



SUREEL ART

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ARTIST STATEMENT

"I always feel myself as a tiny, unique piece of an ever-changing, grand mosaic of this Existence I am living in. For me, human beings, animals, trees, birds, insects, mountains, rivers, seas, planets, and stars are the unique pieces of this grand mosaic that goes on changing itself all the time into beautiful murals. I also feel that an invisible force behind this grand mosaic keeps changing each piece while keeping it unique at the same time. It looks like this invisible force is constantly trying to express something special and unique in the form of music, poetry, song, dance, art, etc. through each piece.

I often get new ideas and flashes from an unknown source. Mostly, these unique ideas arise in my dreams, when I am sitting silently and doing nothing, or when I am reading or listening to Osho, Ramana Maharishi, Punja Baba, J. Krishnamurty, Gurdjief, Kabir, Nanak, etc. I strongly feel that Existence or an invisible force is trying to express something through me in the form of beautiful, unique wooden mosaics, murals, and sculptures.

I am in love with wood. In wood, I see the beautiful art of Mother Nature in the form of beautiful, unique grain patterns. That's why wood is the medium of most of my artwork. My process starts with sketching the new idea on a piece of plywood. Then I take wooden pieces that blend well with the idea, grind them, burn and colour them if needed, and paste them on the plywood base with adhesive. Usually I try to burn and colour the wooden pieces in such a way that the strokes of Mother Nature are boldly visible through the colours. I want the observers to see my art dancing with the art of Mother Nature. Currently, I am trying to find my real self through wooden mosaics, murals, and sculptures in the *Who am I?* series." - Sureel

BIOGRAPHY

For biography sake, it can be said that Sureel (b. Muktsar, Punjab, India, 1967) is a self-taught Austrian-Indian artist based in Vienna with his studio and gallery in Gidderbaha, Punjab, India. Since 2015, his artworks have been widely exhibited in India and are collected internationally.

But in reality, he doesn't know who he is. He is still in search of himself. He was born in 1967 at longitude 74-31 east and latitude 30-26 north; the place is currently called Shri Muktsar Sahib in Punjab, India. His parents gave him a name. After that, everybody called him Sureel Kumar, or by his nick name, Dimpy or Dimple.

Sureel loves to work with wood. His artworks are a fusion of his unique style with the wonderful work of Mother Nature in the form of unique, beautiful, and endless patterns of the wood grain.

Sureel is fascinated with the art of ancient civilizations and the unknown yet great artists of Khajuraho, Konark, Egypt, Sumer, Mehengo Daro, Hampi, and Ratnagiri that depict amazing petroglyphs and the finest art in the world.

Sureel is an avid traveller and speaks Hindi, Punjabi, English, and German. He enjoys swimming, cooking, reading, listening to music, and sometimes sitting silently, witnessing dancing trees, flowers, birds, insects, and animals.

RESUME

Collections

Sureel's artworks are very much enjoyed internationally in the private collections in India, Austria, UK, Canada and Australia.

Four of Sureel's artworks are displayed permanently at Government District Library, Zila Parishad Bhawan, Bathinda, PB, India.

One of Sureel's artwork **Lord of the Animals** is displayed at Konkan Geoglyphs and Heritage Research Center, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra in association with IITM Praavartak, IIT Madras, IIT Hyderabad, JNU Delhi and supported by Government of India.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 Sureel Art Solo Exhibition on December 15 - 17, 2023 at Open House Gallery, Märzstrasse 25/4, 1150 Vienna, Austria
- Solo Art Show on Aug. 17 - Oct. 16; 2023 at Patio Cafe Bar, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana, Pb, India
- 2020 Online Exhibition, Surreal Sureel from on 8 - 15 January 2020 by Manasollasa and Fine Arts Museum, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India Special Thanks to Professor Tirthankar Bhattacharya, Chairperson Department of Art History And Visual Arts, Panjab University, Chandigarh)
- 2019 Solo Show, 25/03/2018 – 29/03/2019 at Fine Arts' Museum, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India
- 2017 Build & Design Solo Show, 14/04/2017 – 16/04/2017 at Hotel Sepal, Bathinda, Punjab, India

