

# **Sunil Sigdel**

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When my Grandmother passed away it felt as though a part of my own life had come to an end. Living in an extended family setup, she was the elevated matriarch, the pillar of our family. My Grandmother was a devout and compassionate woman for whom religious festivals created opportunities to bring the family together. She touched my life in multiple ways: the stories she told us, and the way she lived, has been a source of deep inspiration for me. I feel that who I am today has been shaped by my brave and stoic Grandmother. This is why I have merged her portrait with mine. As a tribute to her faith there is a suggestion of religious iconography in the background. This suggestion overlaps our own portraits as a distinctive stamp of my inheritance and our cultural identity.

## **Artist Biography**

**Sunil Sigdel**  
**Nepal**

b. 1978, Pokhara, Nepal

## **Education**

Bachelor in Fine Arts (PAINTING)  
Fine Arts College, Kathmandu, Nepal

## **Solo Exhibitions**

2010: Infiltration of Darkness at KCAC Gallery, Lalitpur, Nepal

2007: Human Bonsai, Art Shop Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal

2004: Science of Emotions, at Gallery Nine, Kathmandu, Nepal

2003: Inactive Images, at Nepal Association of Fine Arts Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal  
2002: X-rays of Sentiments, at NAC Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal

2001: View on Reality, at Nepal Association of Fine Arts Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal

## **Selected Group Exhibitions**

2014: Dhaka art Summit 2014, Bangladesh

2014: "Making History" Colombo Art Biennale 2014, Sri Lanka

2013: Sovereign Asian Art Prize 2012-13, Hong Kong & Seoul, Korea

2012: 2nd Kathmandu International Art Festival, Kathmandu. (Siddhartha Arts Foundation)

2012: Cross the Border Constellation 2012, Colombo, Sri Lanka

2012: ROSL Annual Scholar's Exhibition 2012, Gallery @oxo, London, UK.

2010: "Propagation" Korea - Nepal Art Show, Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu

2010: Focus on Asia (LO/FTF Council) "Brondsalen" Copenhagen, Denmark

2009: "Separating Myth from Reality" 1st Kathmandu International Art Festival, Siddhartha Art Gallery, Nepal

- 2008: "Khulla Dhaka in London" Royal Overseas League, London, UK (KCAC)
- 2008: Collaboration with Mithila Art, Free State Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2008: "Off the Beaten Path" South Asian Exhibition, Drik Gallery, Dhaka, Bangladesh (Britto)
- 2007: Collaboration with Mithila Art, Kaya Art Gallery, Bangladesh (Bindu)
- 2007: Collaboration with Mithila Art, Siddhartha Art Gallery, Nepal (Bindu)
- 2006: Focus on South Asia. Copenhagen, Denmark (LO/FTF council)
- 2006: Group Art Exhibition, Dots Contemporary Art Center, Dhaka, Bangladesh (Britto) 2006:  
Metamorphoses, Three Men Show (Siddhartha Art Gallery)
- 2005: Group Art Exhibition, B.M Art Gallery. Karachi, Pakistan (VASL)
- 1997-2005: National Art & Craft Exhibition, National Association of Fine Arts - Kathmandu
- 2003: Sikkim-Nepal Joint Art Exhibition, White Memorial Hall Sikkim, India (ZCN)
- 1999: Grand Nepali Art Exhibition, Nepal Art Council Gallery, Kathmandu (NAC)

### **Selected Workshop and Residencies**

- 2013: "Peace & Friendship" International Sculpture Symposium Pokhara, Nepal (NAFA)
- 2011: ROSL Visual Arts scholarship, London & Hospitalfield Art Center, Scotland, UK. (ROSL)  
on recommendation of KCAC
- 2010: International Artist Workshop, Colombo, Srilanka. (Theertha)
- 2010: India- Nepal Collaborative Residency, {Khoj at 1shanthiroad) Bangalore, India
- 2008: Porapara Art Residency, Porapara Space for Artists, Bangladesh
- 2008: little Moment in Town, Performance Art Event, (Bindu) Kathmandu, Nepal
- 2007: International Human Rights Workshop, Green Island, Taiwan
- 2007: Running with Camera, Video Art Workshop, Pokhara, Nepal (Sutra)
- 2006: Collaboration with Mithila Art Workshop, Janakpur, Nepal (Bindu)
- 2006: International Artist Residency, Bangladesh (Britto)

2006: Sutra International Artists' Residency 2006, Nepal (Sutra)

2005: South Asian Art Residency 2005, Karachi, Pakistan (VASI)

2005: Uttistha' Art Workshop, Tapoban (Sutra) Nepal

2004: Nuga Mikha' International Art Workshop, Bhaktapur, Nepal (Sutra)

### **Awards**

2011: ROSL Annual Scholarship Award 2011, London, UK

2007: Creative Young Artist Award 2007, Pokhara, Nepal