Debangana Banerjee, M.F.A. Visual Artist

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Present Occupation

- Visual artist

Education

- M.F.A in Printmaking at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, 2010
- M.F.A. in Graphics (Printmaking), Kala-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, India, 2005
- B.F.A. (Honours) in Graphics (Printmaking), Kala-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, India, 2003

Honours & Awards

Academic:

- National Scholarship, Ministry of Culture, India, 2005-07
- University scholarship for MFA in Graphics, India, 2002, 2003
- "Suhag Kumari Nahar" scholarship for standing first in the Annual Examination, India, 2001
- "Roopkrishna Book Prize" for first place in the Annual Examination, 2001, India
- University Scholarships, for first place in order of merit in Kala-Bhavana, India, 1999, 2000, 2001

Other:

- Merit certificate, Kalavart National Art contest 2002, Kalavart Nyas, Ujjain, 2002
- Merit certificate, 3rd All India Art Exhibition (Lokmanya Tilak Exhibition), Pune 2002
- Silver & Bronze medal, 2nd & 3rd All India Art Contest & Exhibition", Kalankan Prayas, Dhanbad, November 2002, 2003
- Sunanda Award for Art, Bhubaneshwar, 1990
- Shankar's International Children's Art Competition Award, 1987
- First Prize (Group "B"), Camel All-India Colour Contest, 1986

Publications

- Seven art works in *Unlikely Stories Mark V*, Jan. 2019
- Four poems, "No One Ever Asked You", "In The Lounge Of Night", "An Absence All Yours", "A Voice Across The Ocean" (Bengali and English, jointly translated with Vincent Cellucci) in *Unlikely Stories Mark V*, Jan. 2019
- Short story "Shunyo Dakbaksho Ar Zeiya-r Chithi" in *Onustup (*a leading Bengali magazine in India), Oct. 2018

- Short story “Didima” in *Sharad Arghya (*a Houston based Bengali magazine), Oct. 2018
- Poems “Ei Ashhin-e”, “Chole Jeona”, Otai Amar Mati” in *Prabash Bandhu (*a Houston based Bengali magazine), Oct. 2018
- Designed cover for *Prabash Bandhu*, April 2018
- Poems “Bolo Notun Bochhor”, “Ei Basan-te Othoba Santiniketan” in *Prabash Bandhu,* April 2018
- Poems “Shunnotar Kobita”, “Shaj” in *Prabash Bandhu,* Oct. 2017
- Short story “Shunyo Dakbaksho Ar Zeiya-r Chithi” in *Prabash Bandhu,* April 2017
- Poem "This Land Is Mine Too" (jointly translated with Vincent Cellucci), 25th Annual Austin International Poetry Festival’s *di-vêrsé-city Adult Anthology*, April 2017
- Poems “Dear Baton Rouge”, “I Do Not Confuse Myself Anymore” (jointly translated with Vincent Cellucci), in *International Poetry Review (Vol. XLI, NO 1, Fall 2015)*, Dec. 2016
- Creative essay “Prothom Bidesh Jatra” in *Prabash Bandhu,* Oct. 2016
- Poems “Deepabalir rat” & “Ei Ashwine” in *Sharad Arghya,* Oct. 2016
- Designed music CD cover for “ Mon Bandhibi Kemone” by Sahana Bajpaie, 2016
- Creative essay “Uttam Kumar” in *Prabash Bandhu,* April 2016
- Poems “Deshe Fera”, “Nishchinte Ghumao” in *Prabash Bandhu,* April 2016
- Designed cover for *Racines et déracinements au grand écran* by Marianne Bessey and Carole salmon, 2016
- Poem “Bari Kothae” in *Sharad Arghya,* Oct. 2015
- Designed cover for *Prabash Bandhu,* Oct. 2015
- Short story “Manjari-r Rocking Chair” in *Prabash Bandhu,* Oct. 2015
- Collaborative art work (art: Debangana Banerjee, word: Scott Vanya) with poet Scott Vanya in *Yellow Chair Review* Issue #3, Aug. 2015
- Poem “Nijer Chhayar Shongi Tui” in 35th North American Bengali Conference issue of *DuKool*, July 2015
- “A Basket of My Own”, artwork in *Yellow Chair Review* Issue #1, June 2015
- “Midnight Tunes”, artwork in *She did it Anyway,* an online anthology, May 2015
- Poems “Ekta Ghorer Khonje”, “Konkhane Bari” in *Prabash Bandhu,* May 2015
- *Come Back River,* Bengali-English translations poetry chapbook (translated jointly with Vincent A. Cellucci), Finishing Line Press, 2014
- Artworks in *Texas Wild Rice Anthologies*, April 2014
- Three artworks and a poem “Ekbar Nodir Haoae” in *Dhrubatara*: Central Texas Bengali Association, Oct. 2014
- Art, a short story “Dattak Didima”, and a poem “Fire Esho Nodi” in *Dhrubatara*: Central Texas Bengali Association, Oct. 2013
- Six poems in *Toad Suck Review,* Issue #2, (Translated from Bengali to English by Vincent A. Cellucci), 2012
- Designed cover for *Tagore Dance* by Dr. Kaberi Chatterjee, 2011
- Designed cover for *Asians in America: Diasporic Perspectives in Literature* by Professor Himadri Lahiri, 2011
- Two short stories published on the occasion of Nandan Mela, the annual art fair of Kala-Bhavana; India 1998 and 1999
- Several articles, photographs and prints published in various leading Indian daily and weekly magazines including *The Sunday Times of India, The Statesman, Sahara Time* and *Ananda Bazar Patrika*

