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# Raisa Mariam Rajan

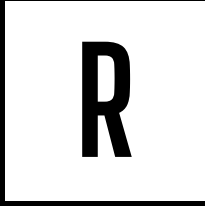
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Raisa Mariam Rajan





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Guinness World Record holder Raisa Mariam Rajan's art becomes the language of love and nature, and she outpours her soul on her canvas. The architect-artist combined consciousness that has a strong connection with nature defines Raisa's artistic genius. She is an Indian who is born and brought up in UAE. The ancient architecture, cities, the spiritually significant paintings and sculptures in religious institutions, and the vast array of local art forms made Raisa ponder deep into her artistic self. She began nurturing her skills as she started traveling and exploring the world.

She is a curator in contemporary art & design; archives and collections intensive from Royal College of Art, London. She has exhibited her artworks in UAE, Italy, Spain, France, Montenegro, Azerbaijan, Qatar, Seychelles, Georgia and many more. She has represented UAE's Year of Sustainability at Cannes Art Biennale during Cannes Film Festival 2023. Art for Raisa is "the world through her eyes" which is **a statement through art.**

# Guinness World Record

The idea of creating a Guinness World Record in the Most Nationalities in an Art Lesson and 51m long painting originated from the sustainable artist and architect Raisa Mariam Rajan. The record was made with two intentions, one is to connect people from different parts of the world and the other is to spread the idea of sustainability in art. The duration of the lesson was 50 minutes, during which participants were taught to create a cloth effect on a canvas using sustainable products along with painting on it.



# COP28, Blue Zone

## Reflections series by Raisa

"Reflections" by Guinness World Record Holder Raisa Mariam Rajan is an artistic memoir of the extensive travels she has made across the world. The intriguing journey of witnessing both natural and man-made beauty has made the artist realize how humanity and nature are supposed to work in unison to keep the world safe. Raisa is one of the first proponents of Sustainable art in UAE and has been vocal about environmental issues through her artworks. The artist created this unique collection exclusively for COP28 using sustainable products. The artist has specifically used rope in creating her works owing to its significance in the art and culture of UAE.



# Reflection

## Cannes Biennale 2023

Raisa is selected to represent UAE's Year of Sustainability 2023 along with her artwork named "REFLECTION" at Contemporary Art Cannes Biennale during the Cannes film festival 2023 as she is one of the first to advocate sustainability in the field of art and facilities management in UAE.



# Mother's Aura

## UNESCO HERITAGE SITE

The ink art named Mother's Aura was selected to exhibit at the UNESCO Heritage site La Pedrera, Barcelona , Spain. This artwork portrays the way a child is protected in a mother's womb along with the five elements of nature .





# Journey of Jawhara

## Jumbo Art

Raisa is the director and concept creator of jumbo art named “The Journey of Jawhara”, an artistic journey through the history of UAE has been unveiled in DIFC, Dubai as a part of the 50th National Day celebrations. The size of the artwork is 6m height and 5.5m width which represented the 7 emirates on the 7 different sized canvas to form the shape of UAE map. She has used her exclusive sustainable art products in Jawhara.



# Depth

## Expo 2020, Dubai

A live painting called Depth was inspired by the ambience of EXPO 2020 Dubai. Her artwork showcases the deep thoughts of multicultural minds coming together at one place . Depth was exhibited at the EXPO 2020.



# The Woman 2023



Raisa won the award "THE WOMAN 2023" for her achievements and contributions in the field of art and culture UAE.

# Qatar International Art Festival

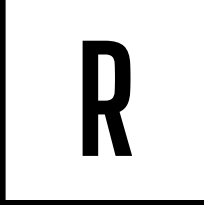
Her sustainable artworks were exhibited in Qatar International Art Festival 2021. She walked the ramp to showcase nature art on fabrics by using natural materials.



# The Glowing City

Raisa represented Dubai through her mixed media art at Index Dubai Show. The mural named 'the glowing city' sized 3mtrx2.5m was completed in 24 working hours.





## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Guinness World Record Holder – Most nationalities in an art lesson- Concept creator and instructor of the art lesson 2022
- Artwork selected to exhibit at La Pedrera, UNESCO Heritage, Spain 2022
- Shero Awards – The Women 2023
- Achievement award in the field of art and culture – LIONS Club International, UAE 2023
- Art Director of Jumbo art – The Journey of Jawhara 2021
- Award for participating in Qatar International Art Festival 2021
- Asrayam Award for Excellence in the field of art and culture India , UAE
- Art residency in Montenegro.
- Nominated at IWD Awards for Best Artist and Entrepreneur Category
- Honored as a panelist in the Indian embassy in Abu Dhabi.
- TOP 10 Shortlisted at FWAG International Awards 2022

## LIVE ART

- India pavilion at World Expo - Dubai, UAE.
- Qatar international art festival live art – Qatar.
- 51Mtr long painting (concept creator) – 2mx2m painted
- Nature art – Seychelles.
- Old Budva , Montenegro.
- Indian embassy Abu Dhabi , UAE
- Indian Consulate Dubai ,UAE
- Gargash Hospital ,Art therapy with doctors and patients, UAE
- Khalil Gibran exhibition at the House of Wisdom, UAE.
- Dubai Womens Run , UAE
- “She” Exhibition and book launch at Novotel, UAE.
- Live art Index and Hotel Show- UAE 2021
- Emirates Fashionista, UAE.
- Graffiti at World art Dubai , UAE
- Shurooq Al Fann, Magzoid, UAE.
- The Wall of the Creatives (3.5mx2.5m) Index DWTC, UAE
- Wall of art and nature (permanent wall of sustainable art) – Novotel, UAE supported by UN Environment Programme.