Group Exhibitions

- 2024 Group Exhibition, Kunst ist DADA by Stachel Group from May 1 - 31, 2024, at Neulengbach, Austria
- 2024 Group Exhibition, Artnook, from February 23 - March 23, 2024, organised by Art Affairs and curated by Akshey Bapat
- 2023 Group Exhibition on December 1 - 2, 2023 at HARA, Magdalenenstrasse 4, 1060 Vienna, Austria
- 2023 Group Art Exhibition on November 18-23, 2023 by Luna Arts India at All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society (AIFACS), New Delhi, India
- 2023 International Online Art Exhibition Wave on October 16, 2023 by Bangiya Kala Kendra, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- 2022 Group Art Show December 10 - 11, 2022 at Creative Markt, Das HARA, 1060 Vienna, Austria
- 2021 Group Art Exhibition, 2 - 5 December 2021 by Sohba Singh Memorial Chitarkar Society at Teachers Home, Bathinda, PB, India.

- 2021 Art Display at Government District Library, Bathinda, PB, India.
- 2020 Group Show, 16/01/2020 at Gaah X Nrtya Showcase 007, on 19 January 2020 in Chandigarh at Upstairs Club Panchkula, India.
- 2019 Kalpana 2019, Group Art Exhibition, 4 - 6 April 2019, at Museum of Fine Arts, Panjab University, Sector 14, Chandigarh, India.
- 2019 Parinde Group Show, 15/03/2019 – 17/03/2019 at Govt. Museum & Art Gallery, Sector 10, Chandigarh, India
- 2018 The Satisfied Slaves, Group Show, 12/10/2018 – 11/11/2018 at Lichtraum eins by Paul Siblik, Heinrichsgasse 2, 1010 Vienna, Austria
- 2018 Annual Art Festival, 06/12/2018 - 09/12/2018 at Teachers Home Bathinda, Punjab, India
- 2018 Art Enigma Group Show, 09/08/2018 – 10/08/2018 at Hotel The Ashok, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, India
- 2018 Ayat & Inayat Group Show, 08/06/2018 – 14/06/2018 at AIFACS, All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, New Delhi, India
- 2017 Annual Art Festival, 30/11/2017 - 03/12/2017 at Teachers Home, Bathinda, Punjab, India

In the Community

- 2024 Sureel Art Exhibition at Bathinda Flower Festival on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at Rose Garden Bathinda, Punjab, India
- 2023 Solo Art Exhibition on December 14-19, 2023 at Osho Prem Dhyam Mandir, Bathinda, PB, India
- 2023 Solo Art Exhibition on November 16-19, 2023 at Osho Prem Dhyam Mandir, Bathinda, PB, India
- 2023 One day Art Exhibition on October 21, 2023 at Tej Farm, Chandigarh, India
- 2022 Solo Art Exhibition, 11 - 13 November 2022 at Osho Prem Dhyam Mandir, Bathinda, PB, India
- 2022 Solo Art Exhibition, 7 - 9 October, 2022 at Osho Prem Dhyam Mandir, Bathinda, PB, India.
- 2023 Solo Art Exhibition 22 March- 2 May 2023 at Casa Bella Vista, Sector 10 D, Chandigarh, India
- 2022 Solo Art Exhibition 26 November- 3 December 2022 at The Hedgehog Cafe, Sector 7C, Chandigarh, India

Awards

- 2024 Artist of the Month for March 2024 by Puthalika Patrika. Special thanks to Social Substance and Prof. Arun Bansal ji.
- 2021 Award of Honour by Sohba Singh Memorial Chitarkar Society on December 6, 2021 at Teachers Home, Bathinda, PB, India