Exhibitions

Solo:

- "Spring", Wake the Dead Coffee House, San Marcos, TX, April 2017
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- Featured artist at "WaterFront Fest", Ellinger, TX, July 2015
- "Texas Wild Rice", Wake the Dead Coffee House, San Marcos, TX, May 2015
- Art display at Faculty Senate meeting room, J C Kellam, Texas State Uni., San Marcos, TX, Feb. 2015
- "Footsteps Towards A Thousand Hues", Bower Bird Gallery, San Marcos, TX, March 2014
- "come back river", Zosima Gallery, San Marcos, TX, Jan. 2014
- Jump Start Art Gallery, San Antonio, TX, May 2012
- San Marcos Public Library, San Marcos, TX, Nov 2011
- M.F.A Thesis Show, Foster Gallery, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA, 2010
- Beauregard Gallery & Bistro, Baton Rouge, LA, Oct. 2009
- Art display at Communication across the Curriculum, Art & Design studio, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA, 2008
- Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, Baton Rouge, LA**,** 2007
- Shreshta Art Resources at Café Coffee Day, Espresso Gallery, Bangalore, India, 2004

Group:

- "The Extra-Ordinary Beauty of What Is...", Jan 2019, Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, Jan. 2019
- "Communication", Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, Oct. 2018
- PATHWAYS, an exhibition of large format & experimental printmaking, Baum Gallery, Arkansas, Jan. 2018
- "Play", Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, July 2018
- "Springtime in San Marcos", San Marcos Art League, Mariposa Apartment Homes, San Marcos, TX, May 2017
- "THESE ARE OUR PAPERS", Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos, TX, May 2017
- Portarits and Self portraits", Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, May 2017
- Artworks in the community, Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, 2012-2018
- Art at the Center, Hays County Government Center, San Marcos, TX, 2015-2018
- Annual Mix 'n' Mash exhibit, Mexic-Arte Museum, Austin, TX, Feb. 2017
- "A Century of Resistance", Gallery of the Common Experience, Texas State Uni., San Marcos, TX, Feb. 2017
- "Nasty Women Art Exhibition", San Antonio, TX, Jan. 2017
- "Portals and Walls", The Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, Jan. 2017
- "50 ValYous-more than 100 artists", collaborative work with poet Steve Wilson, The Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, Nov. 2016
- "I AM WOMAN, HEAR ME WAR", Gallery of the Common Experience, Texas State Uni., San Marcos, TX, Sept. 2016
- "Chiaroscuro: from Dark to Light", The Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, Dec. 2015