## Curator

- 75th Indian Independence Day, Indian Embassy in UAE
- Ehtifal Exhibition , Indian Embassy ,UAE
- COP28 , Blue Zone, Expo City, Dubai  
Solo & Group exhibition

## CONCEPT CREATOR

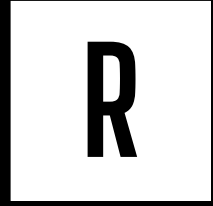
- Guinness World Record for the most nationalities in an art lesson
- 51mtr long painting at the Guinness World Record
- The Journey of Jawhara - Jumbo art

## PANEL TALKS

- Sustainability on plastics – One Earth ,Novotel ,Dubai
- Women Empowerment – Y’s Men Club
- Sustainability on art materials – Indian Embassy, Abu Dhabi
- Divya Chakra - Indian Consulate, Dubai
- Annual Student Art Show 2022 at De Mont University
- Inspire Me

## WORKSHOPS

- Dubai sports society
- Indian embassy Abudhabi, UAE
- Rashid center for people of Determination, UAE
- SNF Centre for special needs
- Annual Student Art Show
- Dance Central, Dubai



## Exhibition

- COP28 , BLUE ZONE - Exclusive sustainable artworks - Solo Exhibition, Dubai 2023
- Art Cannes Biennale, Cannes Film Festival - France - 2023
- **Ehtifal Al Emarat Exhibition during Guinness World Record 2022**
- La Pedrera , UNESCO Heritage Site-Antonio Gaudi Barcelona, Spain.-2022
- Transversal Horizons, Italy 2022
- Tansversal Horizons, Spain 2022
- 75TH Indian independence at Indian Embassy, Abu Dhabi, Event Director- 2022
- 51st UAE National Day, Abudhabi Theatre, Event Director 2022
- Divya chakra – Indian Consulate, Dubai – 2022
- Emirati Women’s Day, Al Ain Ladies Club, Al Ain 2022
- World corporate summit – Palace Downtown, Dubai, UAE
- World Art Dubai – March -2023, UAE
- World Art Dubai – March -2022, UAE
- World art Dubai – April 2021, UAE.
- Qatar International Art Festival – Oct 21 Qatar.
- Art Directorial Jumbo Art -The Journey of Jawhara, DIFC , Dubai, UAE
- Montenegro Art Residency, Montenegro 2021
- Mince Senet Gallery, Azerbaijan- 2020
- Exhibited Nature Art of Seychelles in Qatar International Art Festival Artistic Fashion Show, Qatar- 2022
- The Wall of Creatives – Jumbo wall- represented Dubai Emirate at Index Show -UAE
- Only One Earth to Revitalize – Sustainable Art Exhibition, Novotel – UAE
- Middle East Event Show, Madinat, UAE.
- Women Top 50 International Awards – UAE
- FWAG International Exhibition – April, Georgia.
- The hotel show, Dubai World Trade Centre
- Indradanush Consulate of India, Dubai
- Geminos exhibition, Dubai, UAE

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A STATEMENT THROUGH ART

- International Studio of Art and Galleries, Dubai, UAE
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- The Celestial Exhibition, Four Points Sheraton, Dubai, UAE
- Le Meridien Airport Hotel, Dubai, UAE
- Freedom Exhibition at Holiday Inn, Dubai, UAE
- The RAW Coffee Company, Dubai, UAE
- Shurooq Al Fann , Dubai Sports Society, UAE
- Hubspace Gallery, Dubai
- Al Thahiyya, Souk Al Marfa, UAE
- Dubai International Art Centre , UAE
- Just Women Art - Pullman JLT – Dubai , U.A.E
- Annual Student Art Show , De Monte University , UAE
- International Watercolor Society, Canadian University , UAE
- Theatre of Digital Art, Madinat Jumeirah , UAE
- Ramadan and more , Pullman Hotel , Dubai , UAE

## Donations

- Donated artwork to Indian Consulate , Dubai
  - Donated artwork to Al Jalila Foundation

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**EXCLUSIVE**  
**CEO FROM UAE PAINTS HER DREAMS AT CANNES**

Raisa Mariam Rajan's exhibit at the Cannes biennale sends message of sustainability and women empowerment

By Manjusha Radhakrishnan  
Entertainment Editor

**Quote-Unquote**

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# From CEO to Cannes: UAE artist and entrepreneur recounts her inspiring journey

From gathering material from a Sharjah tailor to breaking barriers, Raisa Rajan tells all

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Manjusha Radhakrishnan, Entertainment Editor





UAE artist and entrepreneur Raisa Mariam Rajan creates a stir at the International Contemporary Art Cannes Biennale

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UAE resident Raisa Mariam Rajan, the CEO of a facilities management company who moonlights as an artist, was sceptical when an email inviting her to showcase her work at the International Contemporary Art Cannes Biennale (ICACB) reached her inbox.

