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# WHO WE ARE

"EVERY CHILD IS AN ARTIST, THE PROBLEM IS HOW TO REMAIN AN ARTIST ONCE WE GROW UP."

By Pablo Picasso

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Welcome to the enchanting world of Retro Kolkata Magazine, the premier online magazine in India dedicated to celebrating art and culture. Nestled within its digital pages, you will discover a vibrant tapestry of creativity that transcends borders and embraces diverse artistic forms.

We believe in the transformative power of art. Our mission is to cultivate a new, kaleidoscopic world of artistic expression through the process of acculturation. We strive to ignite a spark of inspiration within every individual, empowering them to pursue their dreams and embrace their artistic passions.

With our expansive coverage of photography, fashion, music, painting, and even martial arts, Retro Kolkata Magazine serves as a captivating one-stop shop for all things artistic. Through indepth features, interviews, and thoughtprovoking articles, we aim to provide a platform that nurtures artistic talents, fosters collaboration, and sparks dialogues within the creative community. Our dedication to promoting artists extends beyond geographical boundaries. Retro Kolkata Magazine works on a global scale, bridging the gap between cultures and showcasing the universal language of art. By featuring artists from around the world, we strive to create a rich and diverse artistic landscape that encourages cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

As we embark on our artistic journey, we remain committed to preserving Indian traditions and heritage. Through our initiatives, we seek to celebrate the rich tapestry of Indian art forms, paying homage to our roots while embracing the ever-evolving world of creativity.



Let our brushstrokes blend colors of imagination, creating a mesmerizing realm where art dances freely, transcending all boundaries.

#### **International Guest Artist**



# Constance Regardsoe



Constance Regardsoe is an artist who specializes in capturing water and figures in water in oil paint. The fleeting moments captured in each of her paintings juxtapose with the time-consuming painting process she employs, and the moment is painstakingly recreated over weeks, like an insect being preserved in amber.



### Elizaveta Poluyanskaya



#### RUSSIA

Poluyanskaya Elizaveta is a Russian artist who specializes in photorealistic art. Photorealism is a movement that heavily depends on using photographs as a reference for the work. Artists use the photographs of real-life places or structures and recreate them onto a canvas with exceptional accuracy and precision. Through her art, Elizaveta portrays how truly beautiful this world is as well as the people who reside in it.

#### **Guest Artist**



# Nondinii Chatterjee



Nondinii Chatterjee, eminent actor and a talented artist with a distinct artistic style, has been recognized for her groundbreaking work that spans across various mediums. Her remarkable paintings have garnered critical acclaim. With an ability to blend traditional techniques with innovative ideas, Chatterjee's creations transcend boundaries and resonate with audiences on a profound level.







Syed Azhar, born in 1978 in India, has made a significant mark in the art world with his unique style and captivating concepts. Primarily a painter, Azhar infuses a slight flavor of impressionism into his works, focusing on dramatic lighting techniques that enrich the themes of his bold canvases. He has cemented his place in the contemporary art scene and is currently working as a freelance artist at his studio in Kolkata.



#### **Guest Artist**



## Usharanjan Mondal

INDIA



Usharanjan Mondal, born in the picturesque village of Kamarda in the Khejuri District of Mednipur in 1982, has captivated art enthusiasts with his unique and innovative artistic style. Mondal's artistic journey began during his childhood, where his passion for art sparked the foundation of his artistic abilities. Over the years, he has developed a distinctive style of painting using intricate dots, which has become his signature technique.

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Sudipta Sett's mesmerizing artworks, which seamlessly blend colors and emotions, have earned her a welldeserved place among the chosen participants. Her passion for art is reflected in her heartfelt statement, "The colors touch me silently, sweetly, surely. So much so that I could feel it sweeping over through and through. The colors are the thoughts of mine. Sometimes it is my tears that flow from my heart. I believe living life is full of shades made of infinite color."

#### **Guest Artist**





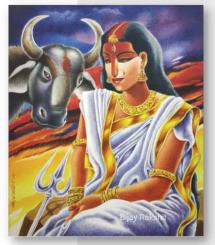
Bijay Rakshit, a prolific artist whose passion for painting knows no bounds, has been recognized for his extraordinary talent and artistic dedication. Describing painting as his means of survival, Rakshit considers it an inseparable part of his life, claiming that it gives his existence meaning. The act of painting helps him transcend his sorrows, immersing himself in a world of creation where he finds solace and salvation.