- Annual Mix 'n' Mash exhibit, Mexic-Arte Museum, Austin, TX, Dec. 2015, 2011
- Fundraising art show, Foster gallery, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Dec. 2015
- "Art Haus II", Pour Haus, New Braunfels, TX, Nov. 2015
- "Gallery Night Central", group show, Temple, Texas, 2015
- "Exclamation", Zosima Gallery, San Marcos, TX, July 2015
- An exhibition on"6x6x2015", Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester, NY, June 2015
- "On Walking", collaborative work with poet Scott Vanya, The Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, May 2015
- "Art Works in the Community" 17th annual Texas State exhibit, collaborative work with Suparno Banerjee, The Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, April 2015
- "WOMEN's WOR(K)TH", Wake the Dead Coffee House, San Marcos, TX, April 2015
- "BIRDS", ART Forum of WACO, Waco, TX, April 2015
- "CT World Water Day", MAC650 Gallery, Middletown, CT, March 2015
- Exhibition and silent auction by San Marcos River Foundation, Price Senior Center, San Marcos, TX, Feb. 2015
- 11th Anniversary 2015 People's Gallery Exhibition, Austin City Hall, Austin, TX, Feb. 2015
- "Framing the Goals of Democracy", Gallery of the Common Experience, Texas State Uni., San Marcos, TX, Feb. 2015
- "Artists Interpret the Elements", Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, Jan. 2015
- "She did it anyway", Words of Womyn~Heart of Texas, ART Forum of Waco, Waco, TX, Jan. 2015
- "Black, White and Gray: A Spectrum of Views on Integration", Gallery of the Common Experience, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, Sept. 2014
- An exhibition on "6x6x2014", collaborative work with poet Steve Wilson, Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester, NY, June 2014
- "Green (&) Blue" and "Texas Wild Rice Anthologies Unbound", Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, Aug. 2014
- "Spring into ART", LBJ Museum, San Marcos, TX, 2014
- An exhibition on "Birds, Beasts and Storytelling Chairs", Collaborative work with poet Steve Wilson, Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, May 2014
- "Wine and Art Walk", Downtown San Marcos, TX, March 2014
- 10th Anniversary *2014 People's Gallery Exhibition* at Austin City Hall, Austin, Feb. 2014
- "Face Forward: Portraits of Emotional Exposure", Gallery of the Common Experience, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, Jan. 2014
- "Engaging Your Dreams", Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, Jan. 2014
- 9x12 Works on Paper Show, FWCAC, Fort Worth, TX, Dec. 2013
- Memory: International Mail Art Exhibition and Swap, Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, Canada, Nov. 2013
- "Where are you from?", Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, Nov. 2013
- "Namaste: An Exploration into Vibrant Indian Culture", Alfa Art Gallery, New Brunswick, NJ, Sept. 2013
- "Mind into Matter", Gallery of the Common Experience, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, Aug. 2013
- 30 Years of LSU Printmaking (2010-1980), Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2012

- "The Rites of Spring", Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, May 2013,
- "Roots and Reflections", Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, May 2012
- Spring Gala, Auction, NVSU, Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, WA, May 2012
- Indo-American Arts Council Erasing Borders, Exhibition of Contemporary Indian Art 2012, New York, NY 2012
- 4x6/6x4 Postcard Legacy Campaign Exhibit, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO, 2012
- Off The Wall Fundraiser, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA, 2012
- The Albert B. Alkek Library staff art exhibit, Alkek Library 1st floor, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, 2012
- "Shilpa", Colors of India-Pakistan-Bangladesh, Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, 2012
- 8th "Redefinition: An Artistic Experience", Ensemble Theatre, Houston, TX, Dec. 2011
- "Such–and-Such by So-and-So", Postcard Exhibition, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA, 2011
- "Layers of Truth" collages within a collage, Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, 2011
- The Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) Auction & Exhibition, Baton Rouge, LA, 2011, 2010, 2009
- Silent Auction organized by The International Hospitality Foundation at LSU Little Theater, Baton Rouge, LA, 2009
- "Venus Envy", Baton Rouge Gallery, LA, 2009
- 4484 Streetview Art Collective, an art Auction at Foster Gallery, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA, 2009
- "Celebrating Women", Shaw Centre, Baton Rouge, LA, 2009
- "Bridges", an exchange print portfolio, San Francisco Art Institute and LSU, 2009
- Graduate Students Exhibition at Foster Gallery, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA, 2008, 2007
- "Middleton Show", Middleton Library, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA, 2008
- "Women in Arts" (Women's History Month), LSU Women's Centre, Baton Rouge, LA, 2008
- "The Colloquial Datum" an exchange print portfolio, organized by The University of Wisconsin Parkside, WI, 2007
- "L'Epice de la Vie", Ann Connelly Fine Art Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA, 2007
- Several exhibitions at Backyard Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA, 2006
- An Exhibition to support Santiniketan Shishutirtha, Birla Academy of Art & Culture, Kolkata, India, 2006
- An Exhibition of Prints, Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Kolkata, India, 2005
- 69th Annual Exhibition, Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Kolkata, India, 2005
- An Exhibition of Prints, Govt. College of Art, Chandigarh, India 2004
- 18th All India Art Contest & Exhibition, South Central Zone Cultural Centre, Nagpur, India, 2004
- 68th Annual All India Fine Arts Exhibition, Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata, India, 2003
- Charukala Barshik Prodorshoni and Charukala Utsav, Ministry of Information and Culture, Government of West Bengal, India, 2003
- Exchange exhibition of print making, Gulbarga Art Collage and Kala-Bhavana, Santiniketan, India

