DAYANITA SINGH

Born in 1961 in New Delhi, India. She lives and works in New Delhi, India.

Education

1988 Photojournalism and Documentary Photography, International Center of Photography, New York City, USA

1986 Visual Communication, National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, India

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2019 Dayanita Singh and Box 507 Pop Up, Frith Street Gallery, London, UK

- 2018 Pop-Up Book Shop, Callicoon Fine Arts, New York City, USA
- 2017 Museum Bhavan, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 2016 Suitcase Museum, Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Museum, Mumbai, India Museum of Shedding, Frith Street Gallery, London, UK Museum of Machines: Photographs, Projections, Volumes, MAST, Bologna, Italy Museum of Chance – Book Object, Hawa Mahal, Jaipur, India
- 2015 Conversation Chambers Museum Bhavan, Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, Delhi, India Book Works, Goethe-Institut. New Delhi, India Museum of Chance – A book story, MMB, Delhi, India
- 2014 Museum of Chance A book story, MMB, Mumbai, India Go Away Closer, MMK, Frankfurt, Germany City Dwellers: Contemporary Art From India, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, USA Art Institute Chicago, Chicago, USA
- 2013 Go Away Closer, Hayward Gallery, Southbank Centre, London, UK
- 2012 File Museum, Frith Street Gallery, London, UK Dayanita Singh / The Adventures of a Photographer, Bildmuseet, Umeå University, Umea, Sweden Monuments of Knowledge, Photographs by Dayanita Singh, Kings College London, London, UK House of Love, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India
- 2011 Adventures of a Photographer, Shiseido Gallery, Tokyo, Japan House of Love, Peabody Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA Dayanita Singh, Museum of Art, Bogota, Colombia
- 2010 Dayanita Singh, Huis Marseille, Amsterdam, The Netherlands Dayanita Singh, Mapfre Foundation, Madrid, Spain Dream Villa, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India
- 2009 Blue Book, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India Blue Book, Galerie Mirchandani + Steinruecke, Mumbai, India
- 2008 Let You Go, Nature Morte, Berlin, Germany Dream Villa, Frith Street Gallery, London, UK Sent a Letter, Alliance Francaise, New Delhi, India Sent a Letter, National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai, India Ladies of Calcutta, Bose Pacia Gallery, Calcutta, India
- 2007 Go Away Closer, Galerie Mirchandani + Steinruecke, Mumbai, India Beds and Chairs, Gallery Chemould, Mumbai, India Go Away Closer, Kriti Gallery, Benares, India Go Away Closer, Les Rencontres d'Arles Festival, Arles, France
- 2006 Go Away Closer, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India Beds and Chairs, Valentina Bonomo Gallery, Rome, Italy
- 2005 Chairs, Studio Guenzani, Milan, Italy Chairs, Frith Street Gallery, London, UK Chairs, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, USA
- 2004 Privacy, Les Rencontres d'Arles Festival, Arles, France

2003 Privacy, Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin, Germany

Myself Mona Ahmed, Museum für Indische Kunst, Berlin, Germany

Dayanita Singh: Image/Text (Photographs 1989–2002), Department of Art and Aesthetics Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

2002 I am as I am, Myself Mona Ahmed, Scalo Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland and New York City, USA

Parsees at Home, Gallery Chemould, Mumbai, India

Bombay to Goa, Kalaghoda Festival, Mumbai, India

Bombay to Goa, Art House India, Goa, India

2001 I am as I am, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, UK Empty Spaces, Frith Street Gallery, London, UK

2000 Dayanita Singh, Stockholm, Sweden

Dayanita Singh, Brussels, Belgium

Demello Vado, Saligao Institute, Goa, India

1999 Venice Photo Biennale, Venice, Italy

Family Portraits, Studio Guenzani, Milan, Italy

1998 Another India, Crealdé School of Art Orlando, Orlando, USA

Family Portraits Nature Morte, New Delhi, India

1997 Images from the 90's, Scalo, Zurich, Switzerland

Selected Group Exhibitions

2021 The Portrait in Focus, ALMA ZEVI, Venice, Italy

2020 Off the Wall, SFMoMA, San Francisco, USA

Faster Than Ever, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, UK

Some Mysterious Process: Fifty years of collecting international art, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

Festival Images, Vevey, Switzerland

Who is gazing? Musée du Quai Branly Jacques Chirac, Paris, France

2019 Surrounds: 11 Installations, The Museum of Modern Art, New York City, USA

In the Company of Artists: 25 Years of Artists-in-Residence, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, USA

