Ragini Upadhyay Grela

Former Chancellor, Nepal Academy of Fine Arts (2014-2018)

Member, BP Koirala India-Nepal Foundation (BPKF)

Director, Artist Proof Gallery, Nepal

Former President, Women Artists' Group of Nepal (WAGON)

EDUCATION:

1982 Graduated in Fine Arts from Lucknow College of Arts and Crafts, Lucknow, India

1983-85 Studied the Print's Techniques at the Artist Corner-Lalit Kala Academy, Garhi, New Delhi, India

- Peacock Printmaker, Aberdeen, Scotland, fellowship sponsored by the British Council
- Oxford Printmaker, England, fellowship sponsored by the British Council
- Kunste Akademy, Stuttgard, sponsored by Deutsch-Nepalischen Hilfsgemeinschaft E.V., Stuttgart, Germany

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

1992 Guest artist at the Radier Werkstadt, Kampen Sylt, Germany

1994 Guest artist at the Radier Werkstadt, Kampen Sylt, Germany

1996 Guest artist at the Radier Werkstadt, Kampen Sylt, Germany

1996 Visiting lecturer at the Lahti's Fine Art Institute and Türku Fine Art Institute, Finland

1996 Visiting lecturer at Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, Karachi, Pakistan

- Presentation on Women Issue Paintings at Kulturmagasinet Museum, Helsingborg, Sweden
- Talk program on Ragini Art at Kulturmagasinet Museum, Helsingborg, Sweden
- Visiting lecturer at Karachi School of Arts, Karachi, Pakistan
- Workshop on Nepali paper on etching at Institute of Art and Design, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, Pakistan
- Presentation on Nepalese Contemporary Women Artists at International Art Conference, Jamshoro, Sindh, Pakistan
- Presentation on Ragini Art at Pekka Halonen Academy of Art, Tuusula, Finland
- Presentation on work Series *Time Wheel* at University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland
- Presentation on Ragini Art at FOMMA, Karachi, Pakistan
- Presentation on Ragini Art at National Council of Art (NCA), Islamabad, Pakistan
- Workshop presentation on Nepali Paper on etching at Rawalpindi College of Art, Rawalpindi, Pakistan
- Guest of Honour and presentation on Ragini Art at Gorakhpur International Art Conference, Gorakhpur, India

2013 Presentation on Work Series *People's Power* on Nepal Day at R. Joest, Museum Köln, Germany

2014 to 2018 Chancellor of Nepalese Fine Arts Academy.

2018 Invited as Guest Artist at 18th Bangladesh Biennale, Dhaka, Bangladesh

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- National Association of Fine Arts, Kathmandu, Nepal in the presence of late poet Bal Krishna Sama
- Royal Nepal Airlines, Kathmandu, Nepal
- October Gallery, Vajra Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Fine Art Academy of Lucknow, India, sponsored by Lalit Kala Academy of Lucknow and Inaugurated by Late Nepalese Prime Minister B.P. Koirala
- Morya Hotel, Patna, India
- Fine Art Academy of India, Ravindra Bhawan, New Delhi, sponsored by the Nepalese Embassy in India
- October Gallery in Vajra Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal
- National Association of Fine Arts, Kathmandu, inaugurated by Her Majesty the Queen Aishwarya of Nepal
- October Gallery at Vajra Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal
- British Council Hall, Kathmandu, Nepal, sponsored by British Council, Nepal, inaugurated by the Late Prime Minister Mr. Marich Man Singh
- Deutsch-Nepalischen Hilfsgemeinschaft e.v., Stuttgart, Germany
- Goethe Institute Hall, sponsored by Goethe Institute, Frankfurt, Germany, Guests of Honours: the Consul of Nepal in Frankfurt and late Mrs. Busak 1990 Goethe Institute Hall, sponsored by Goethe Institute, Schwäbisch Hall, Germany
- Goethe Institute, Kathmandu, Nepal, inaugurated by the Late Prime Minister Mr. Krishna Prasad Bhattarai
- Shimba Gallery, Tokoshima, Japan 1991 Ujuka Gallery, Naruto, Japan
- Hananj Restaurant and gallery, Kamojima, Japan
- British Council Hall, sponsored by British Council, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 1992 Galerie Art du Temps, Verviers, Belgium
- 1992 Galerie Eglau, Radier Werkstadt, Kampen, Germany
- 1994 French Cultural Centre, sponsored by French Cultural Centre, Kathmandu, Nepal – *Politics, Dust and Love*
- 1994 Galerie Eglau, Radier Werkstadt, Kampen, Germany
- Gallery Gamlastan, Helsingborg, Sweden
- National Fine Art Association, Kathmandu, Nepal – *The Myth of Politics*
- Gallery S, Eupen, Belgium
- Gallery Joella, Türku, Finland – *Windows*
- Majuma Art Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
- Goethe Institute, Kathmandu, Nepal – *Goddesses and Women, Mythology and Reality*
- Grand Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan, as part of the YWCA World Meeting on Violence Against Women