Sanjoy Ghosh

INDIA

Sanjoy Ghosh, a talented artist hailing from West Bengal, India, has been captivated by the world of art since his childhood. His deep appreciation for the beauty of nature, the enigma of the human mind, anatomy, and social issues serves as a constant source of inspiration for his creations. Ghosh's artistic works predominantly revolve around these themes, allowing him to connect with his viewers effortlessly through their simplicity.





#### **Guest Artist**



## Manika Barman





Manika Barman, a renowned artist who has captivated the art world with her exceptional works, has been chosen to be a part of this esteemed exhibition. With a deep-rooted belief that life revolves around aesthetics in every form, Barman has found solace in painting since her adolescence. Over the years, painting has become her closest companion, and she has dedicated herself to honing her skills in watercolor.

### Rintu Roy Chowdhury

INDIA



Rintu Roy Chowdhury, a self-taught artist hailing from West Bengal, India, has captivated art enthusiasts with his unique style and artistic vision. His passion for art led him to complete a diploma course in fine arts from Suro Bharati Sangeet Kala Kendra and Bangiya Sangeet Parishad. Seeking to enhance his knowledge and appreciation of art, Rintu pursued an art appreciation course from Charukala Parishad, Academy of Fine Arts.

#### **Guest Artist**



# Barun Dutta

Barun Dutta, renowned for his exceptional talent in pointillism, a unique art technique that involves creating images using small, distinct dots of pure color, is thrilled to be a part of this prestigious event. With meticulous attention to detail and a passion for capturing the essence of his subjects, Dutta's pointillism creations have garnered widespread acclaim and recognition.





### Ranjana Sarkar



Ranjana Sarkar runs Lithisha, an art and craft boutique, where she passionately shares her knowledge and skills with budding artists. With her commitment to nurturing young talent, Sarkar has become a beloved figure in the artistic community.



#### **Nominated Artist**





# Abeg Karmakar

INDIA



With a keen eye for detail and a unique artistic vision, Abeg Karmakar has captivated audiences with his exceptional talent and creativity. Born and raised in Kolkata, Karmakar's works have garnered recognition and critical acclaim both locally and internationally.



Abhijit Das, known for his captivating artwork, describes himself as a storyteller rather than an artist. With a passion for conveying narratives through his creations, Das believes that art is a reflection of his innermost thoughts and emotions. For him, the act of creating is an immersive experience that engages the mind and ignites the pursuit of expression.

#### **Nominated Artist**





With a flair for detail and a keen eye for capturing emotions, Mondal's artwork conveys a profound sense of beauty and depth. His sketches often reveal a range of human emotions, showcasing his ability to capture the essence of a moment on paper. Through his dedication and commitment to his craft, Mondal has honed his skills to create mesmerizing pieces that resonate with viewers.





# Abhinav Sagar



Abhinav Sagar, a talented male artist, has gained significant recognition for his captivating works of art that seamlessly blend elements of painting and photography. His unique style and ability to evoke emotions through his masterful creations have earned him a dedicated following of art enthusiasts from around the world



#### **Nominated Artist**







Alpana Bose, a renowned painter, has captured the attention of art enthusiasts with her exquisite artwork. With a passion for drawing that started in her childhood, Bose has honed her skills over the years, participating in numerous exhibitions and conducting workshops.







Amit Sikder, whose art journey began in late 2018, has gained recognition for his exceptional skill and attention to detail in creating lifelike sketches. With two years of dedicated practice, Sikder has made significant strides in his artistic career, eventually becoming a full-time artist.

#### Nominated Artist



## Aniket Bhattacharya



INDIA

Aniket Bhattacharya, known for his deep appreciation of nature and his ability to capture its essence through his artwork, is thrilled to have his work recognized on an international platform. As an assistant teacher of life science at Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission, Aniket's love for biology and nature shines through in his paintings, where he skillfully portrays the diverse elements of the natural world.





## Anjana Chakraborty



Anjana Chakraborty, a talented female artist hailing from Maharashtra, has captured the hearts of art enthusiasts with her exceptional skills and ability to evoke emotions through her artwork. Born in December 1976 in Thane, Anjana has made significant contributions to the world of art while pursuing her passion alongside her career as a teacher.



#### **Nominated Artist**





# Anjana Dutta



Anjana Dutta, an artist with an unwavering passion for creativity, has captured the attention of art enthusiasts and connoisseurs alike. From an early age, Dutta's artistic journey was nurtured by her mother, who ignited the flame of creativity within her. As she grew, her passion for painting flourished, filling her life with fulfillment and driving her to actively pursue opportunities to develop her skills.

