

## RICKY VASAN, INDIA

Ricky Vasan (b. 2001, Dehradun, India) is a representational painter currently based in Providence, Rhode Island. Vasan has been exhibiting in local galleries in the New England area and has received the George Nick award, The Rob Moore Grant in painting and his painting 'Two Aliens Share A Beer' was awarded best in show for the Cambridge Art Association's annual National Prize Show.

Vasan draws from his inter-cultural experiences and aims to produce work that speaks to a diverse audience, he is interested in representing his personal truth on the canvas while taking into account formal and conceptual considerations derived from the complex history of painting. Predominantly Vasan's work focuses on domesticity and the celebration of the mundane. The minutiae of life serves as the artist's prelude. Through an autobiographical lens, Vasan works to create smaller narratives, showcasing moments, spaces and people that are personally significant, while also expanding on memory and nostalgia. It's interesting that for Vasan, who is also a musician, dissonance is at the core of his artistic practice. The haziness of memory, the distortion of events, the warping of recording time, are all explorations he undertakes. Under the umbrella of realism, Vasan delves into the multiplicity of time.



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### **EDUCATION**

2019-2023      Massachusetts College of Art & Design, Boston, MA, BFA in Painting.

### **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2025              *Exhibitionism*, Rajiv Menon Contemporary, Los Angeles  
 2024              *Just a Little While Longer*, Galerie ISA, Mumbai, IN  
                      *Now Streaming*, Rajiv Menon Contemporary, Los Angeles, California  
                      *Structural Perceptions*, Piano Craft Gallery, Boston, MA  
                      *India Art Fair*, Galerie ISA, Mumbai, IN  
 2023              *ART Mumbai*, Galerie ISA, Mumbai, IN  
                      *Fresh Faces*, Abigail Ogilvy Gallery, Boston, MA  
 2022              2022 National Prize Show, Cambridge, MA  
                      *George Nick Prize Show*, Arnheim Gallery, Boston, MA  
                      *Homelands*, Massachusetts College of Art & Design, Boston MA  
                      *Between You and I*, Piano Craft Gallery, Boston, MA  
                      *Birds of a Feather*, Massachusetts College of Art & Design, Boston MA  
                      *Emerging Artists Exhibit*, he Speedway Gallery, Brighton, MA  
                      *Love That Dirty Water*, Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, MA  
 2019              *All School Show*, Massachusetts College of Art & Design, Boston MA  
                      *The Away Show*, Massachusetts College of Art & Design, Boston MA

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2025              Non-Residency, Jaipur Centre for Art at City Palace  
                      (curated by Rajiv Menon Contemporary)  
 2025              Big Fat South Asian Show, RISD Museum, Providence  
 2024              Miracle of Absence, Art Exposure, Kolkata  
 2024              What is a Heart?, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, MA  
 2024              Second Sight, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI  
 2024              BORDER(less), MassArt x Sowa, Boston, MA  
 2023              Fresh Faces, Abigail Ogilvy Gallery, Boston, MA  
 2022              National Prize Show, Cambridge, MA  
 2022              George Nick Prize Show, Arnheim Gallery, Boston, MA

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Kofi Kayiga Auction Award, 2023  
 Cambridge Art Association, Best in Show, National Prize Show, 2022  
 George Nick Prize, 2022  
 Rob Moore Grant in Painting, 2022  
 Yale Norfolk Summer Program Finalist, 2022  
 Painting Foundation Award, 2021  
 Studio Foundation Award, 2020

### **SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi, IN