Body Building, Ishara Art Foundation, Dubai, UAE

Unfolding: Fabric of Our Life, Centre for Heritage, Arts and Textile (CHAT), Hong Kong, China

Vision Exchange: Perspectives from India to Canada, University of Toronto Art Centre, Toronto, Canada

Chennai Photo Biennale, Chennai, India

2018 Vision Exchange: Perspectives from India to Canada, Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

Opaque Emblems, Nature Morte, New Dehli, India

After Babel: Part 2 of The Unwritten Library trilogy, Annex M, Athens Concert Hall, Athens, Greece

25 Years! Shared Histories, Shared Stories, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland

Fearless: Contemporary South Asian Art, Art Gallery New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

57th Carnegie International, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, USA

Divine Bodies, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, USA

Another Kind of Life: Photography on the Margins, Barbican Centre, London, UK

2017 The Electric Comma, VAC Foundation, Venice, Italy

You've got 1243 unread messages. Last generations before internet. Their lives., Latvian Centre for Contemporary Art,

Riga, Latvia

Everything we do is music, Drawing Room, London, UK

Space & Photography, The Museum der Moderne Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria

The Photographic I – Other Pictures, SMAK, Gent, Belgio

A Good Neighbour, 15th Istanbul Biennial, curated by Elmgreen & Dragset, Istanbul, Turkey

Collection Display: Go Away Closer, Tate Modern, London, UK

Summer Breeze: An Ensemble of Gallery Artists, Frith Street Gallery, London, UK

10 years old, Fondazione Fotografia Modena, Foro Boario, Modena, Italy

2016 An Imagined Museum: Works from the Centre Pompidou, the Tate, and MMK, Museum für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt, Germany

The Humble Vessel, The New Art Gallery Walsall, Walsall, UK

Suitcase Museum and Kitchen Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art Australia for the 20th Biennale of Sydney, Australia Museum of Chance – Book Object, Dhaka Art Summit, Dhaka, Bangladesh

2015 Fotofestival Mannheim-Ludwigshafen-Heidelberg, Manheim, Germany (Fold. Prologue (The share of the fire)), Fondation Calouste Gulbenkian, Lisbon, Portugual Délégation en France, Paris, France

2014 Silver, Frith Street Gallery, London, UK Chance, Kochi Biennale, Kochi, India Sensorium Arts Festival, Goa, India

2013 German Pavilion, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

2012 Street, New Art Gallery, Walsall, UK

Indian Highway, Ullens Center, Beijing, China

The 7th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT7), Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia

The Unseen, The Fourth Guangzhou Triennial, Guangzhou, China

Magic Moments, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, USA

Pink Caviar and Two Days, Art Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Copenhagen, Denmark

2011 Indian Highway, MAXXI, Rome, Italy

ILLUMInations, Arsenale, 54th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

Paris - Delhi - Bombay...India through the eyes of Indian and French Artists, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

Scotiabank Contact Photography Festival: Dynamic Landscape, Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto, Canada Face contact, PhotoEspaña, Madrid, Spain

Indian Highway, Museum of Contemporary Art, Lyon, France

2010 Where Three Dreams Cross: 150 Years of Photography from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK travelled to Fotomuseum Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland

2009 Au Fèminin, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Paris, France

Vases, Arden and Anstruther, UK

Indian Highway, Astrup Museum, Oslo, Norway

2008 Indian Highway Serpentine Gallery, London, UK

The Home and the World, Hermes Store, New York City, Usa; Paris, France and Berlin, Germany

The photograph, painted posed and of the moment, National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai, India

Wedded Bliss: The Marriage of Art and Ceremony, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, UK

Manifesta 7: The European Biennial of Contemporary Art, Bolzen, Italy

The 7th Gwangju Biennale: A Year in exhibitions, Gwangju, South Korea

2007 Global Feminisms, Brooklyn Museum, New York City, USA

Les Rencontres D'Arles Festival, Arles, France

Private/Corporate, Sammlung Daimler Chrysler, Berlin, Germany

Horn Please, Kunst museum, Berne, Switzerland

2006 Summer Exhibition, Frith Street Gallery, London, UK

Das Achte Feld - Geschlechter, Leben und Begehren in der bildenden Kunst seit 1960, Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany The Indian Subcontinent in Contemporary Art, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin, Italy

