

CV

**MITHU SEN**

b. 1971, in West Bengal, India

# EDUCATION

**2001** PG Programme (Visiting) Glasgow School of Art, UK   
**1997** MFA (Painting) Visva Bharati, Kala Bhavan, Santiniketan, India  
**1995** BFA (Painting) Visva Bharati, Kala Bhavan, Santiniketan, India

**PARTICIPATIONS**

**2023** Austrlian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA), Melbourne, Australia

**2023** Sharjah Biennial 15: *Thinking Historically in the Present*, curated by Hoor Al Qasimi, Sharjah Art Fondation, Sharjah, UAE

**PUBLICATIONS**

**2023** Unmyth: Works and Worlds of Mithu Sen, edited by IrinaAristarkhova, essays by Sushmita Chatterjee, Karin Zitsewitz and Irina Aristarkhova

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

**2019** *"I have only one language; it is not mine",* Thomas Erben Gallery, New York, USA

**2018** *UnMYthU*, Chemould Prescott Road, Mumbai, India

**2018** *Mit i sny (Myth and Dreams)*, City Gallery Arsenal, Poznan, Poland

**2014** *A ° V O I D*, Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, Austria

**2014** *Border Unseen*, Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, Michigan, USA

**2013** *Cannibal Lullaby*, Nathalie Obadia Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

**2012** *Devoid*, Gallery Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France

**2012** *In House Adoption*, Gallery Steph and Nature Morte, Singapore

**2011** *AHH TAJ!!,* Zacheta Museum, Warsaw, Poland

**2011** *IN TRANSIT*, Espace Louis Vuitton, Taipei, Taiwan

**2010** *BLACK CANDY (iforgotmypenisathome),* Chemould Prescott Road, Mumbai, India

**2010** School of Art and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

**2010** Max Mueller Bhavan, New Delhi, India

**2010** *No star, No land, No word, No commitment*, Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi, India; Art Omi, New York, USA

**2010** *Nothing lost In Translation*, Nature Morte, Berlin, Germany

**2010** *I chew I bite*, Galleria Continua, Le Moulin, Paris, France

**2009** *Me Two*, Krinzinger Project, Vienna, Austria

**2009** *Dropping Gold, Dropping Gold,* Suzie Q, Zurich, Switzerland

**2009** *Freemithu,* KHOJ, New Delhi, India

**2008** *I Dig, I Look Down*, Albion Gallery, London, UK

**2007** *Half Full: Part 1*, Bose Pacia Gallery, New York, USA

**2007** *Half Full: Part 2,* Nature Morte, New Delhi, India

**2006** *It’s Good to be Queen*, Bose Pacia Artist Space, New York, USA

**2006** *Drawing Room*, Nature Morte and British Council, New Delhi; Gallery Chemould, Mumbai, India

**2003** *I Hate Pink*, Lakeeren Art Gallery, Mumbai, India

**2001** *Unbelongings,* Macintosh Gallery, Glasgow, Scotland

**2000** *Can We Really Look Beyond the Map?* Art India Style, New Delhi, India

**PERFORMANCE**

**2020** *Berkley for Sale!*The South Asia Art Initiative, UC Berkeley, USA

**2020** *Unlockdown*

**2020** *Unsocial Media*, Artist’s Talk-Performance, Living the New Normal: In These Extraordinary Times, a webinar by MASH India

**2019** *(Un)Mansplaining,* She Persists for Heist Gallery, 58th Venice Biennale, Venice

**2019** *Lunch is Cancelled*, Shalini Passi Art Foundation, India Art Fair, New Delhi, India

**2019** *100 (Un)Silent Ways*, Speaker’s Forum, India Art Fair, New Delhi, India

**2017** *UNhome in City IF Angels,*18th Streets Art Center, Los Angeles, USA

**2017** *Embodied Language*, *Italy meets India Project*, India International Center, New Delhi, India

**2016** *Mis(s)Guide,*Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, USA

**2016** *APHASIA,* Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum & Asia Society Museum (Asia Contemporary Art Week 2016), New York, USA

