SHAYONTI SALVI - CURRICULUM VITAE

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- I worked as an Interior Designer in the corporate sector from 2002 till 2009, working on multiple large scale offices, as the call centre boom in India took off.
- I studied Ceramics at the Golden Bridge Pottery under Ray Meeker, Deborah Smith and Cory Brown in 2013.
- Ray Meeker curated me in my first group show in 2014 titled 'Clay at the Attic' in Delhi. Since then I have
 been a part of a variety of gallery shows both group and solo, both Indian and international, both with other
 ceramists and other non-ceramic artists, and continue to do so. My work is predominantly sculptural and
 takes inspiration from natural elements I come across while camping and diving. They weave themselves
 through a strong social context that I wish to comment on. (Listed below under OTHER SHOWS
 PARTICIPATED)
- I have won some awards for Ceramic Sculpture within India through the prestigious foundation of artist Prafulla Dhanukar, among other awards.
- I started curating shows in 2015, I have curated group shows, community art installations and ceramic festivals over the past 10 years. (Listed below under SHOWS CURATED)
- One of the highlights was getting the opportunity to initiate, organise and co-curate 5 different shows during
 the first INDIAN CERAMIC TRIENNALE 2018, each with a different theme. 'H2O' at AKFD, a sculptural show
 themed on Water; 'INTO THE BOX' at Gallery Art Chill at the Fort, a sculptural show with small sized
 sculptures all presented in a uniform sized small box; 'HANDLE IT' at Anantaya, a tableware show; 'JUST AN
 ILLUSION' at Gallery Art Chill, a sculptural show with medium sized sculptures; and 'TREE OF LIFE', a
 sculptural show themed around its namesake.
- I have recently curated a 7 week long Ceramic Festival, 'MAATI-PUTR' focusing on experiencing ceramics through all the 'six' senses. It included a tableware show, a sculptural show, a lecture series, multiple workshop sessions, a musical performance with 'ghatams' (terracotta percussion instrument), ceramic folklore narrative, a trivia game focused around ceramics and a dinner scape served in ceramic ware.
- I have been working closely in the last couple of years with Adil Writer, as co-curators for an ambitious exhibition of contemporary Indian art. We are connecting senior Indian ceramic artists into collaborating with the biggest names in Indian art; painters, metal sculptors, film makers, print-makers, etc. to come up with installations to exhibit by November 2025.
- Exploring focused areas of study is a passion that I continue to indulge in. Since 2018, I have attended and completed various Post Graduate Courses and workshops, within subjects like Art, Architecture and Environmental studies that I wish to specialise in. (Listed below under EDUCATION)
- Simultaneously, since 2022, I take on Interior projects that focus on sustainability in design, since Earth Building is an area I wish to specialise in. I am currently designing a school building within Mumbai city, which uses the 'wattle and daub' technique with raw earthenware, as its walls.
- I have been a part of 2 Theatrical Productions in Mumbai, for which I have designed the Scenography (sets). 'Lungs', directed by Quasar Thakore Padamsee and 'Barricade', directed by Sunil Shanbag.
- I have been teaching pottery in my studio to a varied section of students, some who have been coming to me for many years. I started teaching in 2015 and I find that teaching a dedicated student is akin to therapy.
- I have conducted many workshops, given presentations, mediated talks and interviewed artists for various institutions in Mumbai. (Listed below under WORKSHOPS, TALKS, PRESENTATIONS CONDUCTED)
- I lived in Austria through a student exchange program at the age of 17 in 1996, where I was introduced to the Viennese Art and Culture and learned to speak German.

SELECTED CERAMIC 2022 - Aqueous, Solo show at Artisans' Centre, Mumbai.

SHOWS - SOLO AND 2019 - Broken Homes, Solo show at Art & Soul, Mumbai

INTERNATIONAL 2016 - International Group show at LADICA Ceramic Fest, Zagreb, Croatia.

2016 - Creta Yuga, group show at Argilla Ceramic Biennale, Faenza, Italy.

