

GALERIE NATHALIE OBADIA

PARIS - BRUXELLES

VISWANADHAN

BIOGRAPHY

Born in 1940 in Kadavoor (Kerala), India.
Lives and works in Paris since 1968.

EDUCATION

1960 Government College of Arts and Crafts, Madras, India

AWARDS

2018 Raja Ravi Varma Award, Kerala, India

2008 K.C.S Paniker Award, Kerala Lalit Kala Akademi, India

2005 Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres, Paris, France

1987 Audience Award, Best Documentary Film, FIFD Malaga, Spain

1986 Winner of the Grand prize for documentary film, Festival Dei Popoli, Florence, Italy
Winner of the Grand Prize at the Cinéma du Réel Festival, Centre Pompidou, Paris France

1978 Premio Lubiam of Painting, Italy

1972 Prize at the 9th Menton International Art Biennale, France

1971 Palette d'or Prize, International Painting Festival, Cagnes-sur-Mer, France

1968 National Painting Award, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi, India
Kerala Lalit Kala Akademi Award for Painting, India

1963 Lalit Kala Akademi Award from the State of Madras for painting, Madras, India

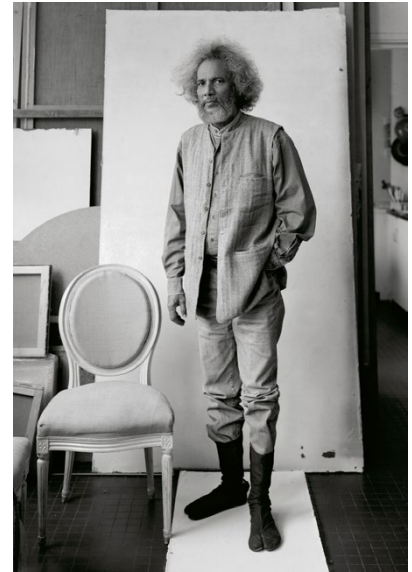
HISTORICAL EXHIBITIONS

1966 Cholamandal Artist's Village, Chennai, India

SOLO SHOWS (SELECTION)

2025 Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France

2018 *Sable 1976, Les Terres de France 2015*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
Viswanadhan, Les Cinq Éléments, KANAL Pompidou, Brussels, Belgium



- 2016** *Experience and Energy*, Nature Morte Gallery, New Delhi, India
- 2013** Galerie Pascaline Mulliez, Paris France
Château d'Aubenas, France
- 2011** Galerie Fernand Léger, Ivry-sur-Seine, France
- 2008** Marlborough Gallery, New York, USA
- 2007** *Viswanadhan Early years*, Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi, India
- 2006** Galerie Darthea Speyer, Paris, France
- 2005** Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai, India
Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai, India
- 2004** Galerie Darthea Speyer, Paris, France
- 2003** Visual Arts Centre, Espace Gallery, New Delhi, India
- 2002** Galerie Darthea Speyer, Paris, France
Chemould Gallery, Mumbai, India
- 2001** École Nationale Supérieure d'Arts, Brest, France
- 2000** Salón Renacimiento, Palacio Santa Cruz, Valladolid, Spain
Galerie Darthea Speyer, Paris, France
- 1999** Victoria Memorial Hall, Calcutta, India
- 1998** *A Retrospective Exhibition of paintings, drawings, prints & films by Viswanadhan*, traveling exhibition: National Gallery of Modern Art, Delhi, India ; National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai, India ; Lalit Kala Academy, Madras, India
- 1997** Vadehra Gallery, New Delhi, India
- 1996** Galerie Darthea Speyer, Paris, France
- 1995** Medienzentrum, Bremen, Germany
- 1993** Galerie Darthea Speyer, Paris, France
- 1992** Philippe Briet Gallery, New York, USA
- 1991** Apparao Gallery, Madras, India
Chemould Gallery, Bombay, India
Espace Gallery, New Delhi, India
Chitrakoot, Calcutta, India
- 1990** ABF Galeriet, Huddinge, Sweden
Lilla Galeriet, Stockholm, Sweden

