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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Innovative professional visual artist and community leader with 10+ years of experience within the arts, non-profit, education and public health sectors. A record of success in arts program management and nonprofit leadership. Excellent organizational and communication skills with the ability to work efficiently and effectively within a fast-paced, collaborative environment.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Program Development and Management | Visual Arts Exhibit Coordination and Curation | Community Outreach | Project Management | Grant Writing | Budget Management | Data Analysis

EDUCATION

M.P.A., 2002

New York University, NY

B.S, Biology, 1998

University of California, San Diego, CA

EXPERIENCE

Owner/Artist 2019 - Present

Tenfold Ventures LLC, Bellaire, TX

- Authored and awarded 5 community-focused artist grants, including the Jones Artist Award Houston Endowment, Connect Community, SACI and Civic Art Program Award from the City of Houston.
- Generated and managed over a quarter of a million dollars of funding for large-scale public art installations and art exhibitions across the City of Houston over a two year period.
- Developed and implemented a series of 3 workshops engaging the local community to explore the connection between art and healing.
- Established outreach plans to form collaborative partnerships with refugee, faith and community-based organizations across Houston.
- Collaborated with diverse stakeholders within City of Houston departments, public libraries, school districts and community organizations to implement the Alief Neighborhood Center public art project.

- House of Devi 2024 - Present
Director of Artistic Programming, Houston, TX
- Created and curated Houston's first South Asian female visual art exhibit for the Big Devi Energy conference.
 - Developed and implemented a one-day conference "Big Devi Energy" with visual, literary, performance artists and community leaders.
- Board Member, Compassion Through the Arts 2021 - Present
Compassionate Houston, Houston, TX
- Designed, implemented and managed the Compassion through the Arts Grant Initiative to support 10 Houston based artists in multiple artistic disciplines from musical, literary and visual arts.
 - Curated 3 large-scale artist exhibitions to promote awarded artists over a three year period.
 - Fostered collaborative partnerships between 10 awarded artists and Compassionate Houston's network of 35 businesses, non-profits, faith-based and community organizations for projects promoting compassion through the arts in greater Houston.
 - Assisted with planning CH Annual Luncheon, including volunteer recruitment and training.
 - Expanded partnerships through outreach and network events for the Project Kindness intergenerational program.
 - Participated in organizational strategic planning sessions to ensure program expansion and fiscal sustainability.
 - Authored and awarded 1 program grant from the City of Houston for Compassion Through the Arts Initiative.
- Board Member, Vice Chair 2017 - 2023
City of Bellaire, Culture and Arts, Bellaire, TX
- Developed and implemented 3 annual city-wide events promoting visual and performing arts for approximately 17,000 city residents.
 - Collaborated with city officials, nonprofits and community groups to procure and showcase a rotating exhibit of public art in the City of Bellaire.
 - Introduced and facilitated the ongoing Utility Box Painting program within the City of Bellaire including artist recruitment and selection.
 - Coordinated the Youth Artist program exhibit in partnership with the Bellaire Optimist Club.
- Research Associate, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities 2006 - 2007
Maryland Department of Health
Baltimore, MD
- Facilitated the Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance grant program for the State of Maryland Health Department.
 - Evaluated data and outcome assessments for government programs and initiatives.

- Planned and implemented the annual statewide Health Disparities conference.
- Produced and delivered annual data presentations and briefings to the Maryland General Assembly.

Research Associate, Harris County Department of Education
Houston, TX

2004 - 2006

- Developed qualitative and quantitative community needs assessment surveys for after-school education programs within 3 different Independent School Districts (HISD, Spring ISD and Spring Branch ISD).
- Managed program evaluation of 10 educational programs (K-12), including qualitative/quantitative analysis and database management.
- Trained staff, community members and board members on program outcomes and research and evaluation methods.

PUBLIC ART

2024-2025 Textile Art Mural, Connect Community HighStar, Houston, TX

2022 *Flower of Life*, Alpana mural, Tagore Memorial Grove, Houston TX

2020 - 2022 *Folding Stories*, Civic Art installation, City of Houston, Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs, Alief Neighborhood Center, Houston TX

2021 *KindCards*, City of Bellaire KindCards Art Initiative, Houston TX

GROUP SHOWS

2024 *The Goddess Mystique*, House of Devi Art Exhibit, Houston TX

2023 *Where is Home?*, Jones Artist Award, Houston Endowment, Houston TX

2021 *Making Lemonade*, G-Spot Contemporary Art Gallery, Houston TX

2020 *Art as Medicine: Caring Through Covid19*, Digital gallery, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston TX

2019 *Looking Back*, DAYA Houston: Shine Gala art exhibit, Houston TX

2018 *Come Together*, Sawyer Yards, Houston TX

2017 Houston's Emerging Artist Showcase, Hotel Ylem, Houston TX

2014 *Save our Schools*, City Artworks Art Exhibit, Houston TX

SOLO SHOWS

2022 *Stories Incarnate: Refugee Migration Journeys*, SACI Award, City of Houston, Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs, Houston TX

2017 *Vino and Vinyl*, Art and Music Exhibit, Sugar Land TX

PRESS/AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Houston Endowment, Jones Artist Award 2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n82UZaeY5Lc>

<https://www.houstonendowment.org/programs/arts-parks/jones-artist-awards-program/where-is-home/>

Voyage Houston

<http://voyagehouston.com/interview/rising-stars-meet-sneha-bhavsar-of-houston/>

CODAWorx, CODAMagazine featured artists, *Folding Stories* installation

<https://www.codaworx.com/projects/folding-stories-2/>

“Folding Stories” - Sneha Bhavsar, Ami Mehta, Rakhee Jain Desai (Red Thread Collective) - Alief Neighborhood Center, Houston Mayor’s Office of Cultural Affairs

<https://vimeo.com/787521320>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7X29f0JlqDg>

<https://www.houstontx.gov/culturalaffairs/20210928.html>

SACI award, Houston Mayor’s Office of Cultural Affairs

<https://www.houstontx.gov/culturalaffairs/20211228.html>

REFERENCES

Professional references available upon request.