

# **Geeta Dave - Muralist, Artist, Teacher**

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## **SUMMARY**

- ❖ Professional artist, muralist and art Educator specializing in painting, mosaic murals. Oil and mixed media painting and murals.
- ❖ Recipient of numerous national awards and certificates of merit in international competitions.
- ❖ Participant in various art exhibitions at the state and national level.

## **EXPERIENCE**

- 1996-present** Talented Art Instructor, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board
- 1999-present** Muralist and Project director-Opening Doors & other community organizations.
- 1994-1995** Artist in Residence at Highland Elementary
- 1993 – present** Louisiana Artists Roster Member
- 1991 – present** Art Council of Greater Baton Rouge, Visiting Artists Program and Art Enhancement Program for East Baton Rouge Parish Schools.
- 1989 – present** Visual Artist for Art Council of Greater Baton Rouge
- 1989-1991:** Runnels High School - Art Teacher for Grades-7 - 8.
- 1984-1987:** Creative Art Center, Rajkot, India: Professional artist, Instructor and owner of the center. I managed the art center for various activities including drawing and painting. I also taught painting and drawing to adults and teens entering college.
- 1982-1984:** New Era High School, Baroda, India: Responsible for teaching and instructing classes of basic art courses, drawing, and painting at secondary levels. Prepared curriculum work, created and developed working models for use of children to promote coordination.

## **COMMUNITY MURAL PROJECTS**

- ❖ Muralist and Project Director, community projects
- ❖ Louisiana Music-two 6 feet x 4 feet each-permanently on display at Baton Rouge Airport-2010
- ❖ Art in the Park-5 feet x 6 feet-on display at BREC locations-2009
- ❖ Galaxy-Acrylic on wood -4 feet x 4 feet-permanently will be display at Baton Rouge LASM-2008
- ❖ Our story-oil on canvas mural-4 feet x 4 feet-will permanent display at Baton Rouge Airport-2007
- ❖ Helping hands-Hurricane Katrina- oil on canvas mural-3 feet x 10 feet-permanent display at Baton Rouge Airport-2006
- ❖ Louisiana's natural treasure-ceramic tile mural-3 feet x 4 feet-permanent display at Baton Rouge Bluebonnet Library -2005
- ❖ Opening door to our future -4 feet x 8 feet-permanent display at Lee High School EBRPSS-2004
- ❖ Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts – Artist and Project Director - ceramic tile mosaic – 3 x12 feet

### **COMMUNITY MURAL PROJECTS (continued)**

- ❖ Form 35 organization - Artist and Project Director  
Muralist and Project director - "Baton Rouge in 2020" - four wall outside mural Downtown Baton Rouge. These murals are just added to the Public walking art tour by Louisiana office of the Governor Department of Culture and Recreation & Tourism Baton Rouge. LA
- ❖ Louis Jetson Foundation  
Muralist and Project director - "EDEN PARK A GARDEN" - Wall Mural  
6X15 feet ,36th North Street, Baton Rouge, 1999
- ❖ Created six original mosaic murals while teaching Junior High Students at  
Runnels High School in Baton Rouge. Three are presently hanging in the school.

### **COMMISSIONED MURAL PROJECTS**

- Commission by Baton Rouge Coca Cola Company for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Oil on canvas 4 x 3 feet 2005
- Commission by Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism and Shreveport Regional Arts Council.2003
- Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Plaza two archways focused on Spanish and Native American culture a total of 4 glass tile mosaic standing murals with size of 8 feet x 5 feet located at Red River District on Shreveport's Riverfront, under Texas Street Bridge. 2003
- Baton Rouge Green "Our Light Has Come" Spark Park Project, first FREEDOM Park in Louisiana – 4 feet x 14 feet semi-circular, glass tile mosaic mural located in Banks elementary school campus, 2002
- Commission by Baton Rouge Coca Cola Company for LSU stadium Coca-Cola suite – Oil on canvas 30" x 6 feet, 2001
- Commission by Baton Rouge Zoo, Louisiana - outdoor mural - 8x16 feet - exterior outside oil paint 1994- 1995
- Painted several large wall murals, including a 36' x 7' mural on the wall of S.D. Hall of M.S. University, India, in acrylic medium. Other murals include a 5' x 7' mosaic at the Vidya Kung School, Baroda, India, and several walls of the Gujarat State and Gandhi Museum and Radio Station in oil an acrylic medium in Rajkot, India.
- Donated two large murals, 8' x 4' each, for Zoobilation at the Greater Baton Rouge Zoo, 1993

### **SELECTED ART EXHIBITS**

- Teachers as Artist. LSU Union Art Gallery
- A Journey through Religious Art. Southern University Fine Art Gallery
- Visual Art and poetry art show at Baton Rouge Gallery
- Multicultural Exhibition, Baton Rouge Gallery group shows
- Baton rouge Little Theatre, one-man Show,
- Louisiana Arts and Science Center, one-man show
- *Zippity Zoo Day* Mosaic Mural Children's Workshop, Baton Rouge Zoo, 1993-1996.
- Renaissance Gallery, One American Place, Baton Rouge, one man show, 1993.
- Associated women in the Arts Member show, Woman's Hospital, Baton Rouge, 1991 - 1994.
- International art Show, West Baton Rouge Museum, 1993.
- Annual River road Exhibition, Baton Rouge, 1988 - 1992.
- All-India National Drawing Exhibition, Punjab, India, 1988
- All-India National Art Exhibition, New Delhi, India, 1981 - 1986.
- Gujarat State Lalitkala (Fine Arts) Academy, Ahmedabad, India, 1979 - 1985

*Paintings have been sold to private collectors in the USA, India, and abroad.*

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- Selected by COX Communication as an exemplary artist : February 2003.
- Middle School Art Educator of the year 2000-2001 by Louisiana Art Education Association.
- “Best of the Show”: St Francis Ville art Gallery 1998.
- Arts Ambassador Award, Baton Rouge, LA, 1995.
- First Place for painting "Trees," Louisiana Arts and Artists Guild Gallery, 1988.
- National Award for painting "Richness of Seasons," All-India Kalidas Academy, Ujjain, India, 1985.
- First Place Award in painting, State of Gujarat, India, 1977.
- Soviet Land (Russia) Nehru National Award, for five-year project in painting, 1971.

## **EDUCATION**

- 1) MA Post-Graduate in Creative Painting, 1982 - 84  
Faculty of Fine Arts, M.S. University of Baroda, Baroda, India  
Major area of study: Creative painting. Highest painting scholarship recipient for two years.
- 2) B. A. in Painting, 1978 - 82  
Faculty of Fine Arts, M.S. University of Baroda, Baroda, India.  
Major area of study: Drawing and painting. Highest painting scholarship recipient for 4 years.
- 3) ATD - Art Teaching Diploma, 1978  
Board of Gujarat State, Ahmedabad, India.  
Major area of study: Art teaching education. First with Distinction.

## **REFERENCES**

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