- 1989** Galerie Darthea Speyer, Paris, France
- 1985** *Jean-Michel Alberola, Raymond Mason, Viswanadhan, Gulam Mohammed Sheikh*, Musée national d'art moderne - Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- 1982** Instituto Politecnico Nacional, Mexico City, Mexico
Galerie Darthea Speyer, Paris, France
- 1981** Gruppe Grün Gallery, Bremen, Germany
Galerie Estela Shapiro, Mexico City, Mexico
Centro de Bellas Artes, Maracaibo, Venezuela
- 1980** Together Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
FO Gallery, Aarhus, Denmark
- 1978** Galerie kloster 7, Cuxhaven, Germany
Stig Carlsson, Hogonas, Sweden
- 1977** Galerie Shandar, Paris, France
- 1976** Galerie Saporiti-Italia, Strasbourg, France
- 1975** Galerie Yves Brun, Paris, France
Surya Gallery, Mannheim, Germany
Chemould Gallery, Bombay, India
- 1974** Chanakya Gallery, New Delhi, India
- 1973** Galeria Matuzia, San Remo, Italy
- 1972** Art Institute, Cochin, India
Chemould Gallery, Bombay, India
- 1971** Maison de la Culture, Amiens, France
- 1970** Galerie de France, Paris, France
Gallery Moderne, Silkeborg, Denmark
- 1969** Ved Aaven Gallery, Aarhus, Denmark
Westing Gallery, Odense, Denmark
- 1967** Lindsey's, Bangalore, India
- 1966** Local Library Building, Madras, India

GROUP SHOWS (SELECTION)

- 2023** *A Demonstration of Ornamentation*, Nature Morte Gallery, New Delhi, India
Lalit Kala Akademi, Chennai, India
- 2021** *Lokame Tharavadu*, Kochi, India
- 2017** *Regional Modernity, The Madras Art Movement 1960s-1980s*, National Gallery of Modern Art,

Bangalore, India

Aqua, Les artistes contemporains et l'enjeu de l'eau, traveling exhibition: Île Rousseau, Geneva, Switzerland ; Château de Penthes, Pregny-Chambésy, Switzerland ; SESC Belenzhino, São Paulo, Brazil

- 2015** *Constructs Constructions*, Kiran Nadar Museum, New Delhi, India
- 2012** Kochi Muziris Biennale, Kochi, India
- 2010** *Made in India*, Galerie Lipao Huang, Paris, France
Artistes Indien de Paris, Birla Academy, Calcutta, India
- 2005** *Double Enders*, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai, India
- 2000** *Exile and longing, Art Practices from Kerala*, Cholamandal Artists' Village, Madras, India
Lakeeren, Mumbai, India
Abstract Art in India, Art Motif Gallery, New Delhi, India
- 1998** *Geometry and symbols in Indian Contemporary Art*, National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, India
- 1997** Galerie Darthea Speyer, Paris, France
50 Years of Indiapendance, National Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi, India
- 1996** *Works on paper*, Espace Gallery, New Delhi, India
Emotions Madras, Value Art Gallery, Madras, India
Six Artists, Galerie Darthea Speyer, Athens Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 1994** *Crayon, fusain et plume*, Galerie Darthea Speyer, Paris, France
100 Years of Indian Contemporary Art, National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, India
- 1993** *Wounds*, National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, India
Souvenir d'en France, New Delhi, India
Regard sur l'avant-garde Russe 1910-1925. Son influence dans une collection d'aujourd'hui, Centre d'Art Contemporain, Château de Tanlay, France
Trends and Images, CIMA, Calcutta, India
- 1992** *Terre d'Avenir*, Le Bourget, France
International Award for Contemporary Art, Monte-Carlo, Monaco
An Exhibition for Satyajit Ray, Philippe Briet Gallery, New York, USA
Silver Jubilee Exhibition, Birla Akademi of Arts and Culture, Calcutta, India
Confluence, Franco-Indian Association, Calcutta, India
- 1991** *50 artistes pour le 25^e anniversaire*, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
- 1988** *Art for CRY*, traveling exhibition: Jehangir Art Gallery Mumbai, India ; Lalit Kala Academy, Delhi, India ; Calcutta, India ; Chitrakala Parishath, Bengaluru, India
Art Olympiade, Seoul, South Korea
- 1987** *Masques d'Artistes*, La Malmaison, Cannes, France
L'India en Suisse, Centre d'Art Contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland
- 1984** The 15th International Art Exhibition, Tokyo, Japan

- 1983** National Exhibition of Art, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi, India
Tantra, Aspects of Contemporary Indian Art, Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen, Stuttgart, Germany
 Premio Internazionale, Biella, Italy
- 1981** International Biennial of Engraving, Moderna Galeria, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia
- 1980** Contemporary Art Show, Fukuoka Art Museum, Japan
 National Exhibition of Art, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi, India
- 1975** Triennial, New Delhi, India
- 1973** 5th International Painting Festival - Exhibition of the award winners, Cagnes-sur-Mer, France
- 1972** 9th Menton International Art Biennale, France
- 1971** International Painting Festival, Cagnes-sur-Mer, France
- 1968** National Exhibition of Art, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi, India
Contemporary Indian Art, traveling exhibition in Europe
- 1967** Paris Biennale, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, France
- 1966** *Indian Painters*, Alliance Française, Madras, India
Progressive Painters Association Madras, All India Fine Arts and Crafts Society, New Delhi, India
- 1965** Edinburgh Festival, United-Kingdom

