

# Tsherin Sherpa

## Biography

Born in 1968 in Kathmandu, Nepal  
Lives and works in Nepal and California, USA

### Education

1991–96  
Buddhist Philosophy under the tutelage of various Buddhist masters, Nepal

1988–89  
Computer Science and Mandarin, Taipei, Taiwan

1983–88  
Traditional Tibetan thangka painting apprenticeship with his father, Master Urgen Dorje

### Solo Exhibitions

2023  
'Asia Society Texas', Houston, Texas, US  
Monterey Museum of Art, Monterey, California, US

2022  
59th Venice Biennale  
Nepal Pavilion: Tales of Muted Spirits – Dispersed Threads – Twisted Shangri-la, Venice, Italy  
'Tsherin Sherpa: Spirits', Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia, US

2021  
'Spirits Empowered' – Rossi & Rossi: Hong Kong, China

2020  
'Metamorphosis: Recent Paintings and Sculptures by Tsherin Sherpa', Herron School of Art & Design, Indianapolis, US

2018  
'I want...I have...I hope', Rossi & Rossi, London, UK

2016  
'Beautiful Decay', Rossi & Rossi, Hong Kong, China

2013  
'Golden Child/Black Clouds', Rossi & Rossi, Art Basel Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China

2012

'Tibetan Spirit', Rossi & Rossi, London, UK

## Group Exhibitions

2023

'Spirits: Tsherin Sherpa with Robert Beer', Peabody Essex Museum, US

'Pop South Asia' – Kiran Nader Museum of Art, New Delhi, India

2022

'Pop South Asia' – Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

'Endless Knot: Struggle and Healing in the Buddhist World', Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, California, US

2021

'Awaken: A Tibetan Buddhist Journey Toward Enlightenment', Rubin Museum of Art, US

2019

'Awaken: A Tibetan Buddhist Journey Toward Enlightenment', Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia, US

'Shrine Room Projects', Rubin Museum of Art, New York, US

'Awaken: A Tibetan Buddhist Journey Toward Enlightenment', Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, US

2018

'Shrine Room Projects: Wishes and Offerings', Rubin Museum of Art, New York, US

'Image Makes Religion', Kunstmuseum Bochum, Bochum, Germany

'Boundless: Contemporary Tibetan Artists at Home and Abroad', Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, California, US

2nd Yinchuan Biennale, Yinchuan, China

2017

'Coming of Age', Sector 2337, Chicago, US

1st Kathmandu Triennale, Kathmandu, Nepal

'Between Us', Frank Museum of Arts, Otterbein University, Ohio, US

2016

'Image-In Tibet', La Lanterne, Rambouillet, France

'Bring it Home: (Re)Locating Cultural Legacy through the body', San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) Galleries, US

2015

8th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT8), Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia

'Active Blur', Rossi & Rossi, London, UK

2014

'Parallel Realities, ARNDT', Berlin, Germany in conjunction with Rossi & Rossi, London, UK

2nd Dhaka Art Summit, Dhaka, Bangladesh

'Impermanence', Rossi & Rossi, Hong Kong, China

'Our Clouded Hills', Art14, London, UK

'Anonymous', The Fleming Museum at the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, USA and the Queens Museum of Art, New York, US

'Freedom: Just Another Word For...', MASS MoCA, North Adams, Massachusetts, US

2013

'SAME : DIFFERENCE', Rossi & Rossi, London, UK

'In-Between: 21st Century Tibetan Artists Respond to 12th -15th Century Tibetan Manuscript Covers', Rossi & Rossi, London, UK

'Anonymous', Samuel Dorsky Museum at the State University of New York, New Paltz, New York, US

'Freedom is Just Another Word For...!', Mass MoCA, North Adams, Massachusetts, US

Tefaf 2013, Rossi & Rossi, Maastricht, The Netherlands

2012

'Earth|Body|Mind', Kathmandu International Art Festival 2012, Kathmandu, Nepal

'Victory! Triumph in Classical and Contemporary Asian Art', Rossi & Rossi, London, UK

2011

'Tradition Transformed: Tibetan Artists Respond', Hood Museum of Art, Hanover, US

The Crow Collection of Asian Art, Dallas, US

'What's So Funny About Peace, Love and Understanding?', Rossi & Rossi, London, UK

'Beyond the Mandala—Contemporary Art from Tibet', Volte Gallery, Mumbai, India, in collaboration with Rossi & Rossi, London, UK

Art Stage Singapore, Rossi & Rossi, Singapore

2010

'Scorching Sun of Tibet', Songzhuang Art Center, Beijing, China

'Tradition Transformed: Tibetan Artists Respond', Rubin Museum of Art, New York, US

'Buddha in the Hood', Red Mill Gallery, Johnson, US

2009

'Deity Thangka Paintings', Alta Galleria, Berkeley, US

2007

'Sacred Images', Alta Galleria, Berkeley, US

'Contemporary Thangka', Smith Andersen Editions, Palo Alto, US

'Culture-Mutt', The Green Lantern Gallery, Chicago, US

2002

'Tibetan Thangka', The Miyares Gallery, Sonoma Academy, Santa Rosa, US

2001

'Tibetan Thangka Painting', Oriental Museum, Durham University, Durham, UK

2000

'Yamantaka', Fort Mason, San Francisco, US

1999

'Mandala of Compassion', Marin Headlands Centre for the Arts, Sausalito, US

'Amitayus', Sonoma Museum of Visual Arts, Santa Rosa, US

### **Curatorial Projects**

2014

Parallel Realities, ARNDT, Berlin, Germany in conjunction with Rossi & Rossi, London, UK

## **Fellowships and Residencies**

2019

Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford, UK

2012

Khaj: International Artists' Workshop, Dharamsala, India

2010

Rubin Museum of Art: Himalayan Fellowship, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, Vermont, US

2008

Asia Alive, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, US

2007

Asia Alive, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, US

2003

Asia Alive, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, US

1999

Sonoma Museum of Visual Art, Santa Rosa, US

## **Collections**

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA, USA

Rubin Museum of Art, New York, USA

Kiran Nader Museum of Art, New Delhi, India

De Saisset Museum, Santa Clara, California, USA

Rubin Museum of Art, New York, USA

Uli Sigg Collection

National Museums of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia, USA

Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, USA

Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK

Queensland Art Gallery / Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia

Samdani Art Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Rubin Museum of Art, New York, USA

Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, USA