Held every year alongside Cannes Film Festival, the prestigious ICACB plucks 60 artists from around the world to display their art. This year, the self-taught artist, architect and entrepreneur who grew up in Sharjah was hand-picked.

“Their mail came out of the blue when I was celebrating my Guinness World Record achievement for my painting with sustainable materials last December. I thought it was a spam mail because it was too good to be true ... After all, participating at the Art Cannes Biennale is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for any artist,” said Raisa in an exclusive interview with Gulf News.



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Raisa Mariam Rajan's winning art exhibit made fully from sustainable material

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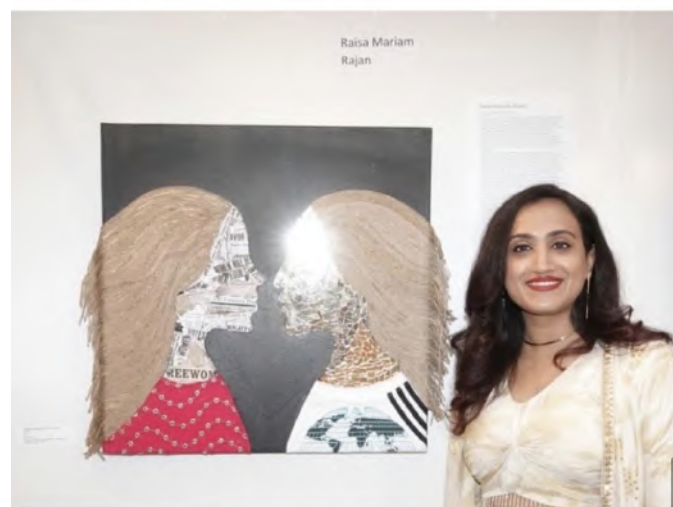
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She describes herself as an owl who can paint the night away, while waking up the next day to run a company.

“My art is what soothes my soul,” she added.



Raisa Mariam Rajan at the Contemporary Art Cannes Biennale

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- Raisa Mariam Rajan on how the UAE has shaped her as an artist

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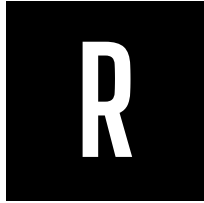
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The festival’s attractions were the Guinness World Record Attempt and the 51-meter-long painting known as Jumbo 51. These two attractions, which attracted a sizable crowd to the Abu Dhabi theatre, resulted from a concept by Raisa Mariam Rajan. “I’ve always wanted to build a significant product. Anil invited me to serve as the event’s director. Thus, this was the ideal scenario. My idea became a reality because we were fortunate to be in the right place and at the right moment. The effort of integrating so many different ethnicities under one roof was enormous. The success of this event is nothing but passion and sheer hard work.”



# Raisa Mariam Rajan

*A Guinness World Record Holder Who Wields Her Artistic Prowess to Fuel Change and Foster Sustainability*

*Pioneering Sustainable Facilities Management, Driven by Her Father's Mentorship!*

Attaining success doesn't simply involve gaining wealth and authority - it entails producing a beneficial and substantial effect on both society and the environment. Business owners can be influential proponents of advancement by designing sustainable options, advocating for conservation, and improving the world by making it more eco-friendly.

Raisa stands as a beacon of progress and success, exhibiting the potency of creative problem-solving, modern technology, and successful business strategies. As a CEO at California Group of Companies and the founder of Raisa Art World, as well as an art curator for the Curating Contemporary Art and Design: Archives and Collections Intensive from the Royal College of Art London, she is making a positive impact on her community. Through her dedication to sustainability and art, she is driving the development of pioneering and resource-efficient solutions that will benefit us all.

From the time she was a child, she was consumed by the world of art and creativity. The artistic expression seemed to ignite something within her that could not be quelled, so it was no surprise that when it came time to choose her professional path, she decided to pursue a career that would allow her to combine her passion for the arts with her hard-earned skills in facilities management and interior design.

Since becoming a blend of her intuitive and professional choices, she has emerged as a true artist, architect, and entrepreneur all in one. With a spirit of creative exploration, she has been able to take the ordinary and transform it into something extraordinary. Moreover, she has been driven by her conviction that true success lies in the lasting impact

one can have on society, and, as an entrepreneur, she has been devoted to championing sustainability and protecting the environment for future generations.

Her art is an expression of her powerful opinions on society, life, and the happenings around her. It's an intimate excavation of her being, a profound exercise that has molded her into the woman she is today. Raisa's remarkable initiatives have earned her a name in the art world, and she has been invited to be a part of various high-profile panels to spark conversations around sustainable art and to be bestowed with accolades from both national and international platforms.

*Let's dive deep into her creative journey and explore how her art is transforming the world around her in a sustainable way!*

### From Passion to Professionalism

Raisa's journey as an artist, architect, and entrepreneur has been a blend of her intuitive and professional choices. Her upbringing nurtured her artistic flair, setting her up for success in facilities management and interiors. She was lucky enough to study at one of India's leading architecture schools, giving her access to leading firms. This invaluable experience enabled her to build her own business strategy by joining her family's venture in the UAE, where she could display her vision, expertise, and creative mindset. Her dedication to innovation and transformation has resulted in tangible outcomes. Her success, however, is not defined by rewards but by the effect her enterprise has on society, aiming for sustainability and conservation of the environment.