### Anshumala Singha Chowdhury



INDIA

Anshumala Singha Chowdhury, originally from Durgapur, has been making waves in the art community since her arrival in Kolkata in 2016. Balancing her passion for art alongside her studies, Chowdhury has demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication to her craft. Through her artistic journey, she has had the opportunity to meet influential figures who have nurtured her talent and supported her artistic endeavors.

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#### **Nominated Artist**

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## Ardhendu Pramanik



Ardhendu Pramanik, a distinguished artist known for his innovative approach and captivating artworks, has received widespread recognition in the art community for his unique blend of painting and photography. His distinct style seamlessly merges these two mediums, resulting in thought-provoking and visually stunning creations.







Arijit Sardar, a resident of Madarat in Baruipur, South 24 Parganas, has captivated the art world with his unique artistic expression. The artist, affectionately known as Sri Arijit Sardar, brings a wealth of childhood memories and creative inspiration to his artwork. Having been raised in his maternal uncle's house, he experienced a childhood filled with love and affection from his grandparents.



#### **Nominated Artist**



# Arpan Moulick



Arpan Moulick, a budding artist with a passion for drawing since childhood, has been recognized for his exceptional skills and unique artistic perspective. Currently studying drawing, he has embarked on a journey of exploration by delving into various painting styles and techniques. His dedication and love for the art form have propelled him forward, and he is eager to share his creations with a wider audience.





Avinaba Bera, a fourth-year student pursuing a B.F.A. at the College of Visual Art in Kolkata, has been making waves in the art world with his exceptional talent and unique artistic perspective. Hailing from Kolkata, Avinaba Bera's passion for painting has driven him to pursue it as a profession.

#### **Nominated Artist**



## Babul Pramanik



Drawing inspiration from the city's unique culture and atmosphere, Babul has honed his artistic skills to produce captivating pieces that resonate with viewers on multiple levels. His artwork demonstrates a deep understanding of various mediums and techniques, resulting in visually stunning compositions.





## Biswajit Debnath

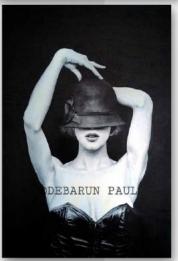


Biswajit Debnath, an acclaimed artist known for his captivating artwork, has been chosen to showcase his exceptional talent at this highly anticipated exhibition. With his unique artistic approach, Debnath has garnered widespread recognition for his ability to depict nature, portraits, and human emotions with profound creativity and self-analysis.



#### **Nominated Artist**





## Cindrela Manna





Cindrela Manna, a gifted drawing artist, has dedicated herself to the pursuit of artistic expression. With an innate passion for art and an unwavering commitment to her craft, she has embarked on an inspiring journey of creating thought-provoking and visually stunning artworks. Her unique approach combines intricate details and bold strokes, which result in captivating pieces that engage the viewer's imagination.





Debarun Paul, a resident of Chinar Park in Kolkata, India, is not only a corporate professional and researcher but also an incredibly talented artist. With a passion for creating art that resonates with individuals on a personal level, Paul's unique approach captivates viewers and leaves a lasting impression. His ability to forge connections through his artwork is a testament to his exceptional talent.

#### **Nominated Artist**



# Dhrubo Roy Chowdhury



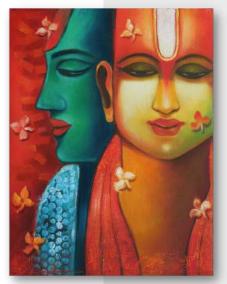
Dhrubo Roychowdhury, a talented artist hailing from Baidyabati, has made a name for himself in the art community with his exceptional skills and unique artistic style. Having recently completed his BFA course at the College of Art And Design in Burdwan, Dhrubo's passion for art has led him to explore various mediums. However, he particularly favors working with transparent watercolors.





Diptajit Das INDIA

Diptajit Das's paintings are known for their ability to capture and evoke emotions, taking viewers on a journey through his rich imagination. Each brushstroke reveals a profound narrative, inviting observers to explore the intricacies and complexities of human experiences.



#### **Nominated Artist**



# Ishika Mukherjee



Renowned for her remarkable talent in portraiture, Ishika Mukherjee employs various art mediums, with soft pastel and charcoal being her favorites. Her works emanate a sense of depth and emotion, capturing the essence and intricacies of the human form. The artist's distinctive style has earned her recognition and accolades both nationally and internationally.







Iswani Das, a dedicated school teacher hailing from the vibrant city of Kolkata, has always nurtured a deep passion for the world of art. Despite her busy professional life, Iswani has managed to pursue her love for painting and has now been rewarded with an incredible opportunity to exhibit her artwork on an international platform.

