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Education

- Bachelor of Fine arts; *University of Victoria*. -2019-2022
- Master's in Economics; Calcutta University, Kolkata, India. -2011-2013
- Diploma Degree in Multimedia and Animation; Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India. -2009-2010

Group Exhibition

- -Maternity break from 2022- 2024
- July2021-Sooke Fine Art Show(juried). BC, Canada
- July2020 Sooke Fine Art Show (Juried). BC, Canada.
- August2019 Sydney Art Show (Juried). BC, Canada.
- July2019 TD Art Gallery Paint In (Moss Street Art Fair). Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, BC.
 - July 2019 Sooke Fine Art Show (Juried). BC, Canada.
 - April 2019 Look Art Show. BC, Canada. Organized by Victoria Art Council.
 - April 2017 Pitt Building Spring Exhibition (Juried). Cambridge, UK.
 - October, 2016 Leys School Winter Exhibition (Juried). Cambridge, UK.
 - April, 2016 Pitt Building spring Exhibition (Juried). Cambridge, UK.

Awards, Grants and Membership

• Canada Art Council Grant 2025- \$22500 for Unholy Mothers

- BC Arts Council Individual Scholarship 2021-\$6000
- Emily Apinis-Grundstein Scholarship 2021- \$1455
- Val Faris Memorial Scholarship 2021- \$160
- Sooke Award of Excellence 2021; (I was awarded for the quadriptych drawing "Strings Attached". Prize Money \$1000.)
- Sooke Award of Excellence 2020; (I was awarded for the painting "Preservation of Soul". Prize Money \$1000.)
- Victoria Art Council, BC, Canada. Became member in 2019 Present.
- Cambridge Drawing Society, UK 2015 2019
- -Offered membership in Cambridge Drawing Society (oldest art society in UK, founded in 1882).
- -Members are chosen after a strict scrutiny of submitted paintings.
- -Youngest member of the society in its illustrious history.
- Winner, First Place, West Bengal Government Art Competition 2010. Prize Money- Rs. 500 and Books
- Winner, First Place, West Bengal pollution control board art contest 2005. Prize money- Rs 2000 and Books

Work Experience

- Teaching art to kids at Lakepoint Fine art school 2024-present
- Worked as an independent artist and freelance graphic designer. 2015-present
- Taught visual art at Poppet Creative 2023 Feb- May
- Created illustrations for the popular Bengali magazine Adwitiya.
- Worked as a graphics designer at Bengali News Channel Chobbish Ghanta. 2009 2011

Volunteer Work

- Donated paintings for a fundraiser. The fund raiser Art Draw was initiated to provide financial support to a Syrian refugee family who were trying to settle down in BC.
- Part of a non- profit organization named VBCS (Victoria Bengali Cultural Society). Uplifting community through artistic practice.
- Involved in betterment of Bengali community and other minority groups in Victoria Canada.
- Providing painting tutoring for slum dwellers and children Kolkata, India. 2011-2013

Interview

Interview taken by Creatively United Community

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