

**BHAVNA MISRA**  
Professional Portrait Artist

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Bhavna is an India born full time artist working out of her San Francisco Bay Area based art studio. She holds a passion for observing life closely and a desire to make a difference via her drawings and paintings.

Before making arts her career, she worked as an electrical engineer and a teacher in California, USA. During her sabbatical from work in the early spring of 2010 - 11, she was able to give more time to her artwork. This break made her reflect upon going back to her field of training. And finally she decided to take up arts as her career.

She uses charcoal, pencil, pen, oil and pastel for her work. However, oil has been her choice of medium for most portraits. In her spare time, she likes to take photos and write short stories.

**Selected Group Exhibition**

- 2014 *Annual Juried Photography Exhibit*  
Nov – Dec  
City Cultural Arts Council, East Bay  
California, USA
- 2014 *Winter Quarter Art Show*  
Oct – Jan  
City Art Association, East Bay  
California, USA
- 2014 *Day of the Dead*  
Oct – Nov  
Hayward Area Historical Society, Hayward  
California, USA
- 2014 *Annual Juried Fine Art Show*  
Sep – Oct  
City Art Association, East Bay  
California, USA
- 2014 *Hidden Treasure/ Local Talent*  
Sep – Oct  
Olive Hyde Art Gallery, East Bay  
California, USA
- 2012 *Annual Student Awards Exhibition*  
Mar – Apr  
Louie-Meager Gallery, Ohlone College, East Bay  
California, USA

**Relevant Coursework**

- 2013 *Creative Design Solutions*, Stanford University, CA
- 2011 *Painting – Color/Composition*, Ohlone College, California, Grade: A
- 2010 *Descriptive Drawing*, Ohlone College, Fremont California, Grade: A

## **Education**

2004 MS in Electrical Engineering  
San Jose State University  
San Jose, California, USA

## **Awards and Published Articles**

- 2015 Featured Artist  
Online Portrait Gallery  
Winsor and Newton  
Fine Arts Supplies Manufacturing Co.
- 2015 Distinguished Artist Award  
*Portrait* - Juried Fine Arts Call  
ArtAscent International Art Magazine
- 2014 Silver Award  
Pastel – Graphics Category  
Annual Juried Fine Art Show  
Fremont Art Association, Fremont CA
- 2014 “[\*Former Student Discovers Artistic Passion\*](#)”  
Ohlone Monitor Newspaper  
Issue Nov 20, 2014

## **Volunteer Work**

Art Reflections Program,  
Local School District

- Educate parents and students about the program
- Provide judging support for the submitted artwork
- Take pictures of the judging event
- Help during the Art Reception Ceremony at school and district level

## **Professional Affiliation**

City Art Association, East Bay, California, USA