#### **Nominated Artist**



# Manashi Pramanik



Manashi Pramanik, a self-taught abstract impressionistic painter, dancer, and working professional, has been making waves in the art community with her unique and captivating creations. Hailing from South Kolkata, Manashi resides with her family and finds solace in the realm of colors and creativity.





### Monisha samanta



Monisha Samanta, a 28-year-old artist, has already made a name for herself in the art community with her remarkable skills in painting. Having recently completed her degree in philosophy, she has dedicated herself to exploring the depths of her creativity through various art forms. Samanta's passion for painting is evident in her works, and she draws inspiration from her idol and teacher, artist Sujata Dey.



#### **Nominated Artist**





## Mrinmoy Mazumder





Mrinmoy Mazumder. resident of a Chandannagar and the son of the late Baroda Charan Mazumder. has an intriguing background. Initially trained as a civil diploma engineer, he owned a private civil engineering concern specializing in architectural drawings and works. However, his lifelong passion for creativity and art eventually led him to pursue painting.





Paramita's art demonstrates her unique style, where she masterfully blends vibrant colors and intricate details to create visually captivating compositions. Her paintings often depict nature, human emotions, and everyday moments, evoking a sense of nostalgia and serenity.

#### **Nominated Artist**





Payel Maitra's artwork is renowned for its ability to evoke deep emotions and capture the essence of the human experience. Through her paintings and photographs, she explores a wide range of themes, from the beauty of nature to the complexities of human relationships. Her unique style, characterized by bold brushstrokes and a keen eye for detail, has earned her accolades both locally and internationally.





Poulavi Ghosh INDIA

Poulavi Ghosh finds immense joy and inspiration in the jubilant colors and harmonious compositions that art offers. Her preferred mediums are acrylic and oil, which allow her to express herself with depth and vibrancy. Ghosh's art captivates viewers with its masterful use of color tones and the skillful portrayal of visual planes and volume within a two-dimensional framework.



#### **Nominated Artist**



# Prasun Adhikari



INDIA

Prasun Adhikari, a government employee by profession and an artist by passion, has been making waves in the art world with his extraordinary talent. Working with various mediums, he has established a reputation for his skillful use of acrylic and charcoal. Adhikari's artistic style primarily revolves around realism, allowing him to portray his subjects with striking detail and emotional depth, always aiming to convey a profound narrative through his works.



# Pujita Banerjee



Pujita Banerjee, known for her passion for art from a young age, has been practicing various forms of art and craft since she was only four years old. As a self-taught artist, Banerjee's incredible talent and dedication have earned her a coveted spot among the participants of this prestigious exhibition. Her artworks, which draw inspiration from her imagination and the world around her, showcase her versatility and willingness to explore different artistic techniques.

#### Nominated Artist



# Purnima Pramanick



Purnima Pramanick, born and raised in the artistic hub of Kolkata, has nurtured her passion for art since her childhood days. With an unwavering commitment to her craft, she has honed her skills over the years, exploring various art forms and mediums. Notably, Purnima has emerged as a specialist in acrylic and pastel, utilizing these mediums to create stunning visual narratives that captivate the viewer.





# Riddhi Mukherjee



Riddhi Mukherjee, an avid painter with a passion for nature, has been chosen for her exceptional artistic skills and unique approach to capturing the beauty of landscapes and wildlife through her paintings. Despite being congenitally speech challenged, Riddhi has found solace and self-expression in the world of art, employing the paintbrush to convey her emotions and share her artistic vision.



#### **Nominated Artist**







Rima Guha, a talented female artist, has captivated audiences with her unique and thought-provoking creations. Her work reflects a fusion of traditional techniques with contemporary themes, resulting in visually stunning pieces that evoke deep emotions and introspection.







Riya Das Biswas, a talented artist with a passion for painting since her early childhood, expressed her joy upon being chosen for this esteemed exhibition. In an interview, she shared her artistic journey, saying, "My journey started at a very early age when I was five years old. Painting has always been one of my favorite hobbies." Her fascination with art was nurtured by her father, who, despite having limited knowledge of painting and art, became an inspiration and mentor to her.



#### **Nominated Artist**



# Sagnik Majumder



Sagnik Majumdar, known for his ability to capture the essence of the world through his pencil sketches, has gained recognition for his captivating artworks that speak volumes. With each stroke of his pencil, Majumdar embarks on a remarkable journey, bringing to life the simple beauty found in pencil sketching. His works have the power to evoke emotions and provoke thought in viewers.







