

H.A. KARUNARATNE b. 1929

Education

- 1952-1958 Advanced Course in Drawing and Painting, Government Heywood College of Fine Arts, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1959-1961 Postgraduate course in Oil Painting and Graphic Art, (Foreign Research Student under Japanese Government Scholarship), Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music, Tokyo, Japan
- 1965-1966 Major in Graphic Art (Fulbright Award Recipient), Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, USA

Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 Zen | Art Exhibition, Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka
- 2019 Book Launch Event & Art Exhibition | BMICH, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2012 Dr. H. A. Karunaratne 'The Father of Sri Lankan Abstract Art in Retrospect' | Alliance Francoise, Kandy, Sri Lanka
- 2011 Beyond the Boundary | J.D.A. Perera Art Gallery, Sri Lanka
- 2010 Art Exhibition | J.D.A. Perera Art Gallery, Sri Lanka
- 2004 SAARC Artist's Exhibition | Alhamra, Lahore, Pakistan
- 2004 Probing the Soul III | Thambapani Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2003 An Exhibition of Art and Sculpture by H. A. Karunaratne | Mahaweli Centre, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2000 Soul Searching | The Lanka Oberoi, Colombo, Sri Lanka, sponsored by Deutsche Bank
- 1997 The Art of Sensibility | The Heritage Art Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1993 Deutsche Bank, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1992 Roots of Art | Deutsche Bank G.M., Bernhard. A. Steinruecke residence, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1990 National Art Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1989 Exhibition Paintings and Lithographs by H. A. Karunaratne | Gakuyusha Gallery & Box Gallery, Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan
- 1988 National Art Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1984-1987 Hotel Lanka Oberoi, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1982 Exhibition of Paintings by H. A. Karunaratne, Lionel Wendt Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1982 United States Information Center & Lionel Wendt Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1981 Melbourne, Australia & Lionel Wendt Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1970 Art Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1963 Exhibition of Paintings by H. A. Karunaratne, USIS Library, Colombo
- 1962 Exhibition of Paintings and Lithographs | Lionel Wendt Hall, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1961 Metropolitan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1960 Exhibition of Paintings and Lithographs | Sogo Department Store, Yurakucho, Tokyo, Japan
- 1959 Fuji Denko Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

- 1956 Exhibition of Painting and Lithograph by H. A. Karunaratne | United States Information Centre, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1956 Colombo Art Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Group Exhibitions

- 2024 Pivot Glide Echo | KALĀ in association with Lionel Wendt Art Centre, Lionel Wendt Art Centre, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2018 State Art and Sculpture Festival, JDA Perera Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2016 Department Show: An Exhibition of Paintings | JDA Perera Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2015 UVPA 10th Anniversary Show: Visual Art Exhibition | JDA Perera Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2008 World Open Art Festival, Korea
- 1998 Asia Print Adventure| Hokkaido Museum of Modern Art, Hokkaido, Japan
- 1990 The George Keyt Foundation, Lionel Wendt Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1989 3rd Asian Art Show | Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
- 1988 The Ceylon Society of Arts' Centenary Exhibition | Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1986 3rd Asian Art Biennale | Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 1985 2nd Asian Art Show| Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
- 1981 South Asia Festival of Culture, National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, India
- 1955 International Buddhist Art Exhibition, Art Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 1957 1st Young Asian Artists Exhibition | Shibuya Tokyo Department Store, Tokyo, Japan
- 1966 5th Tokyo International Print Biennale Exhibition | Tokyo, Japan
- 1969 10th Sao Paulo Biennale | Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 1973 World Print Competition | University of California, Los Angeles, USA
- 1974 Asia Today | Milan, Italy
- 1980 Contemporary Asian Art Show | Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
- 1981 South Asia Festival of Culture | National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, India

Awards (Selected)

- 2022 The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold, and Silver Rays | Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka
- 2022 Vishwabhusana Award | All Ceylon Buddhist Congress, Sri Lanka
- 2019 Kala Keerthi National Honor | President of Sri Lanka
- 2018 Drushya Kala Abhimani Award | Sri Lanka Art Council, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Sri Lanka
- 2016 Desha Nethru Award | Ministry of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development & Cultural Affairs, Sri Lanka
- 2010 Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris casua) | University of the Visual and Performing Arts, Sri Lanka
- 2008 Recognition of Artistic Independence | Mona Bismark Foundation, Paris
- 2006 Solias Mendis National Award | Solias Mendis Trust, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Lake House, Sri Lanka

- 2005 Honorary Award for Nurturing Art |Awarded by President of Sri Lanka
- 1998 Special Bunka Award | Japan Sri Lanka Friendship Cultural Fund (J.S.F.C.F), Sri Lanka
- 1996 Vishwa Prasadini National Honor | Prime Minister of Sri Lanka
- 1994 Kala Suri National Honor | President of Sri Lanka
- 1987 Kalapathi Award | Ceylon Society of Arts' Centenary Celebration, Sri Lanka

Collections

National Gallery of Modern Art, Delhi, India

Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan

California College of Arts and Craft Collection, San Francisco, USA