*Women Icons making Waves in Arab World*



“  
Success is the impact we can have on society, and my role as an entrepreneur has been for the cause of sustainability and the conservation of the environment.  
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Raisa Mariam Rajan  
CEO  
California Group of Companies  
Raisa Art World



### Exploring Nature Art in Azerbaijan

From an early age, she had an affinity for the natural world. Growing up, she was captivated by the stunning beauty of landscapes, wildlife, and cultures she encountered in her travels. Excited for the chance to learn about art intertwined with nature, she accepted an invitation to a nature art residency in Azerbaijan. Through experimentation, she discovered new methods of nature art that left her deeply inspired.

Achieving sustainability in cities can be a difficult feat, yet one woman has taken up the challenge and is leading the way in the UAE with her pioneering efforts. Volunteering to become an advocate for sustainable art and living, she has researched sustainable art and created artwork using recycled materials. Her works have been shown around the world, demonstrating that sustainable practices are achievable even in an urban setting. Her success is an inspiration to all, showing that anyone can make a difference and make a positive impact on the environment.

Her ideas gradually gained traction, and her supporters grew in numbers. Invited to multiple platforms, she became an outspoken champion of sustainable art. Her passion was contagious as she hosted workshops and demonstrations to educate others on sustainable art, and her work was even featured on the permanent sustainable art wall in Dubai. Her creative thinking even spurred the Guinness World Record challenge and its focus on a sustainable future. But she's determined to keep going, raising awareness and leaving a lasting impact.

### California Group Leads the Way to a Greener Future

Raisa, an artist, is thrilled to be exhibiting her artwork at the International Contemporary Art Cannes Biennale in May 2023, coinciding with the Cannes Film Festival in France. Furthermore, she is delighted to be collaborating with several international agencies and showcasing her art on a global scale.

In the business world, California Group has pioneered sustainability in facilities management. Through their services, they strive to set an example and demonstrate their commitment to caring for the environment. 🌱

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## UAE artists create the seven emirates in live art activation

The Wall of the Creatives was held from May 24-26.

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The Wall of Creatives has now become one of the largest art walls to be painted live in the UAE. The artists that graced this wall with their exceptional talent include Dr. Ajit Gadekar, Fatemeh Hossein Bor, Raisa Rajan, Kalopsia Wiz, Anupa Vara, Parisa Keramati, and Dr. Sana Sajan. Keramati in her impressionism art style. Raisa Rajan covered the skyline of the glowing city, Dubai, in a mixed media style.

Dubai  
Artist Name: Raisa Rajan  
Art Style: Mixed Media  
Depiction: The glowing city of Dubai

Ehtifal Al Emarat also presented a unique art exhibition, exhibiting the artworks of 51 distinguished artists from different emirates in UAE. There were cultural programs and live paintings that added beauty to the event. Anil Kejriwal, founder and CEO of Artscrafts mentioned that the union of 65 nations to celebrate the National Day of UAE was nothing less than a dream come true. He thanked his team for the success of the event, who had worked hard for months, and mentioned the great support he received from all the sponsors, mainly First Abu Dhabi Bank.

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dreamt of creating something big. This was the perfect opportunity as Anil asked me to direct this event. We were blessed with the right time and place and my concept turned into a reality. It was a huge task to bring so many nationalities under a single roof. The success of this event is nothing but passion and sheer hard work." Ahmed Baharoon, executive director of environment information, science outreach management sector at EAD, added: "Art is a language that can move us emotionally in indescribable ways. It is a powerful tool that allows people of all ages to express themselves in a liberating and inspiring manner. Sustainable art has become a popular form of expression, and in Abu Dhabi, there have been exhibitions to showcase art that is created from recycled materials. You can find statues made from plastic or robots composed of recycled

# Gulf Today

## UAE-based artist group participates in Qatar art fest

04 Nov 2021



The participants pose for a group photo at the Qatar International Art Festival. successful event and her efforts showed up with all flying colours. We learnt a lot, had a great experience and good networking. These types of festivals are, very important for artists where they can interact with artists from different cultural backgrounds. It helps in thinking beyond your own boundaries."

The participating artists who travelled to Qatar included Shiba Khan, Farah Khan, Rafa Tom, Jasmine Mohammed Rizvi, Raisa Rajan, Dr. Devisree, Sabah Anees, Safaa Saeed, Madhuri Musani, Anuradha Bhalla, Raksha Jesrani, Muffazal Abbasbhai Arsiwala and Mohammad Aslam Hussain. The artists who sent their work were Nada Al Barazi, Nafisa Saouda, Akshay Arora

## Artists in Focus 2023: Celebrating 50 Talents

March 17, 2023 U.A.E.



EMARAT BEATS



## Watch: Indian expats brave morning rains, traffic to celebrate 74th Republic Day in UAE

Top diplomats hail relations with UAE, appreciate contribution of Indian community

Ambassador Sunjay Sudhir felicitated a number of volunteers from the Dawoodi Bohra community and Indian People's Forum, social worker Firdous Basha, artists Anil Kejriwal, Raisa Mariam Rajan, Devisree Sathyanesan and Artscrafts Abu Dhabi.