Cities in Transition, New York City, Boston Hartford, USA

2005 Edge of Desire: Recent Art in India, Queens Museum of Art and the Asia Society, New York City, USA; Museo Tamayo, Mexico City, Mexico; MARCO, Monterrey, Mexico; Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, USA; National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, India; National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai, India

2005 Presence, Sepia International, New York City, USA

2004 Summer Show, Frith Street Gallery, London, UK

Ten Commandments, Stiftung Deutsches Hygiene-Museum, Dresden, Germany

2003 Architecture of Homelessness, Pinakotek der Moderne, Munich, Germany

The Family, Windsor Gallery, Dania, USA

2002 Red Light, Australian Centre for Photography, Sydney, Australia

Kapital und Karma. Aktuelle Positionen indischer Kunst, Kunsthalle, Vienna, Austria

Bollywood - Das indische Kino und die Schweiz, Museum für Gestaltung Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

Banaras: The Luminous City, Asia Society, New York City, USA

Photo Sphere, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India

- 2000 Century City Tate Modern, London, UK
- 1999 Another Girl, Another Planet, New York City, USA
 Indian Art, Sydney, Australia
 Dayanita Singh and Manisha Parekh, Milan, Italy
 Inferno and Paradiso, Umeå Museum, Umea, Sweden
 Worlds of Work images of the south, Musée d'ethnographie, Geneva, Switzerland
- 1998 Black and White 50 Years and the Indian Woman, Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, India Canon Top Ten Photographers, Delhi, Bombay, India La Filature, Mulhouse, France Another India, Crealdé School of Art, Orlando, USA
- 1997 India a Celebration of Independence: Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, USA; Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, USA; Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, USa; Museum of Art, Kwoxville, USA; Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, USA; Royal Festival Hall London, London, UK; NGMA, Delhi, India; NGMA Bombay, Victoria Memorial Calcutta, Lalit Kala, Madras, India
- 1997 India A Contemporary View, Asian Arts Museum San Francisco, San Francisco, USA Out of India, Queens Museum of Art, New York City, USA
- 1995 So many worlds Photographs from DU Magazine, Holderbank, Aargau, Switzerland

Public Collections

Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin, USA

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, USA

Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, USA

Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

National Centre for Visual Arts, CNAP, France

Deutsche Bank, Berlin, Germany

Hermes, Paris, France

Fondazione MAST, Bologna, Italy

Fotomuseum Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland

Fundacion Mapfre, Madrid, Spain

Herbert F Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, USA

Huis Marseille, Amsterdam, The Netherlans

Kunsthaus Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, USA

Isabella Stewart Gardener Museum, Boston, USA

Ishara Art Foundation, Dubai, UAE

Mead Art Gallery, University of Warwick, Warwick, UK

Arthur M. Sackler Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, USA

Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden

Museum für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt, Germany

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, Usa

Museum of Modern Art, New York City, USA

The National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia

The National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

The National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, India

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, USA

The New Art Gallery Walsall, Walsall, UK

The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, USA

Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

Southampton City Art Gallery, Southampton, UK

Tate Gallery, London, UK

Selected Publications

2020 "Dayanita Singh: Bawa Chairs", Steidl, Gottingen, Germany

2019 "Dayanita Singh: Zakir Hussain Maquette", Steidl, Gottingen, Germany

2017 "Dayanita Singh: Museum Bhavan", Steidl, Gottingen, Germany

2015 "Dayanita Singh: Museum of Chance", Steidl, Gottingen, Germany

2014 David Trigg, Eliza Williams and Jonathan Griffin. "The Twenty-First Century Art Book", Phaidon, London, UK "Dayanita Singh: Go Away Closer", Hayward Publishing, London, UK

2013 "Dayanita Singh: File Room", Steidl, Gottingen, Germany

2011 "Dayanita Singh: Adventures of a Photographer", Shiseido Corporate Culture Department, Tokyo, Japan

2010 "Dayanita Singh: House of Love", Peabody Museum Press, Salem, USA "Dayanita Singh: Dream Villa", Steidl, Gottingen, Germany "Dayanita Singh", T.F. Editores, S.L.C.