- 5th All India Fine Art Exhibition 2002-2003, Academy of Fine Art Karnataka, India
- 2nd & 3rd All India Art Contest and Exhibition, Kalankan Prayas, Dhanbad, India, 2002 & 2003
- "All India Exhibition of Art", Indian Academy of Fine Arts (REGD), Amritsar, India, 2002, 2003, 2005
- Exhibition, "Anish Collections" Art Gallery, Trivoli Court, Kolkata, India, 2002
- Exhibition, Jammu Art College, J & K, India, 2002
- 24th All India Art Exhibition, Tulika Kalakar Parishad, Udaipur, India, 2002
- Lokmanya Tilak Art Exhibition (3rd & 4th All India Art Exhibitions), Tilak Smarak Trust, Pune, India, 2002, 2003
- All India Exhibition of Drawings- 2002, Punjab Lalit Kala Academy & National Lalit Kala Academy, Chandigarh, India, 2002
- 2nd Eastern Region Exhibition, Camlin Art Foundation, Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata, India, 2001
- Three-way Exchange Exhibition of Printmaking, Camberwell College of Arts, London, **UK**:National Art School, Sydney, **Australia** and Kala-Bhavana, Santiniketan, India; 2001
- Exhibition of Prints, Kala-Bhavana, Nandan Art Gallery, Santiniketan, India, 2001
- Indo-Japan Exchange Exhibition, Saga Art College, **Japan**, 2001
- Exhibition, organized by Patha-Bhavana, showing works of artists associated with the school, from Rabindranath Tagore to the present; Santiniketan, India, 2000

Collections

- Baton Rouge Community College, Communication Across the Curriculam (LSU), Elizabethan Gallery, Ann Connelly Fine Art Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA and various other places abroad

Performances and talks

- "Come Back River", a talk on art and poetry together with poet Vincent Cellucci at the Baton Rouge Community College, Baton Rouge, LA, March 2016
- Featured poet at Austin Poetry Society, NeWorlDeli, Austin, Nov. 2015
- Featured poet at "Expressions", Bahai Center, Austin! Nov. 2015
- Poetry reading at Half Price Book store, Austin, TX, Oct. 2015
- Featured poet at "Awesmic 2015 Spoken Word", Awesmic City Expo., Austin, TX, Sept. 2015
- Featured poet at "Matwaala", a South Asian Diaspora Poets festival, Casa de Luz, Austin, TX, Aug. 2015
- Poetry reading, at San Marcos Poetry Night, San Marcos, TX, 2014-2017
- Talk, reading and demonstration on water in my art and poetry at University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, March 2014
- Narration, "Churning of Milk," a documentary film by Chicory Miles, Professor in Sculpture, LSU, LA, 2007
- Musical, theatrical performances recorded and broadcast over national television in India

Experience

- Co-curated art exhibition 'Shilpa: Colors of India-Pakistan-Bangladesh', Walkers' Gallery, San Marcos, TX, Jan. – March 2012
- Graduate Assistant, Communication across the curriculum, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, 2007-2010
- Worked as art and craft teacher in Navanalanda (secondary school), Santiniketan, WB, India, from August 2005 to Feb. 2006
- Board member of The San Marcos Area Arts Council, San Marcos, TX
- Member of San Marcos Art League
- Voluntary art educator at the Wonderland School, San Marcos, TX 2018-19

Other

- Winner of the San Marcos River Photo Contest, San Marcos, TX, Feb. 2015
- Six poems included in the syllabus of "Africa, India and the Middle East Global Mirrors and Personal Journey of Discovery," course taught by Benjamin S. Lowenkron at Baton Rouge Community College, LA, 2011-15
- Active member in various on campus activities during student life in India and also worked closely with faculties to organize various events like art exhibitions, book publications, university study tours, art fairs, dramatic performances etc.

Voluntary Work

- STREAM Fest -Explore the art in everything, organized by San Marcos Public Library and San Marcos Activity Center, Jan. 2015
- Wittliff Collections archive at Texas State University-San Marcos, TX, 2010 onwards
- San Marcos Public Library, TX, 2010
- Loan Closet (under IHF), LSU, Baton Rouge, LA, 2006-2010
- LSU Union Art Gallery Committee, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA, 2006-2007
- Engaged in teaching regular classes in art, art appreciation, and theatre for CHETANALOK (an organization offering remedial services for disabled and disadvantaged children and youth), India, 1999-2002