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"Your contributions, even during the most difficult of times, such as COVID times, have been exemplary and will act as an inspiration to Indians around the world. Your achievements make India shine and thrive on the global stage. Your contribution to the economy and development of the UAE is widely recognised, not only by the leaders and government of the UAE, but also by the Emiratis in general. Your sincerity in giving back to the motherland is a vital cog in the wheel of Indian nation building."

Those honoured included the volunteers of Dawoodi Bohra community and Indian People's Forum, social worker Firdous Basha, artists Anil Kejriwal, Raisa Mariam Rajan, Devisree

### Community members honoured

The ambassador, who congratulated UAE-based Indian businessman Siddharth Balachandran for recently winning the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman from the Indian President, also gave away certificates of appreciation to community organisations and individuals who contributed to the welfare of the Indian diaspora and the promotion of Indian culture and arts.

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A peek into the UAE's cultural landscape



Art Therapy event hosted by Funun Arts Group at Gargash Hospital

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وسمى الشبيخة فاطمة بنت مبارك «أم الإمارات». رئيسة الاتحاد النسائي العام، رئيسة المجلس الأعلى للأمومة والطفولة، الرئيسة الأعلى لمؤسسة التنمية الأسرية. وما تحقق من إنجازات تعبر عن دعم المرأة الإماراتية وتمكينها. وقالت الفنانة التشكيلية سامية صالح: استوحينا فكرة المعرض وعناوين لوحاته من مقوله صاحب السمو الشيخ محمد بن راشد آل مكتوم نائب رئيس الدولة، رئيس مجلس الوزراء، حاكم دبي، رعاه الله، والتي جاء فيها «نحن لا نمدن المرأة.. نحن نمكّن المجتمع بالمرأة»، وهو ما عبرت عنه أغلب اللوحات التي



مدد من الفنانات التشكيليات المشاركات في المعرض



العين، منى البديوي نظمت الفنانة التشكيلية سامية صالح معرضاً بعنوان «امرأة»، وذلك احتفاءً بـ«يوم المرأة الإماراتية». يهدف المعرض إلى إبراز دور المرأة، وأهم إنجازاتها في مختلف المجالات منذ قيام الاتحاد، وتوضيح مشاركتها الفاعلة في التنمية، وذلك في نادي سيدات العين، بمشاركة 10 فنانات تشكيليات.



### Raisa Mariam Rajan

Raisa Mariam Rajan, a Guinness World Record Holder artist, expresses her passion for nature through her art. As an architect-artist and entrepreneur, Rajan's artwork is influenced by her extensive travels and features a variety of mediums such as sustainable materials, acrylic paints, alcohol ink, and charcoal to create textured pieces on different surfaces. Her art showcases the harmony and peace she finds in nature and

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This event started on 11th. June in the presence of Chief Guest Mrs. Habiba Almar'ashi (Director and founder of Emirates Environment Group) and Dr. Sana Sajan (Director of Danube Welfare), Special guest Dr. Suaad Al Shamsi (First Aircraft engineer of UAE), Mrs. Juhi Yasmeen Khan (Director of JYK community), Mr. Ahmed Alhefeiti (Wadi Dafta), Dake Chandra (Dake Group) and Mrs. Lubna Naeem (Head of operations and Business Deve. At Gargash Hospital).



### Dubai celebrates Divya Chakra 2022

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Divya Chakra 2022 also included a dance performance by NKD Dance Studio led by Dubai-based dancer, actor, and influencer, Nidhi Kumar, and a musical tribute by Antara Institutions led by Bagavad Eeswar...reports Asian Lite News

The event featured an exceptional exhibit of 75 selected artworks by artists of multiple nationalities. The celebration also featured LIVE art performances by dignified artists, which included Dr. Ajit Gadekar, Amal Mirajkar, Raisa Mariam Rajan, and Dr. Devisree. The LIVE rangoli made by Jyoti Manish Rajyaguru, which was a treat to the eyes under the theme "Ek Rangoli Desh ke Naam".



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# ARTIST IN FOCUS 2022 & 2023

**Artists 2022**  
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**RAISA MARIAM RAJAN**  
United Arab Emirates




Raisa Mariam Rajan is an Indian artist based in the UAE who started her journey as an artist by drawing portraits, glass paintings, sketches, and acrylic paintings on canvas. It later became a space to experiment with different medium and textures on various surfaces. Being an Architect, she look forward to implement her artworks to enhance the space designed for clients. For Raisa, art is a powerful medium to express herself. Through her works, she focuses on making strong statements on society, life, and the events that happen around her. Raisa is also an art teacher and has been acclaimed for her role in shaping not only the artistic talents in her students but also their lives in a positive way. Raisa has many national and international art exhibitions to her credit which include World Art Dubai and Qatar International Art Festival. She has been to the Montenegro Art Residency Program and is preparing for an art residency program in Europe. Her directorial venture named "The Journey of Jawhara", an artistic journey through the history of UAE, which she painted in collaboration with artist friend, Jameela Muhammad Rizvi has been unveiled in FITC, Dubai as part of the National Day celebrations. She also successfully participated in the Live Art organized in the Indian Pavilion of Expo 2020. Raisa continues her artistic journey with awe and believes that it is in the art that the future of the world lies.