- Gallery Oljemark, Helsinki, sponsored by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Nepal Finland Society – *Goddesses and Women, Mythology and Reality*
- Gallery Harmaja, Oulu, Finland, sponsored by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal – *Sensitive Women*
- 1999 Gallery Bellange, Ateljer, Stockholm, Sweden – *Sensitive Women*
- 2001 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal –*Ragini's Odyssey 2001,* inaugurated by her Majesty the Queen Aishwarya of Nepal
- 2001 Studio am Schloss, Berlin, Germany
- Atelier I.S., Eupen, Belgium, inaugurated by H.E. Kedar Bhakta Shrestha, Ambassador of Nepal to the EU
- Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal – *The Sun Never Dies, Buddha Lights and Truth Shines*
- Bilderwand Manufaktur (Culture House), Schorndorf, Germany
- Centrum Kultury 1 Jezyka NIemieckiego, Zielona Gora, Poland
- Culture Hall, Organized by Rotary Club, Halle, Belgium- *The Sun Never Dies, Buddha Lights and Truth Shines*
- Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal – *Time Wheel*
- Academy of Fine Art and Literature, New Delhi, India Sponsored by Indian Council for Cultural Relations – *Time Wheel*
- 2006 ICCR Hall, Hyderabad, Sponsored by Indian Council for Cultural Relations – *Time Wheel*
- National Association of Fine Arts Gallery. Kathmandu, Nepal Inaugurated by Former Deputy Prime Minister KP Oli – *People's Power*
- Majmua Art Gallery, Karachi Pakistan – *Sound of Love*
- 2007 Art Shop, Kathmandu, Nepal – *Sound of Love*
- Culture House (Manufaktur) Shorndorf, Germany – *People's Power*
- Venetian Multiveral Academy, Vienna, Austria
- Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal – *Love in the Air*
- Gallery Riddaren, Stockholm, Sweden – *Love in the Air*
- Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal – *Gaijatra Nepal*
- Gallery 919, Karachi, Pakistan – *Love in the Air*
- Museum Art Gallery, Organized by The Gaekwad Art Foundation, Mumbai, India – *Nature Speaks*
- Solace International Designs, Kathmandu, Nepal – *Nature Speaks*
- Studio am Schloss, Berlin, Germany – *Nature Speaks*
- Saemmer, Teppicharchitektur, Munich, Germany
- Culture Council, Chaudfontaine, Belgium – *Preserve Nature for Our Future*
- 2014 Atelier I.S., Walhom, Belgium
- 2016 Wang Xiaohui Art Museum, Suzhou, China 2017 Xiao Hui Wang Art Space, Shangai, China.
- 2018 Atelier I.S., Walhorn, Belgium
- 2019 Exhibition *Love revisited* at Kathmandu Gallery, open by Ms. Veronica Cordy, Ambassador of European Union in Nepal
- 2020 – From Heart, Solo exhibition at C. C. Gallery, Shanghai, China
- From Heart, Solo exhibition at Private company Tang, Suzhou, China
- Online solo art exhibition at Gallery 6, Islamabad, Pakistan

- Skye Gallery, Province, Rhode Island, USA
- 2022 Maxwell Library, Bridge water University, USA
- 2023 Retrospective of an Artist at Art Council, Organized by Siddartha Art Gallery, Nepal Ragini Upadhyay OPEN MIND , An Retrospective exhibition at Gallery Atelier I.S. Belgium
- 2025 Ragini Upadhyay – A Retrospective of an Artist at Bihar Museum, Patna, India.