2009 "Dayanita Singh: Blue Book", Steidl, Gottingen, Germany

2008 "Dayanita Singh: Sent a Letter", Steidl, Gottingen, Germany

2007 "Dayanita Singh: Go Away Closer", Gottingen, Germany

2005 "Dayanita Singh: Chairs", Steidl, Gottingen, Germany

2003 "Dayanita Singh: Privacy", Steidl, Gottingen, Germany

2001 "Dayanita Singh: Myself Mona Ahmed", ScaloVerlag, Zurich, Switzerland and New York City, USA

1986 "Dayanita Singh: Zakir Hussain", Himalayan books, New Delhi, India

Press

2020 Benita, Fernando. "A look at the Zakir Hussain Maquette, featuring the maestro in various avatars", The Indian Express Ghoshal, Somak. "Dayanita Singh comes full circle with her photographs of Zakir Hussain", LiveMint Ramos, Dalreen. 'I Don't Want To Be A Print On The Wall', Mid-Day Chanda-Vaz, Urmi. "Steady subversion" Mumbai Mirror Arundhati- Thomas, Skye. "Dayanita Singh at ARTISANS", ARTFORUM

2019 Brandy, Anna and Jhala, Kabir. "Three exhibitions to see in London this weekend", The Art Newspaper

Jobey, Liz. "Thinking outside the book", FT Magazine

Churchman, Fi. "Dayanita Singh: Nothing is static", ArtReviews

Lakhotia, Sakshi. "MoMA, New York: Dayanita Singh's Museum of Chance finds a brand new home", Architectural Digest Cornachio, John. "MoMA exhibit looks back on twenty years of watershed installations", The Architect's Newspaper Khunara, Chanpreet. "The Chennai Photo Biennale goes beyond just images – it focuses on our relationship with photography", Scroll.in

Yiu, Mimi. "Building Subjects of Light: Tavares Strachan and Dayanita Singh", Storyboard,

Linnert, Nicolas. "Dayanita Singh, Callicoon Fine Arts", Artforum,

2018 Smyth, Diane. "A hundred photographic heroines", British Journal of Photography

Johnson, Grant."Interview with Dayanita Singh", Artforum

Estrin, James. "The Photo Book as Art Object", The New York Times

Siganporia, Shanaz. "When a friendship cuts across class and generation", Vogue India,

Sen, Aveek. "Dayanita Singh", Aperture

Qureshi, Bilal. "This Photographer Wants to Put A Museum in Your Pocket", National Public Radio

2017 Roberts, Elizabeth. "Beyond Boundaries", Black & White Photography

Schultz, Deborah. "Dayanita Singh: Museum of Shedding", Art Monthly

Mostert, Carolina. "Dayanita Singh: Museum of Shedding", This Is Tomorrow

2016 Roberts, Cleo. "Museum of Shedding, Dayanita Singh", ArtAsiaPacific

Ong, Amandas."Dayanita Singh: If I Could Describe a Photograph Entirely in Words, Why Bother Making It?" Apollo Magazine

Spence, Rachel. "The Drama of Dayanita Singh's Art", FT Weekend

Prasannarajan, S. "How The Book Has Become a Museum Piece – For Its Own Good", Open Magazine

2015 Ghoshal, Somak. "Dayanita Singh: At Home in her Meta-Museum", Open Magazine

2014 Dercon, Chris. "The Little Museum", Parkett Art

Jhaveri, Shanay. "Time Travel", Parkett Art

Lingwood, James. "At Rest, In Motion", Parkett Art

"Go Away Closer - Dayanita Singh at the MMK in Frankfurt", DB ArtMag

Dyer, Geoff. "Now We Can See: Geoff Dyer on Dayanita Singh", Better Photography

Vijayan, Naveena. "Music and Madness Frozen in Celluloid", The New Indian Express

Mathew, Elizabeth. "Where images do the talking", The Hindu Business Line

Nagarajan, Saraswathy. "Images of conversations", The Hindu

Sen, Sudeep. "Mouldering Papers Are Us", Outlook

Dasgupta, Shougat. "A panegyric to paper", Blink

Maddox, Georgina. "Indian artists get 'archive fever', look to the past to find the future", Scroll.in

Gehi, Reema. "Relative value: Life in a square frame", Mumbai Mirror

Hazra, Indrajit. "Inside rooms with Dayanita where paper is made flesh", The Sunday Guardian

Priyadershini, S. "On a blank page, once again", The Hindu

Niyogy, Kingshuk. "Interview: Dayanita Singh", Time Out Delhi

Dutta, Amrita. "Following the Paper Trail", The Indian Express

Bhuyan, Avantika. "An elegy to paper", Business Standard

2013 Rajesh, Monysha. "The Worlds of Dayanita Singh", New York Times

Hudson, Mark. "Dayanita Singh interview", The Telegraph

Jumabhoy, Zebra. 'Dayanita Singh: Go Away Closer", Artforum Steward, Sue. "Inspired visions of Indian life", The Evening Standard