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**Raisa Mariam Rajan**  
United Arab Emirates




Guinness World Record Holder artist Raisa Mariam Rajan is a multi-talented architect-artist and an entrepreneur who uses art to express her love for nature. Her extensive travels have greatly influenced her artistic style, which incorporates a variety of mediums such as sustainable materials, acrylic paints, alcohol ink, and charcoal to create textured artworks on various surfaces. Rajan believes that incorporating nature into art can bring about new transformations in visual representations and often infuses her paintings with the essential harmony and peace that she finds in nature. She also incorporates crystals and sparkles into her art to channel positive energy. Rajan's art has been exhibited in over 40 exhibitions, 22 live art events, workshops, and panel talks worldwide. She is also the concept creator for the Guinness World Record for organizing an art lesson with the most nationalities in an art lesson, with the aim of spreading awareness about environmental sustainability in art. As an architect, Rajan aims to combine her skills with her passion for art to create innovative and aesthetically pleasing spaces. Through her artwork, Rajan hopes to inspire and motivate people to appreciate and preserve the natural world around them. Her artwork reflects her unique perspective on the world around her, which is deeply rooted in her love for nature. Her artworks have been exhibited La Pedrera, UNESCO, Barcelona, Spain, Qatar International Art Fair, Transversal Italy, World Art Dubai, Azerbaijan, Montenegro, UAE, and many more.

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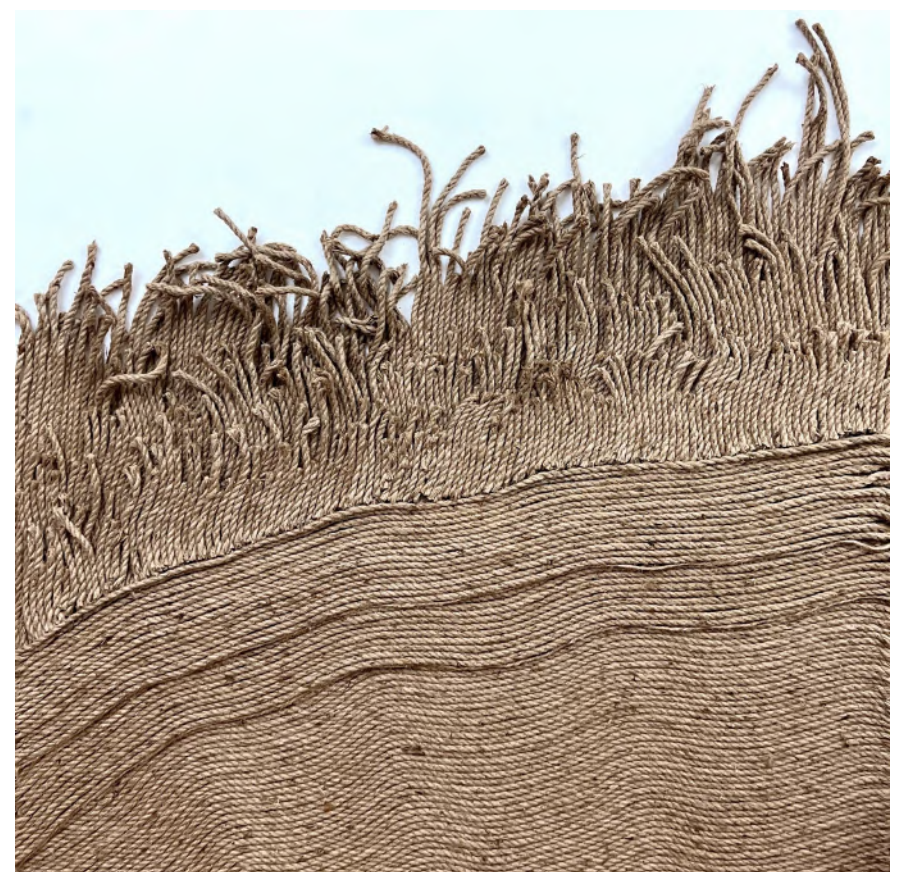