CERAMIC AWARDS 2025 - Women

2025 - Women's Entrepreneurship Awards by Deeksha Centre for Excellence, Pune.

2018 - Ceramic Sculpture award, Maharashtra medalist by Prafulla Dahanukar Fund, Mumbai.

2017 - Ceramic Sculpture award, Western India Bronze medalist by Prafulla Dahanukar Art

Fund, Mumbai.

2016 - Ceramic Sculpture award, Mumbai Womens City Artist by Prafulla Dahanukar Art Fund, Mumbai.

2015 - Ceramic Sculpture award, Runner up for best artwork at Visions, Wagon Art, Delhi.

OTHER SHOWS

2024 - Terra Sculpt, curated and participated in group show Kathiwada City House, Mumbai.

PARTICIPATED 2024 - MaatiPutr Mandi, curated and participated in group show Kathiwada City House, Mumbai.

2024 - Symbols of Care and Nurturing, group show in The Glass Room, Mumbai.

2024 - Elemental, group show in Kanoria Centre, Ahmedabad.

2023 - TOI show, a group show of contemporary artists, Snowball studios, Mumbai.

2023 - TOI show, a group show of contemporary artists, Bikaner House, Delhi.

2021 - Table Manners 2, curated and displayed in group show at Art & Soul, Mumbai.

2021 - The Little Trunkets, at Art & Soul, Mumbai.

2020 - The Platter Show, curated and displayed in group show at Art & Soul, Mumbai.

2019 - Here Among the Disappearing, group show at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai.

2018 - Lets Party, group show at Gallery Manora, Bangalore.

2018 - H2O, curated and displayed group show at AKFD in Jaipur.

2018 - Into the Box, curated and displayed group show at Gallery Artchill, Jaipur.

2018 - Dialogue in clay, group show in Chandigarh.

2018 - The Porcelain show, group show at Visual Arts Gallery, Delhi.

2018 - Animal Planet, curated and displayed in group show at Art & Soul, Mumbai.

2017 - Finext miniature works, group show in Bhopal.

2017 - Speed of Light, curated and displayed in group show at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai.

2016 - Invited to participate in an art camp at the Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal.

2015 - Visions, group show at Artizen Art Gallery, New Delhi.

2015 - In the Twilight, group show at Gallery Art and Soul, Mumbai.

2015 - Under Construction, curated and displayed in group show at Art and Soul, Mumbai.

2015 - Mrittika, group show at Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal.

2014 - Bridges, group show at Stainless, New Delhi (tribute to Ray Meeker).

2014 - Clay At The Attic, group show at The Attic, New Delhi.

SHOWS CURATED

2024 - TerraSculpt during a 7 week long Ceramic Festival, MaatiPutr, Kathiwada City House, Mumbai.

2024 - MaatiPutr Mandi during a 7 week long Ceramic Festival, MaatiPutr, Kathiwada City House, Mumbai.

2021 - Table Manners 2, co-curated with Adil Writer at Art & Soul, Mumbai.

2020 - The Platter Show, co-curated with Adil Writer at Art & Soul, Mumbai.

2018 - Skywards, a group collaborative street installation at Kala Ghoda Art Festival, Mumbai.

2018 - Curated 5 separate group shows during the Indian Ceramic Triennale, Jaipur.

2018 - H2O at AKFD during the first Indian Ceramic Triennale, Jaipur.

2018 - Into the Box at Gallery Artchill co-curated with Aditi Saraogi during the first Indian

Ceramic Triennale, Jaipur.

- 2018 Tree of Life at Gallery co-curated with Reeta Kuhad during the first Indian Ceramic Triennale, Jaipur.
- 2018 Handle It! at Anantaya co-curated with Puneet Brar during the first Indian Ceramic Triennale, Jaipur.
- 2018 Just an Illusion at Gallery Artchill co-curated with Rekha Bajpe Agarwal during the first Indian Ceramic Triennale, Jaipur.
- 2018 Animal Planet, a group show at Art & Soul, Mumbai.
- 2017 Speed of Light, a group show at Jehangir Art Gallery during the Kala Ghoda Art Festival, Mumbai.
- 2017 Walk the Talk, a group installation at Jehangir Art Gallery during the Kala Ghoda Art Festival, Mumbai.
- 2015 Under Construction, a group show at Art and Soul, Mumbai.