Saptadipa Nayak, a self-taught artist hailing from Kolkata, Bengal, has gained recognition for her exceptional skills in contemporary painting. With a unique style characterized by the use of acrylic colors, Nayak captivates audiences through her vibrant and imaginative compositions.



#### **Nominated Artist**



# Saswati Mondal

INDIA



Saswati Mondal, a passionate painter and nature enthusiast, has been recognized for her exceptional artistic skills and ability to convey her thoughts and emotions through her art. With a deep love for nature and a keen eye for detail, Mondal's work beautifully captures the essence of her surroundings.

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Sathi Saha, a gifted female artist hailing from Kolkata, has earned widespread recognition for her extraordinary creativity and artistic skills. With an unwavering passion for painting and drawing, Sathi's artistic journey has been enriched by her deep fascination with digital art. Her proficiency in digital painting has allowed her to explore new realms of artistic expression, captivating viewers with her mesmerizing creations.

#### **Nominated Artist**





Satyajit Saha, a renowned artist known for his profound connection to urban life, has found a way to depict the essence of cities through his artwork. The artist's ability to translate the rhythm and energy of bustling metropolises into captivating paintings has earned him recognition within the art community.





# Shabari Biswas

INDIA

Shabari Biswas, a promising female artist hailing from Kolkata, has been making waves in the art world with her unique and captivating creations. Her selection for this prestigious exhibition serves as a testament to her exceptional talent and artistic prowess. Shabari's distinct style, combined with her thought-provoking subject matter, has earned her recognition among art enthusiasts and critics alike.



#### **Nominated Artist**





# Soma Paul



Soma Paul, a prominent female artist known for her exceptional creativity and unique perspective, has made a significant impact on the art scene with her extraordinary talent. Her selection for this prestigious event is a testament to her artistic prowess and the recognition she has gained in the art world.





Souvik Banerjee, a name synonymous with artistic brilliance and innovation, has made a significant mark in the realm of painting and photography. His distinctive style, characterized by a harmonious blend of colors and profound storytelling, has garnered immense acclaim from critics and art enthusiasts alike.

#### **Nominated Artist**



# Srija Majumder

Srija Majumder's journey as an artist began at a young age when she discovered her inherent talent and developed an unwavering devotion to her craft. Her ability to create intricate and thought-provoking pieces has earned her recognition in local artistic circles and has now culminated in her selection for the highly anticipated International Painting and Photography exhibition.





## Subhojit Chakraborty



Subhojit Chakraborty, a 23-year-old artist, has captivated art enthusiasts with his exceptional creativity and unique vision. Drawing inspiration from the distant landscapes that surround us, Subhojit employs his remarkable skills to bring his imagination to life through visually stunning artworks.



#### **Nominated Artist**



# Subodh Ghosh



Painting is more than just a hobby for Subodh Ghosh; it is a way of life. Every brushstroke he creates and every stroke of paint he applies is a reflection of his imagination and artistic vision. Ghosh believes that painting has the power to evoke emotions, capture moments, and transcend boundaries. For him, art is not just a dream but also a vehicle to express his deepest thoughts and emotions.



### Sumit Chakraborty





Sumit Chakraborty's artistry transcends boundaries, encapsulating the essence of human emotions and the beauty of the world around us. His paintings, characterized by vibrant colors and intricate details, evoke a range of emotions in viewers, inviting them to explore the depths of their own experiences.

#### **Nominated Artist**





With a lifelong dedication to art, Susovon Middya has honed his skills over the years, resulting in a diverse portfolio that showcases his versatility and creative vision. From breathtaking landscapes to captivating portraits, his artwork reflects his deep appreciation for the world around him.





### Swarnali Biswas



Swarnali Biswas, a talented artist hailing from Kolkata, has captured the attention of art enthusiasts with her exceptional talent and unique artistic approach. Having nurtured a love for drawing since her childhood, Swarnali has transformed her passion into a flourishing career. Alongside her studies and professional commitments, she dedicates her time to creating captivating artworks that reflect her creativity and deep connection with the world.



#### **Nominated Artist**



# Swarnayu Das



Swarnayu Das, an ex-student of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur, has been selected for his remarkable artistic abilities and unique style. Residing in Belda, Paschim Medinipur, Swarnayu is an aspiring artist who passionately pursues his creative endeavors during his spare time, considering art as a hobby and an escape from the rigors of his daily life.

#### Swayampravaa Roy

INDIA



While Swayampravaa Roy admires the brilliance of Rembrandt, she finds inspiration in Van Gogh's eccentricity, allowing her own artistic expression to transcend traditional boundaries. Her works are a testament to her ability to capture profound emotions and convey them through a breathtaking combination of colors and textures.

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