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# Sustainable art



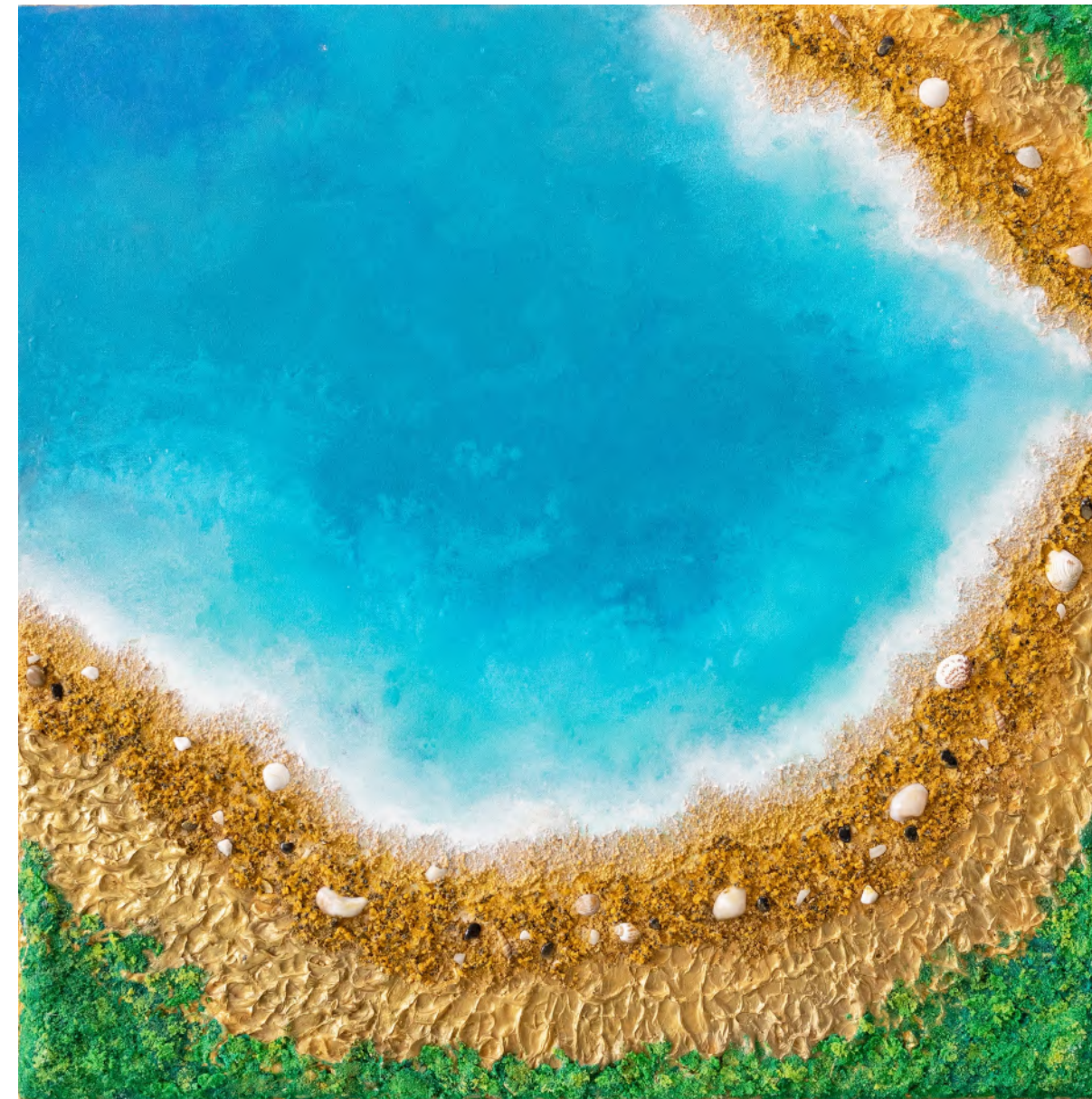
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