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- 2021 Soda Firing workshop (5 day workshop) Adil Writer at Mandala Pottery, Auroville.
- 2021 Building with Earth (5 day workshop) Hunnarshala Foundation, Bhuj.
- 2019 Modern Standard Arabic Rohit Goel, Mumbai.
- 2018 Printing on clay (5 day workshop) Sushma Anand, India.
- 2018 Naked Raku firing (8 day workshop) Shimcha Even-Chen, Israel.
- 2018 Smoke firing (4 day workshop) Shamai Gibsch, Israel.
- 2017 Obvara firing (3 day workshop) Jane Jermyn, Ireland.
- 2016 Alternative throwing techniques (1 day workshop) Shozu Michikawa, Japan.
- 2015 Reduction Glazes (5 day workshop) Gary Hambleton, Australia.
- 2015 Anagama firing (20 day workshop) Tim Rowan, USA.
- 2015 Soda firing (5 day workshop) Ruthanne Tudball, UK.
- 2014 Obvara (2 day workshop) Jane Jermyn, Ireland.
- 2014 Large sculpture (5 day workshop) Martin McWilliams, UK/Germany.
- 2014 Plaster Mould Making (1 day workshop) S.V. Patil, India.
- 2014 Kiln Building workshop (5 days) Joe Finch, UK.
- 2013 Raku and wheel throwing (10 day workshop) Alan Baxter, UK/France.
- 2012 Raku (5 day workshop) Sandeep Manchekar, India.
- 2005 Hand Building in earthenware and porcelain (10 day workshop) Jacqueline Yu Fan, Singapore.

WORKSHOPS, TALKS, PRESENTATIONS CONDUCTED

- 2025 Talk Indian Ceramics Renaissance post independence movement, and Interviewed Sandeep Manchekar during his Solo show, Nine Fish Gallery, Mumbai
- 2024 Talk and Presentation on Alternative Firings Talk and Presentation, MaatiPutr, Kathiwada City House, Mumbai.
- 2020 Talk and Presentation on my Ceramic journey, IES school of Ceramic, Mumbai
- 2019 Talk and Presentation on my Ceramic artwork and the process, The Bombay Gymkhana, Mumbai
- 2018 Mediated a panel on Traditional ceramics in Contemporary India, IES School of ceramics, Mumbai.
- 2018 Talk and presentation on Ceramics in Architecture, During the Indian Ceramic Triennial, Anantaya, Jaipur.
- 2017 Talk and presentation on Argilla Ceramic festival, Kala Ghoda Arts festival, Mumbai.
- 2015 Talk and Presentation on the Ceramic Process, Indus International, Gallery Art & Soul, Mumbai
- 2015 Ceramic Hand building Workshop, Indus International, Gallery Art & Soul, Mumbai.

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P.G. Certificate in Indian Aesthetics; Jnanapravaha; Mumbai; Yr 2022.

P.G. Certificate in Critical Theory, Aesthetics and Practice; Jnanapravaha; Mumbai; Yr 2019.

Ceramic intensive course - Golden Bridge Pottery; Pondicherry; Yr. 2013.

Ceramic Diploma - L. S. Raheja Institute; Mumbai; Yr. 2013.

Gov. Dip., Interior Design-Rachana Sansad; Mumbai Yr. 2002.

B.A. (English/Psychology)- Mumbai University; Yr. 2001.

Foundation Art- Sophia Polytechnic; Mumbai, Yr. 1999.

HSC- Jai Hind College; Mumbai, Yr. 1996. SSC- G.D. Somani School; Mumbai, Yr. 1994.

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