Press & Media

Print Media

- 2024 Artist of the Month for March 2024 by Puthalika Patrika.
- 2022 Dainik Bhaskar, print, published on December 12, 2022
- 2022 Punjabi Jagran, print, published on September 18, 2022
- 2022 Punjab Kesari, print, published on June 6, 2022
- 2021 Dainik Bhaskar, print, published on December 6, 2021
- 2020 Times of India on January 8, 2020 Online Feature
- 2019 Punjab Kesari, print, published on 26 March 2019
- 2019 Dainik Jagran, print, published on 26 March 2019
- 2019 City Air News on March 25, 2019 Online Feature
- 2019 Amar Ujala, print, published on March 26, 2019
- 2019 Tribune Chandigarh, print, published on March 26, 2019
- 2018 Outlook India Magazine on June 13, 2018 Online Feature
- 2018 Times of India, print, published on June 12, 2018
- 2017 Punjabi Jagran, print, published on December 24, 2017
- 2017 Dainik Bhaskar, print, published on December 3, 2017
- 2017 Dainik Bhaskar, print, published on April 17, 2017
- 2017 English Tribune, print, published on April 17, 2017
- 2017 The Tribune, print, published on April 16, 2017

Electronic Media

- 2024 Conversation with Charanpreet Singh for Discovered by Lens on March 15, 2024
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvLCVvfpwkg>
- 2024 Conversation with Tota Singh jifor Sardari TV 24/7 on March 10, 2024
<https://www.facebook.com/100044663460880/videos/1084339016138353>
- 2024 Conversation with Rangila ji & Manpreet Tiwana ji for Rangila Records on March 10, 2024
<https://www.facebook.com/rangilarecord/videos/216965141479612>
- 2023 Conversation with Sham Kataria ji for Sahitak Sanjh on November 22, 2023
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVAVtUWcPc4>
- 2023 Conversation with Rohit Kaushik for Chorus on November 20, 2023 at Nakshatra Art Festival AIFACS Delhi <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZJCtdx-fRM>
- 2023 Conversation with Gurparshad Lali for Khidrana on November 18, 2023
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46DO0A-FOtQ>
- 2023 Conversation with Gurparshad Lali for Khirdana on November 16, 2023
<https://www.facebook.com/khidrananews/videos/441128901707733>
- 2023 Conversation with Amit Sharma for Rozana Spokesman on October 21, 2023
<https://www.facebook.com/RozanaSpokesmanOfficial/videos/1015698019473177>

- 2023 Conversation with Akanksha Saxena for Parinde on September 28, 2023
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LDTL7h0XIFY>
- 2023 Conversation with Akanksha Saxena for Punjab News on September 26, 2023
<https://www.facebook.com/punjabnewsofficial/videos/703739778296634>
- 2023 Conversation with Rajat ji & Akanksha ji for BHP News on September 23, 2023
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNjH_Z6Qfms
- 2023 Conversation with Mandhir Singh Chahal for TV Punjab on September 22, 2023
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=donC7A7CyMg>
- 2023 Conversation with Suraj Bhan Bathinda for News18 Punjab on April 13, 2023
<https://www.facebook.com/News18Punjab/videos/139710835732478>
- 2021 Conversation with Kuldeep Singh Rini for JagBani on August 17, 2021
<https://www.facebook.com/JagBaniOnline/videos/538632090780787>

Live Talks

- 2024 Live Art Talk, Art Exhibition, and Being Artist on February 4, 2024, for Bioscope (a joint collaboration of T S Center State Library, Chandigarh; Sphoorthi Theatre for Educational Puppetry, Hyderabad; Art and Craft—STEPARC Hyderabad and Social Substance Group) with Prof. Arun Bansal, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India, Mrs. Neelam Bansal and Dr. Neeza Singh.
- 2023 Live Conversation on the occasion of World Art Day on April 15, 2023, by Manasollasa Foundation with Prof. Tirthankar Bhattacharya (Art Historian and Indologist) at the department of Art History and Visual Arts, Punjab University, Chandigarh, along with Alka Harpilani (Art Historian and Visual Artist, Bangalore, India), Anjali Aggarwal (Visual Artist, Poet, and Academician, Chandigarh, India), Ram Jator (Visual and Performance Artist, Chandigarh, India), Mansi Arora, and Sanjeev Bajwa.