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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am an ambitious and passionate multi-disciplinary artist hailing from the southern part of India. Art serves as a medium of expression of emotions to describe the journey of my life. I hope to spread the message of love and compassion while also caring greatly for the environment by way of sustainable fashion.

EDUCATION

Aug 2021 – present Baltimore, USA	Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) , <i>Bachelor of Fine Arts</i> Majors - Fibers and Painting - 3.65 GPA Deans list recipient Minors - Experimental Fashion and Creative Entrepreneurship
Jun 2022 – Jul 2022 Paris, France	The New School - Parsons Paris , <i>Summer Program</i> Exploration in Painting Fashion Design Process
Jun 2020	Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) , <i>Online Summer Program</i> Digital Printed Fabrics Infinite Surface Design

WORK EXPERIENCE

Aug 2024 – present New York, USA	Fashion Design and Production Intern , <i>Bibhu Mohapatra</i> - Conducted thorough concept, market, and mood research for fashion design projects. - Assisted in pattern copying and private client fittings for shows. - Engaged in hand sketching and rendering of styles. - Participated in print development using Photoshop.
Jan 2024 – May 2024 Baltimore, United States	Teaching Assistant for Sewing Tech Workshop , <i>Maryland Institute College of Art</i> - Teaching the variety of feet, needles, their functions and other accessories that help a sewer use the best tools or notions for the task. - Touching base on fabrics such as leather, lace, spandex, or knits and technical knowledge and expertise in sewing.
Mar 2023 – Apr 2024 Baltimore, United States	Backstage Crew , <i>Maryland Institute College of Art</i> - Ironing, steaming and fixing garments are different duties regarding wardrobe assistants. - Placing and removing of different props. - Additionally ensuring everything, from accessories to outfits, are properly gathered and prepared for models to hop into before walking down the runway.
2021 – present Bangalore, India	Founder , <i>Upcoming Anputa</i> Anputa is a clothing and accessories company that juxtapositions timeless Indian textiles and chic western silhouettes. and accepts work by commission.
Oct 2023 – Oct 2023 Washington D.C, United States	Volunteer , <i>Raw Mango</i> Building a one on one relationship with the customers, recommending the different style opportunities.
Jun 2023 – Aug 2023 Bangalore, India	Fashion intern , <i>Cava Athleisure</i> - Being a part of the Design Team working with the Senior Designer. ↗ - Sketched out designs that could be constructed into various products, from fabrications to patterns to mass production. - Partially assisted the Social Media Manager.
Dec 2022 – Jan 2023 New York, United States	Fashion Intern , <i>Iwanciw Functional Funware</i> - Directed the reels, photoshoots that were edited and posted on Social media creating visual Instagram content. - Experimented with different color dyes to match the different colors - Rendered sketches by hand, and using the software CAD.
May 2018 Bangalore, India	Chitra Santhe - Karnataka's largest art fair , <i>Karnataka Chitrakala Parishattu</i> - Displayed my artwork alongside world-renowned artist Mr. Gurudas Shenoy. - Drove sales of paintings and artworks.

SKILLS

Adobe Creative Cloud — Photoshop, Illustrator, Premier Pro, Design, InDesign, Fonts • **Textiles** — Handwoven Techniques, Fiber Manipulation, Tapestry Weaving, Warp & Weft Design, Artisan Weaving, TC2 Weaving, Surface Resist Dye, Garment Design and , Experimental Garment, SilkScreen Printing, Pattern Making, Crochet and Knitting • **Fine Arts** — Painting Material & texture proficiency, Diverse techniques, media expertise Color Theory, Color Pigment and Surface, Visual storytelling, project oversight Fashion Avante Garde • **Art History** — Art Theory, Critical Analysis, Conceptual Frameworks, Early Modern to Romantic Art, European Art History, Abstraction, Surrealism, Expressionism, Modernism, Art & Modernity, Post-Impressionism to Minimalism • **Softwares** — CAD, Canva, Procreate, Tinker-cad, Silhouette Cutter, Maya,

ACCOLADES

Aug 2021 – present	Portfolio Scholarship , <i>Maryland Institute College of Art</i>
Aug 2021 – May 2022	Dean's List , <i>Maryland Institute College of Art</i> Fall 2022 - Spring 2022- Spring 2023