**2014** *Unwor(l)dly,* VCA, Melbourne, Australia

**2014** *Tongue that won’t stop wounding*, After Midnight, Queens Museum, New York, USA

**2014** *Shop Lifting***,**Art Chennai,Chennai, India

**2013–2014** *I am a Poet****,*** *Word. Sound. Power,* TATE Modern, London, UK; KHOJ International Artists’ Association, New Delhi, India

**2012** *I am not me,* Nirox, Johannesburg, South Africa

**2006** *Ephemeral affair*, Sacatar foundation, Salvador, Brazil

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

**2023** *Mithu Sen: mOTHERTONGUE*, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA),

Melbourne, Australia

**2023** *CheMoulding, Framing Future Archives, Clelebrating 60 years of*

*Chemould,* Chemould Prescott Road, Mumbai, India

**2022**  *Modus Operandi III: Together Alone*, Chemould Prescott Road, Mumbai, India

**2022** *Woman Is As Woman Does,* curated by Nancy Adajania, Jehangir Nicholson Art Foundation, Mumbai, India

**2022** *Empowerment*, Kunstmuseum Wolsfburg, Germany

**2022** *And When She Roared The Universe Quacked*, curated by Jesal Thacker, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India

**2021** *Diasporic Rhizome*, South Asia Institute, Chicago, USA

**2021** *Until you unhand,* On | Site, Bikaner House, New Delhi, India

**2020** *Visions of India*, Columbia Museum of Art, South Carolina, USA

**2020** *FRIN/GE*, curated by Shaleen Wadhwa, Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi, India

**2020** *Time Piece,* for Climate Week NYC, New York, USA

**2020** *Trojan Donkey,* curated by Amin Gulgee, Sara Vaqar Pagganwala, and Adam Fahy-Majeed, virtual performance show

**2020** *Phantasmagoria’s Illumination in Disenchantment*, curated by Arshia Lokhandwala, 1x1 Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

**2019** *Of Conversations and Collaborations,* Twin Art Gallery, IGNCA, New Delhi

**2019** *Correspondences | Ronny Delrue in Dialog,* S.M.A.K., Belgium

**2019** *5 Artists | 5 Projects,* Chemould Prescott Road, Mumbai, India

**2019** *VAICA – Video Art by Indian Contemporary Artists*, Godrej India Culture Lab, Mumbai; Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi, India

**2019** *Burnish/Tarnish,* Palette Gallery, New Delhi, India

**2019** *to a passer-by,* Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, Austria

**2019** *Modus Operandi II*, Chemould Prescott Road, Mumbai, India

**2019** *'In the Land of Downside Up: Adbhut Lok'*, Birla Academy, Kolkata, India

**2019** *She Persists*, Heist Gallery at Palazzo Benzon, 58th Venice Biennale, Italy

**2019** *Artoposcene*, iBiennale MMXIX, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

**2019** *Outside/In: An exhibition of Portraits,* Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi, India

**2019** *‘Now is the Time’,* Celebrating 25 years of the Kunstmuseum, Wolfsburg, Germany

**2018** *Contemporary Photographic and New Media Art*, FotoFest International 2018 Biennial, USA

**2018** *Facing India,* Kunstmuseum, Wolfsburg, Germany

**2018** *DELIRIUM // EQUILIBRIUM*, Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi, India

**2018** *HENOSIS,* Baik Art, Seoul, South Korea

**2018** *Cacophony,* Sensorium, Sunaparanta, Goa (Performance), India

**2018** *Caressing History*, Shrine Empire Gallery, New Delhi, India

**2018** *My Monster*, The Human-Animal Hybrid, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne, Australia

**2018** *Modus Operandi*, Chemould Prescott, Mumbai, India

**2018** *Bonjour Tristesse*, Barney Savage Gallery, New York, USA

**2018** *Asymmetrical Objects,* Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Mumbai City Museum, Mumbai, India

**2018** *APT9-9th Asia Pacific Triennale of Contemporary Art*, Queensland Art Gallery, Gallery of Modern Art, Australia

**2017** *UNhome in City IF Angels,* 18th Streets Art Center Los Angeles, USA

**2017** *Interwoven Dialogues: Contemporary Art from Africa and South Asia*, Aicon Gallery, New York, USA

**2017** *Sub-plots: Laughing in the Vernacular,* National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai with Sakshi Gallery Mumbai, India

