

# Biography

Ela Shah is an Indian-American contemporary multidisciplinary artist whose work seamlessly blends Indian and Western influences. Born in Bombay (Mumbai), India, she began painting at a young age and later pursued formal studies in fine arts. After moving to the United States, she earned an M.A. in sculpture from Montclair State University.

Shah's artistic journey has included numerous solo and group exhibitions in both India and the United States. Her work has been shown in prestigious galleries and museums, including the Queens Museum, Newark Museum of Art, and Montclair Art Museum. She has also served as chairperson for National Association of Women Artists and curated exhibitions for various art institutions.

A recipient of three fellowships from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Shah's work often incorporates satire while addressing deeper issues of religion, politics, migration, feminism, and multicultural identity. Although she primarily works in sculpture and multimedia installations embedded with video, painting remains an integral part of her artistic practice.

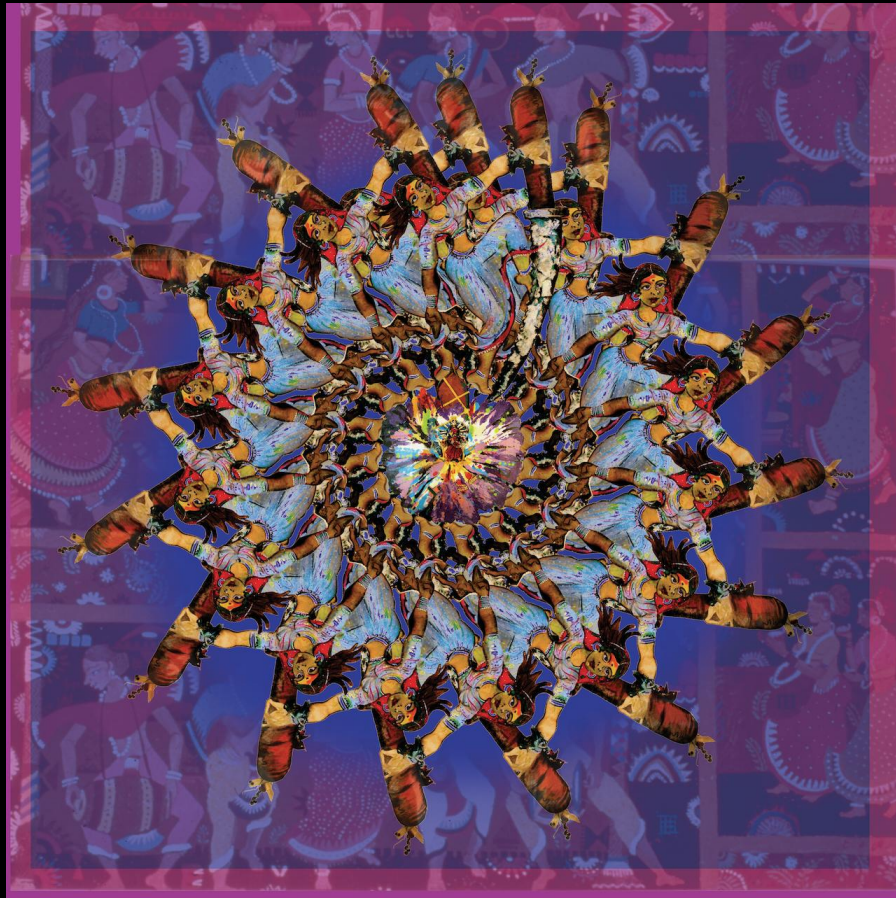
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# Artist's Statement

## **"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.



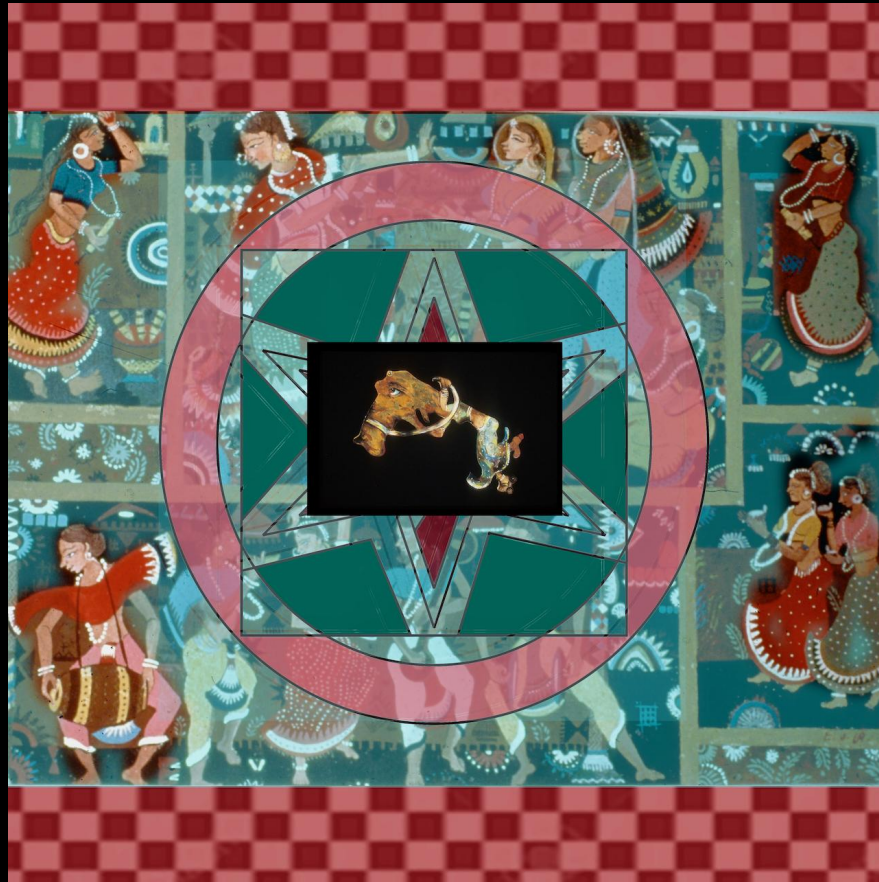
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“Hope Fairy” Digital Work - Can be printed in maximum size: 48”x 48”