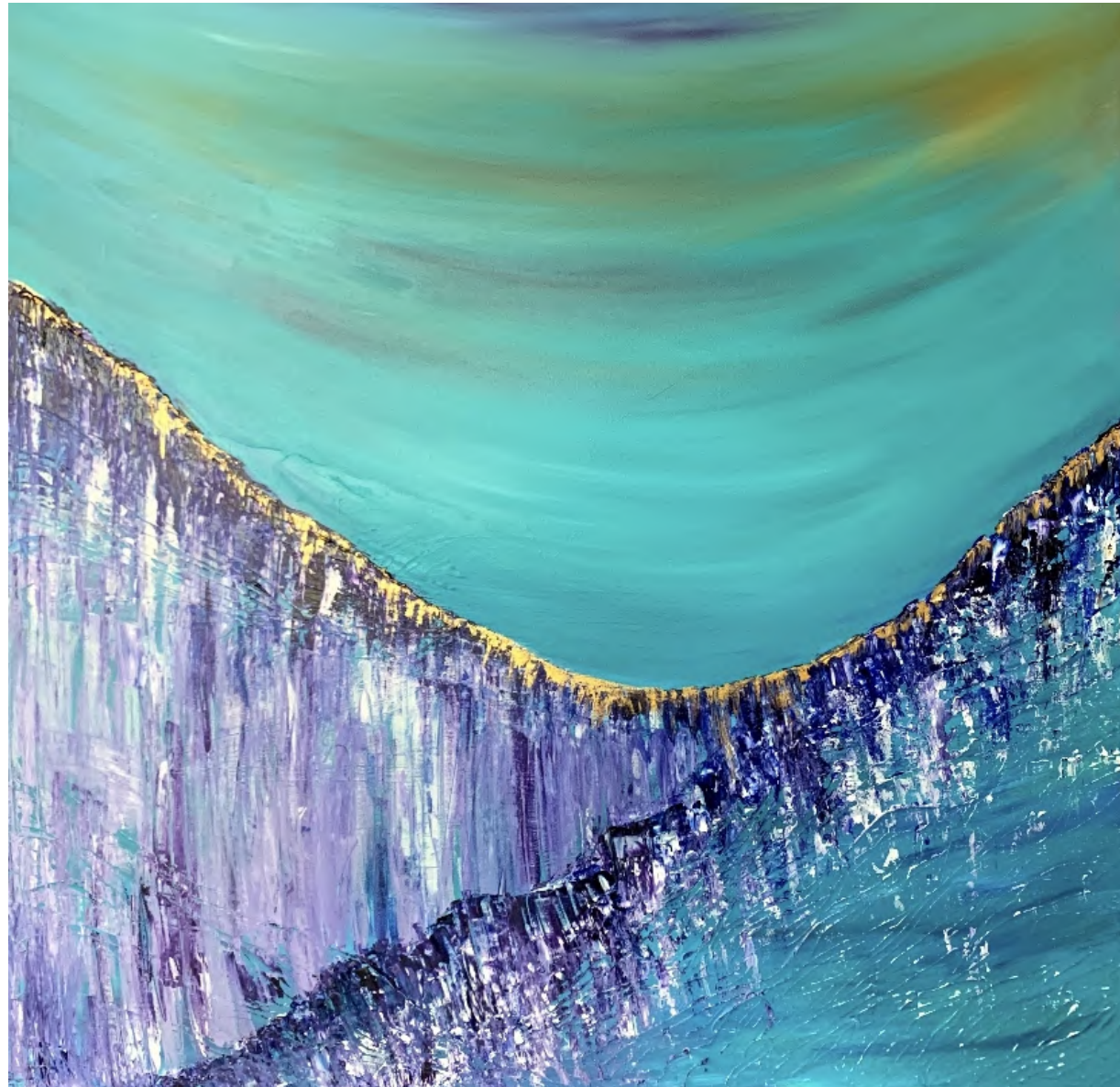
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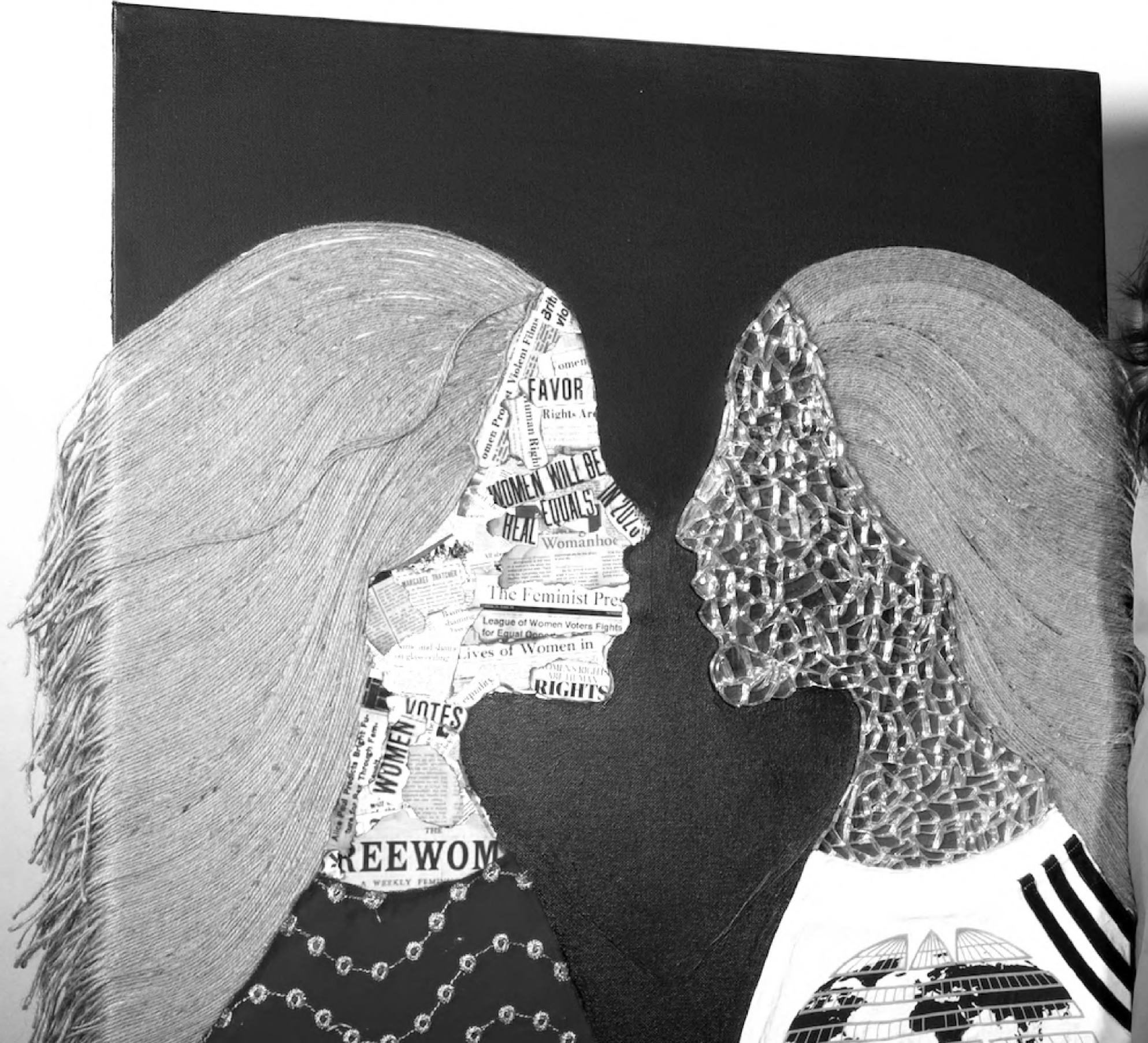
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