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Artist Statement

I am Alakananda Mukerji, and I grew up on the River Ganges. I have long since left the narrow streets of Benaras where life is awash in a flood of color and a constant stream of souls. Yet however so far I may find myself from those ancient riverbanks, my memory, my art, and indeed my very being — these are forever caught up in the notion of endless, sacred flow.

People and faces, the surge of sounds, the unfathomably old commingling with the untarnishedly new -- all the rhythms and rhymes of India: this is the wellspring of who I am. I flow from this source, but I have become the river -- changing, evolving, flowing. And what flows from me, my painting, it is often a conversation between the me that was and the me that is becoming. Memories, media, materials -- bits of canvas, pieces of the past -- anything I can get hold of: this is my art. I am the medium. I am the flow.

The subtle tones of Europe, and the soaring spirit of America: these flow in me too, for in these places I was also educated, alongside rivers with strange-sounding names like the Aliákmonas, the Thames, and the Mississippi. These are part of me now and I am part of them. And I am changed, though my wellspring stays the same. For I am a river, and a river is process. Art is process. Life is process.



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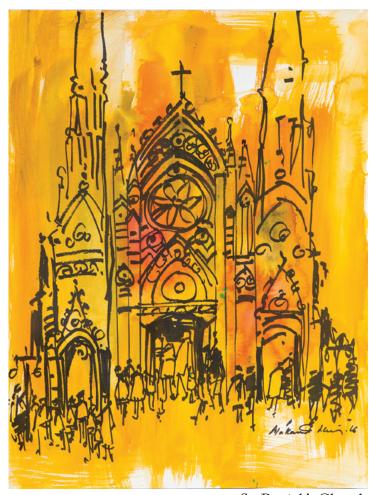
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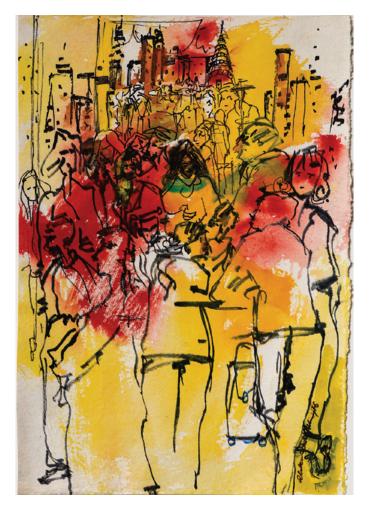
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Major Exhibitions

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IndiaArt Gallery, Pune, India Village Art Gallery, Katonah, NY, USA The Artists' Guild, Fort Lee, NJ, USA ABC Gallery, Mount Vernon, NY, USA Meserve Coale Gallery, Greenwich, CT, USA The Soho Gallery at 678 Broadway, New York, New York The Darisuz Gubala Gallery of Madison Avenue, New York The Gallery of Farleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ, USA Passaic County College, Passaic, NJ, USA National Exhibition of Lalit Kala Academy, Lucknow, India Birla Academy of Fine Arts, Calcutta, India All India Fine Arts & Crafts Exhibition, Calcutta, India National Exhibition of Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi, India Academy of Fine Arts, Calcutta, India Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NY Williamsburg Art & Historical Center, 135 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY

Recent Seminars and Conferences

Workshops and Talk Heatherley School of Fine Art, 75 Lots Road , Chelsea London

Workshop and Talk Formatio School, High School Lichtenstein 2015

Workshop and Talk The International School, Middle School Lichtenstein 2015

Directed and Curated:

A Legacy of Literature, Art and Music

Indian Consulate, New York 2015

Recent Documentary:

'River To River' A Short film on Artist of Kokata 2015