

**THE
INAUGURAL
EXHIBITION
OF
THE
ARTISTS
ASSOCIATION
OF
PUNJAB**

**ALHAMRA ART GALLERY
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INTRODUCTION

The Artists Association of Punjab is representative organisation of painters, sculptors and print-makers of Punjab.

A.A.P. is a non-profit and non-government organisation which has been formed to maintain, strengthen and ensure the status of arts as a vital part of the cultural life of Punjab and our country and to promote human values inherent in the arts.

Brief aims and objectives :

- To create awareness and understanding amongst the artists and the people of their rich regional cultural patterns and valuable art heritage.
- To organise exhibitions and help establish a meaningful relationship between the artist and the community which is essential for harmonious development of the individual and society. The artist manifests truth and beauty in his creative activity. He is a sensitive and observant member of society and his thoughts and expressions are motivated by life around him.
- To facilitate publications and hold seminars and discussions for promoting better understanding of art, and to raise standard of art criticism which can become instrumental in the evolution of a national art of Pakistan, reflecting its distinct regional identity in the international art world.
- To establish a better coordination and working relation between A.A.P., government, non-government, private cultural organisations, institutions, individual experts and scholars concerned in all aspects of the development of art.

- To struggle for better economic and social rights of artists and to ensure their right to freedom of expression.
- To federate with similar representative organisation of artists from Sind, Baluchistan and N.W.F.P. to form the National Association of Artists of Pakistan.

THE EXHIBITION

The Inaugural Exhibition of the Artists Association of Punjab comprises of the fresh work of 45 of its members.

PARTICIPANTS

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