, Art Plaza, Mumbai

2011 : Watercolor Demo, Artist Center, Mumbai

2008 : Live Demo on C.S.T. station by The Art Society of India, Mumbai

2008 : Demonstration of Watercolor, Ray Art Gallery, Pune

Memberships

Life Member of The Bombay Art Society, Mumbai

Life Member of The Art Society of India, Mumbai

Member of San Diego Watercolor Society, USA, 2008/09

The Pennsylvania WaterColor Society, USA, 2008/09/2011/2013

Collections

Many Private Collections of various Art Collectors, Artists, Art Galleries, Corporate, Institutions in all over India as well as other major countries like France, USA, Germany, UK, Hong Kong, Netherlands, Indonesia, UAE. Oman and all over the World.

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