**2017** *I replace you,* Kathmandu Triennale, Kathmandu, Nepal

**2017** *Embodied Language* (Performance), Italy meets India Project India International Center, New Delhi, India

**2017** *Phantom Pain,* Special Artist Project, India Art Fair, Nature Morte, Delhi, India

**2016** *Mis(s)Guide,* PEM (Peabody Essex Museum) Salem, USA

**2016** *DAK’Art*, Dakar Biennial, Senegal, Africa

**2016** *What is it?,* 1X1 Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

**2016** *Quiet Voices,* RMIT gallery, Melbourne, Australia

**2016** *Letter Opening*, R and R, Mumbai, India

**2016** *Jeevanchakra*, Akar Prakar and British Council, Kolkata, India

**2016** *Decolonising Feminism and Borrowed Languages* (Performance), The Yard, Alserkal Avenue, Dubai, UAE

**2016** *Deck of Cards | Taash ke Patte*, The Gallery, British Council, New Delhi, India

**2016** *Poetics of plurality*, SITE Art Space, Baroda, India

**2016** *‘I love you Sugar Kane’*, ICAIO, Mauritius

**2015** *Drawing Now*, Albertina Museum, Vienna, Austria

**2015** *Sensorium,* Sunaparanta - Goa Centre for the Arts, Goa, India

**2015** *Drawing the Bottom Line,* S.M.A.K museum, Gent, Belgium

**2015** *Canson Grand Prix Award Show*, Palais De Tokyo, Paris

**2015** *In the depths of our crater lake, all is silent*, Beirut Exhibition Centre, Beirut, Lebanon

**2015** *Unfolding: New Indian Textiles*, Fremantle Arts Centre, Perth, Australia

**2015** *The Wonders of the Year 2000*, Castelvecchio museum, Verona, Italy

**2015** *After Midnight*, Queens Museum, New York, USA

**2015** *Excavation/Eruption*, Vadehra art Gallery, New Delhi, India

**2015** *The Eye and the Mind: New Interventions in Contemporary Art,* Gaungdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China

**2015** *Prudential Singapore Eye Award for Asian Contemporary Art*, Art-Science Museum, Singapore

**2014** *I have only one language; it is not mine,* Kochi-Muziris Biennale, Kochi, India

**2014** *Batil-Kobitaboli*, Poems declined, Dhaka Art Summit 2014, Dhaka, Bangladesh

**2014** *Shop Lifting*, Art Chennai, Chennai, India

**2014** *HOMING,* Gallery Art Positive, New Delhi, India

**2014** *Aesthetic Bind: Cabinet Closet Wunderkammer*, Chemould Prescott Road, Mumbai, India

**2014** *I am a Poet, Word. Sound. Power*(Performance), KHOJ Studio, New Delhi, India; Galerie Krinzinger

**2014** *Sparsha – Touching the Senses: Ritual and Contemporary Indian Art*,Kunstmuseum Bochum, Germany Kunstmuseum Bochum, Germany

**2013** *We Are Ours: A Collection of Manifestos for the Instant*, Clark House, Mumbai, India

**2013** *Audible Forces*, Gallery 320, New Delhi, India

**2013** *Aesthetic Bind: Phantomata*, Chemould Prescott Road, Mumbai, India

**2013** *Mapping Gender: Bodies and Sexualities in Contemporary Art Across the Global South*, School of Arts and Aesthetics, JNU, New Delhi, India

