

# Niru Ratnam

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(Born Bradford, living and working in London)

## EDUCATION

- 2009 MA Fine Art — Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design  
2001 BA (Hons) Fine Art and English Literature — Exeter University

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Bough Breaks*, Camden Art Centre, London  
2023 *On a Limb*, Jhaveri Contemporary, Mumbai  
2022 *Playground*, Niru Ratnam, London  
2022 *Undercurrent*, LGDR, New York  
2021 *Arrow and Pulpit*, Tanya Leighton Galerie, Berlin  
2020 *Picture Plane*, Niru Ratnam Gallery, London  
2019 *Corvus: a painting installation*, Iniva, London  
2019 *House of Crows*, Matt's Gallery, London  
2019 *The Sun Never Sets*, Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham  
2019 *A Murder of Crows*, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham  
2018 *The Sun Never Sets*, Huddersfield Art Gallery, Huddersfield

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *A Room hung with Thoughts: British Painting Now*, Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, Texas, USA  
2024 *Beyond the Page*, The Box, Plymouth  
2023 *Beyond the Page*, MK Gallery, Milton Keynes  
2023 *Life is more important than Art*, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK  
2023 *Dhaka Biennale*, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
2022 *The Kingfisher's Wing*, GRIMM, New York, USA  
2022 *Prophecy*, Mead Gallery, Coventry, UK  
2021 *HYPER-REALISM*, Third Coventry Biennale, Leamington Spa Art Gallery  
2021 *Mixing it Up: Painting today*, Hayward Gallery / Southbank Centre, London, UK  
2020 *Everyday Heroes*, Hayward Gallery / Southbank Centre, London  
2020 *A Rich Tapestry*, Ikon / Lahore Biennale, Lahore, Pakistan  
2019 *New Figurations: Matthew Krishanu and Sosa Joseph*, Jhaveri Contemporary, Mumbai, India  
2019 *And Beyond*, New Art Projects, London  
2019 *Too Cute!* (curated by Rachel Maclean), Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery  
2019 *Childhood Now* (with Chantal Joffe and Mark Fairington), Compton Verney, Warwickshire  
2019 *Made in Britain*, The National Museum in Gdańsk, Poland  
2018 John Moores Painting Prize, Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool  
2018 *In the City*, East Gallery, Norwich; Stephen Lawrence Gallery, London  
2018 Highlights from the Permanent Collection, Komechak Art Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
2017 *Contemporary Masters from Britain*, Yantai Art Museum; Artall Gallery & Jiangsu Art Gallery, Nanjing; Tianjin Academy of Fine Art, China  
2017 *Anything Goes* (curated by Anna McNay), Bermondsey Project Space, London, UK  
2017 *Painting and History*, China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, Shanghai, China  
2016 *Contemporary British Painting*, Quay Arts, Isle of Wight  
2016 *Aviary*, Transition Gallery, London  
2016 *Contemporary British Watercolours*, Oriel Gallery, Antrim, N. Ireland  
2015 *Contemporary Drawings from Britain*, XAFA, Xi'an Province,

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China

- 2014 *Priseman-Seabrook Collection*, Huddersfield Art Gallery
- 2014 *Home*, Crossley Gallery, Dean Clough, Halifax
- 2014 *Another Country* (with Cara Nahaul), The Nunnery, London
- 2013 *We Were Trying to Make Sense...*, 1 Shanthi Road, Bangalore, India
- 2013 *Marmite Prize for Painting IV*, Central Art Gallery, Tameside; Mackintosh Museum, Glasgow; Ruskin Gallery, Cambridge; The Gallery at Plymouth College of Art; Tannery Arts at Drawing Room, London
- 2011 *The Marmite Prize for Painting III*, Central Art Gallery, Tameside; Lanchester Gallery Projects, Coventry; The Nunnery, London