GROUP EXHIBITION:

- Nepal Association of Fine Arts (NAFA), Naxal, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Nepal Association of Fine Arts (NAFA), Naxal, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 1988 Nepal Association of Fine Arts (NAFA), Naxal, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 1999 Patan Museum, Lalitpur, Nepal, International Women Artists Exhibition – *Women A Commitment*
- Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal – *Made in Janakpur- A Mithila Yatra*
- Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal – *Himalayan Expression 2003*
- 2007 Art Shop, Kathmandu, Nepal, Organized by Women Artists Group of Nepal – *Shakti*
- Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal, Sponsored by BP Koirala India-Nepal Foundation – *Ek Raat*
- Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 2008 Siddhartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal, *Double Vision* Group Exhibition
- 2008 Imago Dei Cage Gallery, Gairidhara – WAGON Workshop
- 2010 Artist Proof, Lalitpur, Nepal – *Contemporary Nepalese Printmakers*
- 2010 Siddartha Art Gallery, Kathmandu, Nepal – *Celebrating Line*
- 2013 Artist Proof, Lalitpur, Nepal, Sponsored by BP Koirala India Nepal Foundation- *Search for Ethics*
- Park Gallery, Lalitpur, Nepal – *Emergence of Nepali Modern Art 1960-80 AD*
- Park Gallery, Lalitpur, Nepal, Sponsored by BP Koirala India-Nepal Foundation – *BP Ko Samjhanama*
- 2014 Imageark, Patan, Nepal – *Paribartan Sochma: Understanding Gender*
- 2017 Art for Nature, Gaidakot, Nepal, Organised by Kalawati Art Council.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS:

- College of Arts and Crafts, Lucknow, India
- Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Calcutta, India
- 1980 Madras, India
- 1980 Srinagar, India
- Lalit Kala Academy, Lucknow, India
- International Biennial, Lubjiana (Ex-Yugoslavia)
- 1983 International Print Graphic Exhibition, New Delhi, India
- 1983 International Asian Biennial, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 1986 British International Print Biennial, Cardwright Hall, Bradford, England
- 1988 Hananj Gallery, Tokoshima, Japan

- Arijiano, Italy
- Osaka Triennial, Japan
- Luxembourg
- 1992 Liège, Belgium

- Atelier I.S. Gallery, Eupen, Belgium
- Lahti Museaum, Lahti, Finland-Nepal Group Exhibition *Aesthetics in Practice Conference*
- Lahti University Hall, Lahti, Finland
- 2003 Habiart Gallery, New Delhi, India, Organized by Siddhartha Art Gallery – *Himalayan Expression 2003*
- Gallery Open Eye, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK – *Double Vision* Group Exhibition
- Jamshoro School of Art and Design Gallery, Pakistan
- Kunste Centrum, Haarlem, Holland – *Double Vision* Group Exhibition
- Siddartha Art Gallery, International Art Exhibition – *Separating Myth from Reality Status of Women*
- London, UK, Organized by Siddhartha Art Gallery
- Artistproof Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium – *Double Vision* Group Exhibition
- Gallery 6. Islamabad, Pakistan
- 2013 Satrang Gallery, Islamabad, Pakistan – *Double Vision* Group Exhibition
- 2012 Neerja Modi Art Centre, Jaipur, India
- 2012 Gorakhpur Fine Art Faculty, Gorakhpur, India
- 2014 Artistproof Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium – *Exhibition 60/60* 2017
- 2015 National Art Exhibition, NAFA, NEPAL
- 2016 National Art Exhibition, NAFA, NEPAL
- 2017 National Art Exhibition. NAFA, NEPAL
- 2017 Korea-Nepal International Art Exchange Exhibition, titled “Draw the Himalayas”, Korea
- 2018 National Art Exhibition, NAFA, NEPAL
- 2019 Group exhibition *End of the Night* at Newstead Railway Art Hubs Gallery, Newstead, Australia
- 2019 Group exhibition *End of the Night* at Mrs Harris‘s Shop, Adelaïde, Australia