**2013** *I for Inscription*, The Luxe Museum, Singapore

**2013** *'We were there and it was great',* Galerie Krinzinger @ ViennaFair 2013, Messe Wien, Vienna, Austria

**2013** *The Body in Indian Art,* Centre for Fine Arts, Bozar Museum, Brussels, Belgium

**2013** *The Black Frame Project: Your Singapore*, Indigo Blue Art, Singapore

**2013** *Aesthetic Bind: Subject of Death,* Chemould Prescott Road, Mumbai, India

**2013** *Word. Sound. Power. I am a Poet*(Performance), at TATE Modern Project Space, London, UK

**2013** *Peak Shift Effect*, Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi, India

**2013** *Organic Dreams of Electric Sheep: Image, Empathy and Pulse: After Philip K. Dick,* The Guild, Mumbai, India

**2012** *I chew I bite, The Unknown,* Mediations Biennale, Poznan, Poland

**2012** *How Am I?,* Kastrupgårdsamlingen Museum, Copenhagen

**2012** *Stargazing,* Rossi n Rossi, London, UK

**2012** *Reconstructing (White) 3,* The Loft, Mumbai, India

**2012** *The Phenomenal World,* Otto Zoo Gallery, Milano, Italy

**2012** *Terrestrial Bodies,* 1x1 Art gallery, Dubai

**2012** *Slipping through the cracks*, Latitude 28, New Delhi, India

**2012** *Cynical Love*, curated by Gayatri Sinha, Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, Noida, India

**2012** *Crossings,* Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi, India

**2012** *Narratives of Self,* Gallery Espace, New Delhi, India

**2011** *Spheres 4*, Galleria Continua, Le Moulin, France

**2011** *Fragility,* Art Alive, Gurgaon, India

**2011** *Window in the Wall India and China: Imaginary Conversations,* Pearl Lam Fine Art, Shanghai

**2011** *Generation in Transition*, New Art from India, Zachęta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw and CAC in Vilnius, Lithuania

**2011** *Home Spun*, Devi Art Foundation, New Delhi, India

**2011** *MEISSENart CAMPUS*, Leipzig, Germany

**2011** *For(e)play: Idea of Fashion*, KHOJ Studios, New Delhi, India

**2011** *Against all Odds*, Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi, India

**2011** *Myth-Reality*, Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai, India

**2011** *Of Gods and Goddesses, Cinema, Cricket: The New cultural Icons of India*, RPG, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai, India

**2010** *Spiral Jetty*, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India

**2010** *Public Enemy Number 1*, Exhibit320, New Delhi, India

**2010** *Scratch,* Sakshi Gallery at LKA New Delhi, India

**2010**  *“I think therefore graffiti”,* The Guild, Mumbai, India

**2010** *Eye of India*, Bartha & Senarclens Partners, Singapore

**2010** *Writing Visuals,* Harrington Street Art Center, Kolkata, India

**2010** *Continuum Transfunctioner*, exhibit 320, New Delhi, India

**2010** *Nature Revisited*, Sanskriti Gallery, Kolkata, India

**2010** *Size matter or does it?,* Latitude 28, New Delhi, India

**2010** *Evolve,* Tao art Gallery, Mumbai, India

**2009** *Finding India*, COEX, Seoul, Korea

**2009** *What the body Remembers: South Asian Video Art Today*, London, UK

**2009** *Abstract Cabinet*, Eastside Project Space, Birmingham, UK

**2009** *Indian Xianzai*, Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), Shanghai, China

**2009** *Emotional Drawing,* SOMA, Seoul, Korea

**2009** India Modern Exhibition, IVAM, Valencia, Spain

**2009** *Art Against Terrorism,* Akar Prakar, Kolkata, India

**2009** *Other India Story,* Lakeeren, Mumbai, India

**2009** *The Human Animal,* Arts I, New Delhi, India

**2009** *The Body Vessel,* Art Alive, New Delhi, India

**2008** *Where in the World*, Devi Art Foundation, New Delhi, India

**2008** *Mutant Beauty*, Anant Art Center, New Delhi, India

**2008** *Synonymous,* Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai, India

**2008** *Still Moving Image*, Devi Foundation, New Delhi, India

**2008** *Emotional Drawing*, MOMAT (National Museum of Modern Art), Tokyo, Japan

**2008** *Link,* Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India

**2008** *Contradictions and Complexities: Contemporary Art From India*, D.E.N. Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, USA

