

## Fauzia Aziz Minallah

### Education and Training

May 1991, M.Sc. Communication Design. Pratt Institute, New York

Dec, 1986, M.Sc. International Relations Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad

**Art Residency:** Atelier Fourwinds, Aurielle, Provence France. 2008

**Artist Profile:** A multi-disciplinary artist with a passion for using art to empower underprivileged children, Fauzia founded Funkor Child Art Centre in Pakistan, in 2001, to promote art and book reading amongst children in marginalized Pakistani communities. Developed the cartoon character Amai - The Bird of Light, a tiny bird made of light that can change into a shooting star and takes children on exciting adventures.

**Books for children** Wrote and illustrated: *Amai's Wish (2001)*, *Children of Light (2003)*, *Titli and the Music of Hope (2004)*, *Sadako's Prayer (2005)*, *Bano , Billoo and Amai (2010)*, *Amai and the Banyan Tree (2010)*, *Amai's Mohenjodaro Adventure (2011)*.

### Coffee Table Books

- *Glimpses into Islamabad's Soul (2007)*
- *Chitarkari and Banyans - The Pursuit of Identity (2010)*

### Website:

[www.fauziaminallah.com](http://www.fauziaminallah.com)

### Exhibitions:

#### 2022

Solo exhibition, 'The Lost Lullaby of Mother Earth', Adab Festival at the historical Gallerie Sadeqain, Frere Hall, Karachi.

Group show, 'Ode to the Modern Masters of Pakistan', organised by the Pakistan National Council of the Arts PNCA, at the National Art Gallery Islamabad. Pakistan

Outdoor installation of stone engraving 'Her stories on a Stonehenge', displayed under an old and monumental tree protected as a 'Natural Monument'. Islamabad Pakistan.

#### 2021

Outdoor installation of embroidered and painted net 'Keeping Memories alive', displayed under an old and monumental tree protected as a 'Natural Monument'. Islamabad Pakistan.

Outdoor installation of recycled art 'Tinfoil Tree Spirits', displayed under an old and monumental tree protected as a 'Natural Monument'. Islamabad Pakistan.

#### 2011-2020

Haimhausen Art 2020, Haimhaisen, Germany

Art exhibition - Solidarity with Refugee women, Munich Germany 2018

Group show of women artists at Košk, Munich Germany 2017

Haimhausen Art Biennale, Germany 2016

London Biennale Manila Pollination. Manila Phillipines 2016

Transart, London Biennale Manila Pollination. Berlin Germany 2016

Solo at Redpoint, St Pölten, Austria. 2016

'Trees of Life' Solo at Kultur Kries Kneipe, Haimhausen, Germany 2015

2 person show at Atelier Hamit Cordan , Wolfrathausen, Munich Germany 2015

Uskudur Sanat Biennale Artquake at Beylerbeyi Palace, Istanbul 2014

Exhibition of Works by Woman Artists of Pakistan to celebrate the International Woman's Day, National Art Gallery. Islamabad. Pakistan 2014

4 women artists from Islamabad, Gallery 6, Islamabad. Pakistan 2013

#### 2008-2010

Solo Exhibition, Chitarkari and Banyans - The Pursuit of Identity' National Art Gallery, Islamabad.

Exhibition of Works by Woman Artists of Pakistan to Coincide the International Woman's Day, National Art Gallery. Islamabad. Pakistan

Group show 'No Honour in Killing, Making Visible Buried Truth', it was a travelling exhibition in 6 different cities of Pakistan

Solo exhibition 'Meditative Strokes' Alliance Francaise, Islamabad Pakistan

**2007 -2006**

Launch and exhibition of 'Glimpses into Islamabad's Soul' National Art Gallery Islamabad. Pakistan 2007

Solo exhibition at V.M Art Gallery in Karachi. Pakistan 2007

**2005**

Participated in 'Indus Inspirations', an art auction where proceeds went to the reconstruction of schools in earthquake-affected areas of Pakistan. Held at the Lords Cricket Club, London UK.

**2004**

Group exhibition 'Terrorism cannot be exterminated by War' at the 14th Afro- Asian, Latin American Exchange Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan, Museum, Japan

**1980 - 2003**

Various international exhibitions held in New York, Islamabad and Tokyo.

#### **Award and Other Information:**

- Member of Board Children's Literature Festival of Pakistan.
- 'Lifetime achievement award' Abasin Arts Council, Peshawar. 2022
- Winner of first prize for the animation 'Amai's Paintings of Peace' at the My Hero Film Festival in Los Angeles, USA, 2016
- Winner of 'Promotion Peace through art' award at the Uskudur Sanat Biennale Artquake at Beylerbeyi Palace, Istanbul, 2014
- Jury Member for animation feature films, 18<sup>th</sup> International Children's Film Festival in Hyderabad, India, 2013
- Winner of Global Junior Challenge award for Amai's animation, in the innovative use of technology in children's education, 2012.
- Winner of Ron Kovic Peace prize, for the short film 'Let Them Bloom', selected for its inspirational message of peace, dignity, reconciliation and forgiveness, 2010.
- Short listed for the Bremen Peace award 2009. One of the nominated projects and organizations, which are exemplary in their work for peace, justice and integrity of creation. For *democratizing art education and making it accessible to kids from low-income families, so that they too can playfully discover their own creativity.*
- *Iqra - Read (A Prayer for the Girls of Afghanistan and Pakistan)* was winner of third prize at the My Hero Project short film festival 2009. This film promotes the education of the girl child in Afghanistan and Pakistan through Mural Art.
- Winner of 'Special Hero award' at the My Hero Project short film festival, 2009.
- The team of "Sadako's Prayer Project", a book written and illustrated by Fauzia Minallah was the winner of Hiroshima Citizen's Award in 2007.
- Winner of National Book Foundation Award for promotion of children's literature, 2003.

#### **Key speaking engagements and papers:**

- 'Promoting Peace through Children's ', Sharjah Children's Reading Festival 2017
- TEDx speaker 'Art beyond Walls', at the Central European University, Budapest Hungary 2018.
- Experience of a children 's book author, Open seminar during the Stockholm International Children's Book Week organised by the Stockholm International Library 2016
- TEDxKids@Islamabad, The bird of light and wisdom: Fauzia Minallah at Pehli Kiran School. 2014

- **'Promoting Diversity through Children's Books in Pakistan'**, 32<sup>nd</sup> International Board on Books for Young People ( IBBY) Congress , Santiago do Compostela, Spain 2010.