

# MITHU SEN WINS 2015 PRUDENTIAL EYE AWARDS FOR CONTEMPORARY ASIAN ART

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Singapore: At the 2015 Prudential Eye Awards for Contemporary Asian Art, Mithu Sen, 43, won in the category of Best Emerging Artist Using Drawing.

Mithu Sen earned her BFA and MFA degrees in painting at the Kala Bhavan, Santiniketan, Visva Bharati and later studied in the Glasgow School of Art, UK in 2000-2001.

Sen's works are conceptual and interactive. She works in a wide variety of media, making site and time specific installations that often combine drawings, sculpture, video, sound, performance and poetry.

Blending fact and fiction, deeply self reflective, playful and bold- a macabre sense of humor punctuates her work. Using highly sexualized imagery of the self and others, Mithu makes the private public by engaging the spectators into a game of active voyeurism. A provoking juxtaposition of sexuality, decay and birth is conveyed through her images. Swinging between distance and intimacy, her works deal with the politics of identity, sexuality and gender.

Mithu Sen is also a poet. In the last few years Sen has been experimenting with a dream language in response to the lingual politics to the world through her visual and performative practice. Sen's practice continually engages with the language of visual poetry to construct and deconstruct the idea of identity.

Sen has exhibited around 17 solo shows include *A ° V O I D*, Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, *Border Unseen*, Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, Michigan USA, *Devoid* at Gallery Nathalie Obadia, Paris (2012), *In Transit* at Espace Louis Vuitton, Taipei (2011), "I Dig, I Look Down," Albion Gallery, London etc. and several exhibitions at prestigious museums, biennales, galleries, and art festivals all over the world. Some of these include gallery Tate Modern's *Word. Power. Sound. In London*, *The Unknown*, *Mediations Biennale* in Poland, *Incohen Korean Women's Biennale*, Seoul, Korea, *Daimler Chrysler Collection*, Berlin, *Goethe Institute*, Salvador, Brazil, *Eastside project space*, Birmingham, UK, *Gallery Continua*, Le Moulin, France.

Mithu is recipient of the SKODA award 2010 for the best contemporary artist in India for her show *Black Candy* (iforgotmypenisathome). Her website is an experimental project (freemthu) where she invites people to send a letter of love in an exchange of an original work of her.

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