**2008** *Comme des bêtes*, Lausanne Museum, Berne, Switzerland

**2008** *Shifting Terrains/Altered Realities*, The Art House, Singapore

**2007** *A-MAZ-ING*, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai, India

**2007** *Horn Please*, Kunst Museum, Berne, Switzerland

**2007** Incohen Korean Women’s Biennale, Seoul, Korea

**2007** *Tiger by the Tail*, Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Boston, USA

**2007** *Here There Now,* Gallery Soulflower, Bangkok

**2007** *Making/Unmaking,* Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi, India

**2007** *Private/Corporate 4*, Daimler Chrysler Collection, Berlin

**2006** *Being Anastacia*, Goethe Institute, Salvador, Brazil

**2006** *Inside Outside*, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India

**2006** *All that glitters melt into air*, IPF, London, UK

**2006** *Avatars of the Object*, Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai, India

**2006** *Shadow Lines*, Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi, India

**2005** *Metrospective: Visual Representations of Metrosexuality*, Kitab Mahal, Mumbai, India

**2005** Golden Jubilee Show, Rabindra Bhawan, Lalit Kala Akademie, New Delhi, India

**2005** Monsoon Show, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India

**2005** *The New Wave in Bengal Art*, Akar Prakar, Calcutta, India

**2005** *Are We Like This Only?,* Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi, India

**2004** *Tableaux Vivant*, Nature Morte at Sridharani Gallery, New Delhi, India

**2004** *The Found Project*, Latrobe Regional Gallery, Victoria, Australia

**2004** *Fair and Furious 2*, Jebiwool Art Museum, South Korea

**2004** *The Art Connection*, British Council and Birla Academy, Kolkata, India

**2004** *Devotional Breach*, Gallery Sumukha, Bangalore, India

**2004** *Kaleidoscope,* Square One Gallery, New York, USA

**2004** Summer Show, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India

**2004** *Fleshed Out and Lifting Off,* Anant Gallery, New Delhi, India

**2004** *The Making of India,* Sahamat, New Delhi, India

**2003** *Portrait of the Decades*, CIMA, Kolkata, India

**2003** *Flag for Peace,* Karachi, Pakistan

**2003** *Peep Show*, Apparao Gallery, Chennai, India

**2003** *Through Customs*, Bose Pacia Gallery, New York, USA

**2003** *Fair and Furious*, Visual Art Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India

**2003** *Sheesa,* Sanskriti Foundation, New Delhi, India

**2003** *A/P Artist Proof*, Kala Ghoda Festival, Gallery Chemould, Mumbai, India

**2002** *Trans-Figuration*, Visual Art Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India

**2002** *Borderless Terrain*, Visual Art Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India

**2002** *Young Contemporaries from Shantiniketan*, Gallery Espace, New Delhi, India

**2002** *The Closet/Closets*, Academy of Fine Arts and Literature, New Delhi, India

**AWARDS**

**2020** *Performance Artist of the Year*, India Today Art Awards, India

**2015** *Prudential Eye Award for Contemporary Asian Art*, Singapore

**2015** Finalist for Canson Grand Prix award, Palais De Tokyo, Paris, France

**2015** Femina Power Women, India

**2011** *The SKODA Prize*, Delhi, India

**2008** *YFLO (FICCI),* Young Achievers Award in India, India

**2006** UNESCO-Aschberg Bursaries for Brazil**,** Brazil

**2000** Charles Wallace India Trust, UK

**2000** Junior Fellowship, Govt. of India

# RESIDENCIES

# 2020 Virtual Residency, Crisis and Creativity: Virtual Artist in Residence at UC Berkeley South Asia Art Initiative

**2017** HH Residency, Goa, India

**2017** 18th street Arts Center residency, Los Angeles, USA

**2015** KHOJ International Artist Residency, New Delhi, India

**2012** NIROX Foundation, Residency in South Africa

**2011** KHOJ International Artist Residency, New Delhi, India

**2010** Britto International Artist Workshop, Dhaka, Bangladesh

**2008** Awagami / MOMAT (The National Museum of Modern Art Tokyo) Residency, Tokyo, Japan

**2005/2006** UNESCO-Aschberg Bursaries for Brazil (Sacatar Foundation)

**2006** Bose Pacia Artist in Residence, New York, USA

**2005** Lijiang Studio Residency, Yunnan, China

**2004** Wasani International Artist Workshop, Kenya

**2004** Art Omi International Artist Residency, New York, USA

**2003** KHOJ International Artist Residency, New Delhi, India

# COLLECTIONS

Burger Collection, Hong Kong

Devi Art Foundation, India

Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, USA

Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, India

Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany

Kunstsilo Altdorf, Switzerland

Pizzuti collection, USA

SMAK Museum, Ghent, Belgium