## Ela Shah (biography)

Ela Shah is an Indian-American artist whose work seamlessly blends Indian and Western influences. Born in Bombay, India, she began painting at a young age and later pursued a formal education in fine arts. After moving to the United States, she earned an M.A. in sculpture.

Shah's artistic journey has been marked by numerous exhibitions in both India and the United States. Her work has been featured in prestigious galleries and museums, and she has held positions as a chairperson for the National Association of Women Artists.

Shah's art often incorporates elements of satire and addresses deeper issues of religion, politics, and culture. While she primarily works in sculptures and sculpture-embedded with videos, painting remains an integral part of her practice.

## Artist's Statement

## "The Rainbow of Life: Embracing All Colors and Identities"

This series is a celebration of the beautiful diversity in humanity, including every color, identity, and background. Inspired by my journey with my granddaughter, who recently shared her identity as a lesbian, I have come to embrace an even broader understanding of love and acceptance. Growing up in an older, more traditional culture, this revelation initially surprised me; however, I realized that diversity in love and identity has existed since the dawn of time. From nature to human history, all forms of love are universal, natural, and timeless.

Through this series, expressed in digital art, canvas, and paper in various sizes, I aim to honor and embrace the entire spectrum of humanity, including the LGBTQ+ community, without judgment. Each piece is a part of a larger, evolving story that celebrates and uplifts everyone—gay, lesbian, transgender, non-binary, and beyond—showcasing the inherent beauty of being oneself. May this series inspire others to see that love, in all its forms, is not only natural but essential to the human experience.





Sacred Arc Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Power of Couple Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Hide and Seek Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Black Rainbow Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Pride in Every Hue Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



White Rainbow Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Power of Rainbow Flower Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



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Disappearing Rainbow Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Hidden Rainbow Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Disappearing Rainbow 1 Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Hidden Rainbow 1 Acrylic on Canvas Paper <u>24"x 18"</u>



Sappho Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Looking for Rainbow Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Is it Rainbow? Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



From Earth's First Breath Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Title Digital Artwork - Size Varies



Primordial Bonds Acrylic on Canvas Paper 24"x 18"



Colors of Pride Digital Artwork - Size Varies



Toward Statue of Liberty Digital Artwork - Size Varies



Power of Rainbow Digital Artwork - Size Varies



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Honeymooners Digital Artwork - Size Varies



"Shakti" Digital Work - Can be printed in maximum size: 48' x 48'



"Hope Fairy" Digital Work - Can be printed in maximum size: 48' x 48'



"Bobdi Ma" Digital work - Can be printed in maximum size: 48' x 48'



"Behind Holi Festival" Digital work - Can be printed in maximum size: 48' x 48'



"Paiso Parmeshvar"Digital work - Can be printed in maximum size: 48' x 48'



"Sultana's Magic Carpet" Digital work - Can be printed in maximum size: 48' x 48'



"title" Digital work - Can be printed in maximum size: 48' x 48'