

# Geeta DAVE

Muralist, Artist, Educator

## SUMMARY

- Professional artist, muralist and art educator specializing in painting, mosaic murals with various media
- Recipient of numerous national awards and certificates of merit in international competitions
- Participant in various art exhibitions at the state and national levels

## EXPERIENCE

- **1996 – present:** Talented Art Instructor, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board
- **1999 – present:** Muralist and Project director- Louisiana community organizations
- **1991 – present:** The Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, Visiting Artists Program, and Art Enrichment Program for Louisiana Schools and community organizations
- **1994-1995:** Artist in Residence program-The Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge
- **1989-1991:** Runnels High School - Art Instructor
- **1982-1984:** New Era High School, Baroda, India -Art Instructor
- **1984-1987:** Owner of Creative Art Center, Rajkot, India - Professional artist, Instructor

## COMMISSION PROJECTS

- **Mural project for The Wall Project and The Dow Chemical Company West Baton Rouge, Louisiana -2014**
  - *All About Success*
  - Acrylic on wood, 4x20 feet
  - Located at Baton Rouge Community College Westside, Plaquemine, LA
- **Baton Rouge Coca-Cola Company for 100th Anniversary, 2006**
  - Oil on canvas, 4x3 feet
- **Mural project for Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism and Shreveport Regional Arts Council, 2003**
  - Two archways focused on Spanish and Native American culture
    - Two Spanish archway murals, 5x8 feet
    - Two Native American archway murals, 5x8 feet
  - Located at Red River District on Shreveport's River front, under Texas Street Bridge in Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Plaza
- **Mural project Baton Rouge Green *Our Light Has Come Spark Park Project, first Freedom Park in Louisiana, 2002***
  - 4x14 feet semi-circular, glass tile mosaic mural located on Banks Elementary School campus
  - Sponsored by City/Parish Department of Housing and Urban Development Houston, Texas and commissioned by Baton Rouge Green Louisiana.
- **Baton Rouge Coca-Cola Company for LSU stadium, Coca-Cola suite, 2001**
  - Oil on canvas, 2½x6 feet
- **Mural project for by Baton Rouge Zoo, Louisiana, 1994- 1995**
  - *Look Who is Hiding* - outdoor mural
  - 8x16 feet - exterior oil paint

## MURALS IN INDIA

- **Radha Lila mural in acrylic medium, Baroda, India**
  - 36x7 feet on the wall of S.D. Hall of M.S. University, India,
- **Mosaic mural at the Vidya Kung School water fountain, Baroda, India**
  - 5x7 feet, tile
- **Gujarat State Gandhi Museum, Rajkot, India**
  - Preservation and restoration of wall murals in several rooms
  - Gujarat state Chan participated in grant project preservation and restoration of wall murals at the century old temple
- **Radio Station 2 murals, Rajkot, India**
  - Oil and acrylic medium

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION DONATIONS

- **Two large murals, for the Greater Baton Rouge Zoo**
  - This project was created to help fundraising for the Baton Rouge Zoo, through The Friends of Baton Rouge Zoo.
  - Total of 8x8 feet
- **Five painted soccer balls to the Louisiana Soccer Association**
  - This project was created to help fundraising for 2010 & 2014 US Youth Soccer Region III Championships at BREC

## PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR MURAL PROJECTS

- ***Jungle to Ocean, Voice of Peace, Glasgow Middle School***
  - 5x36' and 10x10' ceramic tile murals
- ***Louisiana Music, BR Airport***
  - 7x6' wood and acrylic, permanently on display at the Baton Rouge Airport, 2010
- ***Integrity-Compassion-Attention, Jackson Middle***
  - 10x12' exterior paint at Jackson Middle in East Feliciana Parish, Jackson, LA, 2010
- ***Art in the Park***
  - 5x6' installed at the Louisiana Art and Artists' Guild's Studio in the Park, 2009
- ***Galaxy, Opening Doors Organization***
  - 4x4' acrylic on wood permanent display at LIGO Science Education Center in Livingston, Louisiana, 2008
- ***Our story, BR Airport***
  - 4x4' oil on canvas mural permanent display at Baton Rouge Airport, 2007
- ***Helping Hands-Hurricane Katrina, Opening Doors Organization***
  - 3x10' oil on canvas mural on permanent display at Baton Rouge Airport, 2006
- ***Louisiana's Natural Treasure, Bluebonnet Library***
  - 3x4' ceramic tile mural -permanent display at Baton Rouge Bluebonnet Library, 2005
- ***Opening the Door to Our Future, Lee High***
  - 4x8' exterior paint permanent display at Lee High School EBRPSS, 2004
- ***Project for Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts***
  - 3x12' ceramic tile mosaic
- ***Baton Rouge 2020, Form 35 Organization***
  - 10x10' four wall outdoor mural in downtown Baton Rouge added to the Public walking art tour by Louisiana Office of the Governor, the Department of Culture, and Recreation and Tourism, 1998
- ***Eden Park: A Garden, Louis Jetson Foundation***
  - Mural Project director for wall mural 6x15' located at 36 North Street, Baton Rouge, 1999
- ***Runnels School Themed Mural Project***
  - Created six original mosaic murals while teaching Junior High students at Runnels High School in Baton Rouge. Three are presently hanging in the school.

## ART EXHIBITS

- Pip Squeak: Small Works, Big Vision Art Show, Northbrook, IL, 2014
- Best of the Best, Shaw Center, Baton Rouge, 2013
- Teachers as Artist, LSU Union Art Gallery
- A Journey Through Religious Art, Southern University Fine Art Gallery
- Visual Art and Poetry Art Show, Baton Rouge Gallery
- East Baton Rouge Parish artist show, Bluebonnet Swamp in Baton Rouge
- Multicultural Exhibition, Baton Rouge Gallery
- Baton Rouge Little Theatre, one-man show
- Louisiana Arts and Science Center, one-man show
- 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
- All-India National Drawing Exhibition, Punjab, India, 1988
- All-India National Art Exhibition, New Delhi, India, 1981 - 1986
- All-India National Drawing Exhibition, ATUL, Ahmedabad, 1985
- All-India National Drawing Exhibition, New Delhi, India, 1982 - 1985
- Gujarat State Lalit Kala (Fine Arts) Academy, Ahmedabad, India, 1979 - 1985
- All-India Kalidas Academy, Ujjain, India, 1984 - 1985

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

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- Featured on Louisiana Public Broadcasting's Art Rocks series that spotlights artists, 2014
- Featured in *Country Roads* magazine, 2013
- Selected by COX Communications as an exemplary artist, 2003
- Middle School Art Educator of the Year 2000-2001 by Louisiana Art Education Association
- Arts Ambassador Award, Baton Rouge, LA, 1995
- Louisiana Artists Roster member, 1993 – Present
- Visual Artist for the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, 1989 - Present
- National Award for painting *Richness of Seasons*, All-India Kalidas Academy, Ujjain, India, 1985
- First Place Award in painting, State of Gujarat, India, 1977
- Certificate of Merit - International selection of painting in World Wildlife Funds, Switzerland, 1975
- Soviet Land Nehru National Award (Russia), for the painting *Panchvarshiya Yojana*, 1971

## EDUCATION

- **Master of Fine Arts, post-graduate in Creative Painting, 1982 - 84**
  - M.S. University of Baroda, Baroda, India
  - Faculty of Fine Arts
  - Major area of study: Creative painting
  - Highest painting scholarship recipient for two years
- **Bachelor of Arts, specialty in Painting, 1978 - 82**
  - M.S. University of Baroda, Baroda, India
  - Major area of study: Drawing, Painting & Mural
  - Highest painting scholarship recipient for 4 years
- **Art Teaching Diploma, 1978**
  - Board of Gujarat State, Ahmedabad, India.
  - Major area of study: Art teaching education. First with Distinction.