ATTENDED WORKSHOPS:

2002 Dolakha, Nepal, Sponsored by Nepal Academy Organized by Lalit Kala Academy

2006 Hyderabad, India, SAARC Countries Artists Workshop on the Occasion of Golden Jubilee of Lalit Kala Academy

- Mandala, Organized by Women Artists Group of Nepal
- Jaisalmeir, Rajsthan, SAARC Countries Artists Workshop Organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations and SEHER Organization
- Fine Art Faculty Hall, Benaras, India, with Indian Artists – *Ek Raat* organized by BPKF
- Nagpokhari, Kathmandu, Organized by Women Artists Group of Nepal – *Shakti*
- Darjeeling, India, Nepali Sahitya Sansthan, *BP Ko Samjhanama* organized by BPKF
- Nepal Art Council, Organized by Women Artists’ Group of Nepal to Support Flood Victims
- Maiti Nepal, Kathmandu

- Dhulikhel, Nepal, *Search for Ethics* Organized by Women Artists' Group of Nepal (WAGON) Sponsored by BPKF

2012 Neerja Modi Art Centre, Jaipur, India *International Art Workshop*

2014 International Workshop, Dhampus, Nepal, Organized by Nepal Academy of Fine Arts

2016 International Workshop, Lumbini, Nepal, Organized by Nepal Academy of Fine Arts 2016 International Workshop, Janakpur, Nepal, Organized by B.P. Koirala Foundation, Nepal.

2016 Benares, India, Organized by Art beyond the border.

AWARDS:

1979 *National Exhibition Prize,* Nepal

1985 *National Exhibition Prize,* Nepal

1988 *National Exhibition Prize,* Nepal

1986 *Kate and Robert Wilson Prize,* Bradford, UK

2002 *Birendra-Aishwarya Memorial Medal*, Kathmandu, Nepal

2005 *50 Most Influential Women of Nepal,* The Boss, Kathmandu, Nepal

- *Sankalp Samman,* Sankalp Nepal Welfare Society, Kathmandu, Nepal
- *Best Student Award in 100 Years of Lucknow College of Arts and Crafts,* Lucknow

2013 *Toran Kumari Kala Sanskriti Award,* Kathmandu, Nepal

- *Senior Artist Honour Award,* Nepal Commercial Artist Association of Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Bhadra Kumari Sewa Sadan Award, Nepal

2016 Sahamati Award for social work, Nepal

2019 Honorary Life Membership of U.P. Art Circle, Lucknow, India.

2019 GLAPEB AWARDS 2019 Artist of the Year from Bharat Nirman Foundation, India

PRESENT OFFICIAL COLLECTIONS:

Bradford Museum (The U.K.), Fukuoka Asian Art Museum (Japan), SAARC Building (Kathmandu, Nepal), Tribhuvan University

(Kathmandu, Nepal), Tribhuvan Airport (VVIP Room, Kathmandu, Nepal), Nepal Television Office (Kathmandu, Nepal),

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Kathmandu, Nepal), Ministry of Culture (Kathmandu, Nepal), World Bank (Kathmandu, Nepal),

Danish Embassy (Kathmandu, Nepal), PM House (Kathmandu, Nepal), and other Government Offices (Kathmandu, Nepal), Fine Art Academy (Lucknow, India), King Birendra Art Gallery Museum (Kathmandu, Nepal), World Bank Museum, Head Office, U.S.A., Culture Ministry, Beijing, China.

PRESENT PRIVATE COLLECTIONS:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Nepal, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, UK, USA

VISITED COUNTRIES:

Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, UK, Vietnam.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Founder and Former President of Women Artist Group of Nepal.

Board Member – B.P. Koirala Foundation

Board Member – Barbara Peace Foundation Founder and President of Shivata Love Foundation.