“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”



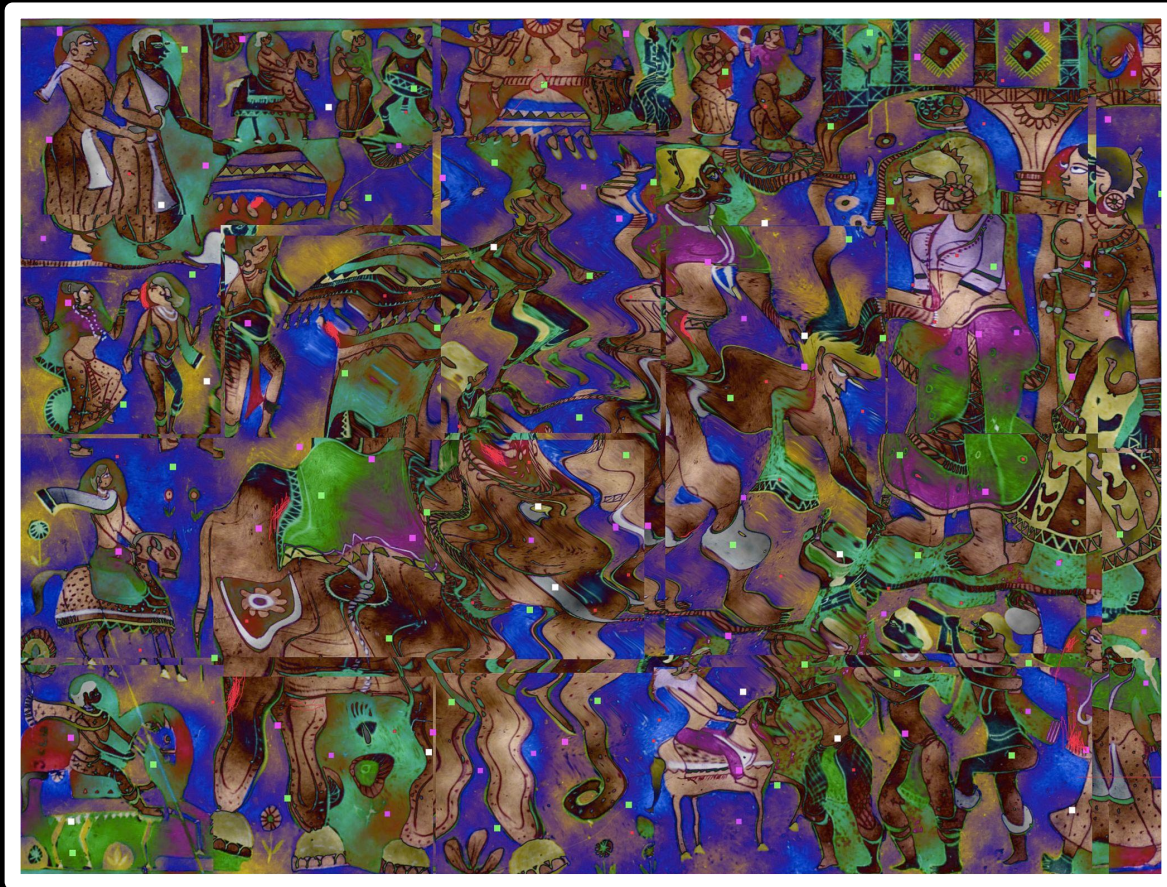
“Paiso Parmeshvar”Digital work - Can be printed in maximum size: 48”x 48”



“Sultana’s Magic Carpet” Digital work - Can be printed in maximum size: 48”x 48”



“title” Digital work - Can be printed in maximum size: 36” x 48”



Primordial Bonds  
Digital Image 36"x 48"



Colors of Pride  
Digital Artwork - Size Varies



Honeymooners  
Digital Artwork - Size Varies



Toward Statue of Liberty  
Digital Artwork - Size Varies



Power of Rainbow  
Digital Artwork - Size Varies