FILMOGRAPHY

- 2015** *Les Terres de France*, Crosswinds production
- 2011** *On Road*, Crosswinds production
- 2010** *MG Road to Dandi*, Crosswinds production
- 2009** *What happens in heavens*, Crosswinds production
Retour aux éléments, Méroé Films production / ARTE / Centre Pompidou
Pushed (Choreography Padmini Chettur), Crosswinds Productions
- 2006** *Ibhabit* (Choreography Preethi Atreya), Crosswinds Productions
- 2005** *Paper Doll* (Choreography Padmini Chettur), Crosswinds Productions
Solo (Choreography Padmini Chettur), Crosswinds Productions
- 2004** *Tsunami at Cholamandal Fishermens' Village*, Crosswinds Productions
- 2003** *Raja Rani*, Crosswinds Productions
- 2002** *Ether / Aakaash*, 16 mm, Production Viswanadhan / Centre Pompidou
- 2001** *Les mains de Calcutta*, Viswanadhan

1994 *Air/Vayu*, 16 mm, Production Viswanadhan / Centre Pompidou

1988 *Agni/ Feu*, 16mm, Production Viswanadhan / Centre Pompidou

1985 *Ganga / Eau*, 16 mm, Production Viswanadhan / Centre Pompidou

1976-1982 *Sand / Sable*, Super 8 mm, Production Viswanadhan / Centre Pompidou

FILM FESTIVAL SELECTIONS

2011 *Rétrospective des films sur les cinq éléments: Sable/Sand, Eau/Ganga, Agni/Feu, Air/Vayu, Ether/ Aakash*, Musée Guimet, Paris, France

2010 Mostra Internacional de Cinema de São Paulo, Brazil
Festival dei Popoli, Florence, Italy
Copenhagen Film Festival, Denmark

2005 Imagine India Festival, Madrid, Spain
Vidéo Danse Festival, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris

2004 Muestra Internacional Documental, Bogota, Colombia

2003 Festival dei Popoli, Florence, Italy

2000 Rotterdam International Film Festival, The Netherlands

2001 Infinity Film Festival, Alba, Italy
Vancouver International Film Festival, Canada
Cuenca International Film Festival, Ecuador
Festival dei Popoli, Florence, Italy

1997 First Documentary Film Festival, Santiago de Chile, Chili

1995 Forum International of Young Cinema, Berlin Film Festival, Germany
Vancouver International Film Festival, Canada

1994 La semaine de la Critique, International Film Festival, Locarno, Switzerland
Vue sur les Docs, FID, Marseille, France
Festival dei Popoli, Florence, Italy

1992 Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington DC, USA

1990 Festival du Cinéma du Réel, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
International Documentary Film Festival, Vienna, Austria

1989 Festival dei Popoli, Florence, Italy

1988 Festival du Cinéma du Réel, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

1987 Week of Directors' Movies, Malaga, Spain
Berlin Film Festival, Forum International for Young Cinema, Germany
Viennale 1987, Vienna, Austria
Jerusalem Film Festival, Israel

India 1987 in Switzerland, Contemporary Art Centre, Geneva, Switzerland
Mostra Internacional de Cinema of São Paulo, Brazil
Homme et Nature, Troia Film Festival, Portugal

1986 Festival du Cinéma du Réel, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris

1987 Festival dei Popoli, Florence, Italy
Festival del Cine d'Autor, Malaga, Spain

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Bharat Kala Bhavan, Bhopal, India
Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Calcutta, India
Château-Musée de Cagnes-sur-mer, France
Centre National d'Art et de Culture (CNAC), Musée d'art moderne, Paris, France
Centre National des Arts Plastiques (CNAP), Paris, France
Centro de Bellas Artes, Maracaibo, Venezuela
Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Hyderabad, India
Hôtel du Département, Val d'Oise, France
Lalit Kala Regional Centre, Chennai, India
Ministère des Affaires Étrangères, Gouvernement d'India, New Delhi, India
Mobilier National – Manufacture des Gobelins, Paris, France
Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, France
Musée National d'Art Moderne - Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
Mysore State Museum, Bangalore, India
National Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi, India
National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, India
Pfalz Galerie, Kaiserslautern, Germany
Punjab State University, Chandigarh, India
State Bank of India, Chennai, India
State Bank of India, Mumbai, India
State Hospital, Huddinge, Sweden
State Lalit Akademi, Manipur, India
State Lalit Kala Akademi, Kerala, India