



Sanjna Srikanth is a young artist who graduated from high school, class of June 2015 through a private learning program at The Learning Community International School, Maryland, USA.

In 2016, she finished a one year course in Diploma 3D animation, from the Picasso Animation College, Bangalore.

Born in Boston, USA, her parents noticed her penchant to experiment and an immense fascination with colors at a very tender age of 3. When the family shifted to Bangalore, and she started attending the BIS (Bangalore International School) as a part-time student. Her talent was spotted and groomed by the school. Since then, she has been under the tutelage of art teachers Mr. Dodamani, Ms. Malamma Patil and Mr. Vinodh Shahpuri.

Sanjna is known for her spontaneous art expressions of pure, brilliant colors and

simple, abstract forms. Sanjna is extremely creative and uses mediums such as pencil, charcoal, dry pastel, oil pastel, pen, ink and acrylic paints with equal élan. Over the years, her work has evolved in terms of boldness of the lines she uses, compositions and force of dynamism in her artistic manifestations.

Exhibitions:

Sanjna presented her *third Solo Exhibition* at one of the historic landmarks of Bangalore, the Venkatappa Art Gallery, between Mar 18-26th, 2016. The function was graced by Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Shri. E.S.L. Narasimhan and his wife Smt. Vimala Narasimhan. The Rio Olympic canvas was unveiled, and Sanjna's art teachers were given special honours during the inauguration.

She also held her *second Solo Exhibition* at the prestigious Lalit Kala Akademi, Chennai between Dec 22 - 28th, 2014. The opening ceremony was inaugurated by Mr. Sandeep Sareen, Executive Vice President, IndusInd Bank, Chennai. More than 80 artists and art students, and many visitors attended the exhibition throughout the week.

In Nov'13, her paintings were displayed in the India Inclusion Summit, and one of them was sold in a prestigious auction along with India's prominent artists and celebrities. And, in February 2013, one of Sanjna's works of art was profiled at the World Economic Forum, held at Davos.

In the year 2012, when she was 16 years old, Sanjna held her *first Solo Art Exhibition* with a collection of over 40 paintings and drawings, proceeds of around Rs. 40,000 which went to the Sunshine Autism school, Bangalore.

Honors and Awards:

In September, 2016, Sanjna had the immense honor of being a Torch Bearer for the 2016 Rio Summer Paralympics. She went to Rio De Janeiro and took part in the Torch relay event.

As a sponsor of the Rio Olympics, 2016, Cisco systems chose Sanjna because she fulfills the vision of the Paralympic Games, which are "a symbol of courage and inspiration to what is possible."

In August 2014, Sanjna has been recognized as an "Inspiring Role Model for the Community" by The Diana Award UK, established in memory of Princess Diana. This organization is a living legacy to Diana, the Princess of Wales' belief that young people have the power to change the world for the better. Since 1999, the Diana Award has recognized over 40,000 inspirational and socially active young people.

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