

# Rajakrishnan Kalaichelvan

VISUAL ARTS TEACHER



## Current Engagement Overview

### VISUAL ARTS TEACHER/HEAD OF ARTS

Visual Art Teacher at Dwight School, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, August 2018 to date and Head of arts, August 2020 to date.

Dwight School is an international IB continuum school in Dubai. This is one of the first schools to introduce the IB curriculum to North America. There are five branches worldwide, and it has been rated as one of the leading IB schools.

### Key responsibilities as a Visual Art Teacher

#### Middle school & Upper school –Teaching Visual Arts to 11 - 18 years.

- Teaching Painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics, digital, analogue photography and technology art as one core integrated subject in the upper school.
- Creating classroom learning videos, editing footage with iMovie and Adobe Premiere Pro and a school Photography head.
- Serves as a Grade 6 Advisor.
- Designed the upper school art curriculum and started art clubs.
- Running the Production Art club - This is a school club. Students interested in props making and set design are taking part in it.
- After school Activities - Students explore various art forms, including photography, pottery, sculpture, painting in each term and also being a badminton coach.
- Curating the Annual art exhibition and organising art workshops.
- Created E-portfolio along with Grade 10 students and achieved excellent IB results.
- Monitored and in-charge in DP exhibition and results

### Key responsibilities as a Head of arts

- Monitoring and evaluating the quality of teaching and learning in the department. Taking an active part in class observations along with SLTs each term.
- Ensuring the curriculum scope and sequence, unit plans and assessments are developed and in place.
- Creating and maintaining a vibrant, inclusive classroom/corridor/meeting environment, effectively organising physical space to maximise learning and Assessment planning.
- Designing/reviewing the art curriculum.
- Actively participating in the professional community.

## ENGAGEMENT HISTORY

- Art Teacher at Step-by-Step School, Noida (Delhi NCR), India. March 2014 to July 2018.
- Art Teacher at Shiv Nadar School, Gurgaon (Delhi NCR), India. From April 2013 to March 2014.
- Art Teacher at Amrita Vidyalayam, New Delhi, India. From March 2012 to April 2013.
- Art faculty (Guest) at National School of Design, Chennai, India. From June 2010 to December 2011.
- Art Teacher at Kennedy High The Global School, Hyderabad, India. From September 2008 to March 2009

## Personal Profile

As an artist, I deal with understanding the significance of life and its perceptions. Having an experience of more than a decade, I realize teaching is a source to learn and evoke myself as an artist. My aim is to sensitize my students to the creative elements of life around them and spark their artistic sense. I would like my learners to be able to appreciate the aesthetics and freely explore their creative ideas through various mediums and practices.

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## Personal Details:

Date of Birth : 04th March, 1986

Marital Status : Married

## Education History

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

College of Fine Arts, Chennai, India (Madras University)

MFA – Sculpture - 2009-2011 with 76%

BFA – Sculpture - 2004-2008 with 71%

## Skills

- Ability to teach complex techniques and ideas to children. Highly skilled in watercolour, acrylics, oil and other painting techniques.
- Ability to teach clay modelling, wax modelling, carving, moulding and casting.
- Skilled in a variety of computer software used in creating art and experienced in video mapping, projection and technology art.
- Skilled to teach digital fashion, product, candid, experimental and other photography including analogue film photography and darkroom practice.

## Exhibition

2021

- "The Nature" a Solo Show at the Little Neighbourhood cafe, Dubai

2016

- "Vision & Formation" at Art Konsult Contemporary Gallery, New Delhi.
- "Emerging Idioms South" at Sridharani Gallery, New Delhi.

2012

- "The 11th OITA ASIAN SCULPTURE EXHIBITION" at Oita, Japan
- "ART NEXXT" an exhibition at Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi.

2011

- "Aspirations" a Group show at Lalith Kala Academy, Chennai
- "Indo-Russian Cultural & Friendship Society" an exhibition at Russian Culture Center, Chennai
- "August Sculptures" a Group show at Apparao Gallery, Chennai.

2007

- "The Voyage" a Group show 2007 March at Art Gallery, Govt. College of Fine Arts, Chennai
- "The Variation 07" an exhibition 2007 October at Lalith Kala Academy, Chennai

## Projects | Commissioned Works

2013

- "[Luminocity](#)", worked for a Contemporary video mapping project along with the French artist "Patrick Rimoux" at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi. -
- Worked for a [Permanent Video Installation](#) at the "City Palace of Jaipur" along with the French artist "Patrick Rimoux"

2010

- "Sculpture Project" Worked with "Andrew Logan" a famous London based sculptor at Chennai Hyatt.
- Regency Hotel, curate by Rajeev sethi. Worked as an art assistant and I were handling the complete project. Finally installed all 7 huge pieces of sculpture on the lobby. The hotel itself a huge contemporary art space.

2006

- Art Project" collaborated with French Artist "Patrick Rimoux" at Alliance Francaise of Chennai. Worked as an art assistant. I were handling the complete project and executed around 20 murals with new media.

## Licenses & certifications

- **KHDA Dubai Teacher Permit course**

Completed six mandatory training courses to obtain competent teacher status. 2021

- **Online Tutor**

Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University, Issued Mar 2020.

- **IB DP Visual Arts Category 1**

International Baccalaureate, Issued Sep 2019.

- **MYP Introductory**

International Baccalaureate, Issued Feb 2019.

- **MYP Arts Category 3**

International Baccalaureate, Issued Jan 2019

- **Apple Teacher**

Apple Inc, Awarded on Sep 15th, 2019

- **Basic Fire Safety-level 1**

April 2022

- **First Aid CPR & AED**

May 2022

## Awards / Participations

- Shortlisted For the Middle east **Apple Professional Learning Specialist** and Participated in the training, 2019.
- THE 11th OITA ASIAN SCULPTURE AWARD 2012 (Selected in 1st round) (There were more than 3000 participants from all over the world.
- Best student Award in MFA, 2011

- [Personal Website](#)

- [Teacher Portfolio @ Step by Step School.](#)

- [Instagram](#)

## Reference

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