Malone, Theresa. "My best shot – Dayanita Singh", The Guardian

Hodgson, Francis. "Dayanita Singh: Go Away Closer – review", The Financial Times

"Dayanita Singh, a Retrospective", The Wall Street Journal

Kent, Sarah. "Dayanita Singh: Go Away Closer", Hayward Gallery, The Art Desk

Tomic, Milena. "Dayanita Singh", Art in America

Spence, Rachel. "Infinite Possibilities", The Financial Times

2012 Sherwin, Skye and Clark, Robert. "Exhibitionist: The week's art shows in pictures", The Guardian Guide

Terracciano, Emilia. "Monuments of Knowledge", Modern Painters

Shanghvi, S. D. "Shot Story, The Times of India", The Crest Edition

2011 Pick of the week, Hindustan Times, December

Pramod, Kumar. "Picture Perfect", India Today

Pisharoty, S. B. "Prose as pictures", The Hindu

Ghose, Anindita. "An insomniac's guide to photography", livemint.com

Pariat, Janice. "A Novel Short Story", Open Gallery Feeney, Mark. "Here, there, and everywhere", The Boston Globe

2010 Gupta, Sunil. "Dayanita Singh: A Ticket to Freedom", Deutsche Bank – Art Mag Gadihoke, Sabeena. "The ongoing life of images", The Calcutta Telegraph Hapgood, Susan. "Dayanita Singh", Art in America Sen, Aveek. "Night Watch – Tales of the Unexpected", The Calcutta Telegraph Chaturvedi, Bharati. "Feeling Blue", Business Standard

2009 Dillon, Brian. "Dayanita Singh: Dream Villa", Aperture Terracciano, Emilia. "Exhibition Review: Indian Highway", Art Monthly Sherwin, Skye. "Exhibition Review: Indian Highway", Art Review

2008 Das, Soumitra. "Only Class I am Familiar With", The Telegraph Calcutta

2007 Louis, Maria. "Myself, Dayanita Singh", Verve Sen, Aveek. "A Distance of One's Own – Dayanita Singh's 'Go Away Closer'", The Telegraph Calcutta Kalidas, S. "Binary Frames", India Today

2006 "Photography Explores Changing Cities in UTC public Arts Project - Cities in Transition", United Technologies

2005 Kent, Sarah. "Dayanita Singh", Time Out London

Cohen, Joyce. "Rearranging the furniture", Art New England

"Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Presents Chairs", artdaily.com,

Gantz, Jeffrey. "Gender benders? 'Cars at the MFA, 'Chairs' at the Gardner", The Boston Phoenix

Veronica, Marina. "Dayanita Singh: Chairs", artsMEDIA

Cotter, Holland. "Objects of Repose and Remembrance", The New York Times

Wilson, Rebecca."The imprint of the past", ArtReview

Temin, Christine. "Gardner 'Chairs' for seeing, not sitting", The Boston Globe

Beard, Alison. "Celebrating cherished chairs", Financial Times Silver, Joanne. "Gardner Stands Up for 'Chairs", Boston Herald

2003 Adajania, Nancy. "Poised at Thresholds", Art India, Nagy, Peter. "Dayanita Singh; The Expanded Inspiration, Visual Art", The India Habitat Center's Art Journal

2002 Doctor, Geeta. "Doing it her way", The Hindu Ghosh, Shohini. "The Sameness of the Queer", Biblio

2001 Sally O'Reilly, Sally. "Dayanita Singh", Time Out

Bennett, Oliver. "Shades of Glory", The Independent

"Women's work, Dayanita Singh's exhibition at Ikon Gallery", Blueprint

Grimley, Terry. "Looking at Things in Black and White", Metro

Safe, Emma. "Take a Fresh Look", Metro (West Midlands)

Illustrations, 'The Independent: Review', The Independent

"Alternative and Compelling New Angle on Benares", Leicester Mercury

Faleiro, Sonia. "Demello Vado. Eternity in monochrome", India Today

1999 Light, Ken. "Witness to our times. Working lives of Documentary photographers", Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, USA

Raha, Shuma. "Shooting from the Heart", Telegraph

Singh, Bandeep. "Portraits by a Lady", India Today