

Malini Menon

Selected Works

PAINTER, CURATOR AND POET · KOCHI, KERALA

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THE ARTIST

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Born and raised in Kochi, Kerala, Malini Menon is a painter, curator and poet whose practice explores nature, abstraction and portraiture. She began sketching portraits during her school years, inspired by her mother, the artist T. Kamala Menon, and moved into painting in 2015. Acrylic is her principal medium, alongside work in oil and other painting media.

Initially self-taught, she completed certificate courses in acrylic, watercolour and oil painting at Calicut School of Fine Arts. She also studied Mandala art and conducts creative workshops. Her paintings range from richly observed flowers and atmospheric landscapes to cultural subjects, spiritual imagery and expressive portraits. Works in her portfolio include Chrysanthemums, Winter, Wadi, Kerala Sunset, Chinese Fishing Nets, Chakyar Koothu, Sri Buddha and an oil portrait of actor Rajit Kapur.

Her curatorial work includes Mystic Cove at Art Hub D3, Dubai Design District, in October 2017, bringing together six international artists based in the UAE, and In Love With UAE at Dubai's Antique Museum in November 2017, featuring seventeen artists of different nationalities. In 2019 she curated Chitranjali, featuring four women artists for International Women's Day, and Kanavu, a six-artist exhibition, at Kasthuri Sreenivasan Art Gallery, Coimbatore. She was empanelled as a curator for Kerala Lalithakala Akademi's 2024–2025 grant exhibitions.

Her exhibition participation spans India and the UAE, including Dubai, Coimbatore, Bengaluru, Kozhikode, Chennai, Puducherry and Delhi. Documented appearances include Art Infinity 2, Haat of Art at Bharat Mandapam, Teach Art Kochi at Durbar Hall, and Sargalaya Art and Craft Village. She has also participated in art camps and workshops organised by Kerala Chitrakala Parishad. Her media appearances include Hit 96.7 FM, Dubai, and Akashvani's Art Cafe, Kozhikode.

Her English poetry has appeared in newspapers, college magazines, online publications and anthologies. She holds a Microbiology degree and two postgraduate degrees in Biotechnology, earned in India and the United Kingdom, and has worked as a lecturer. Across painting, poetry and curation, her work combines close observation with a commitment to creative exchange.



Chakyar Koothu

Chakyar Koothu by Malini Menon. Acrylic painting depicting a costumed performer against a blue background.



Chrysanthemums

Chrysanthemums by Malini Menon. Acrylic. Dimensions listed in the artist's portfolio: 38 × 26 inches.



Winter

Winter by Malini Menon. Acrylic. Dimensions listed in the artist's portfolio: 27 × 20 inches.



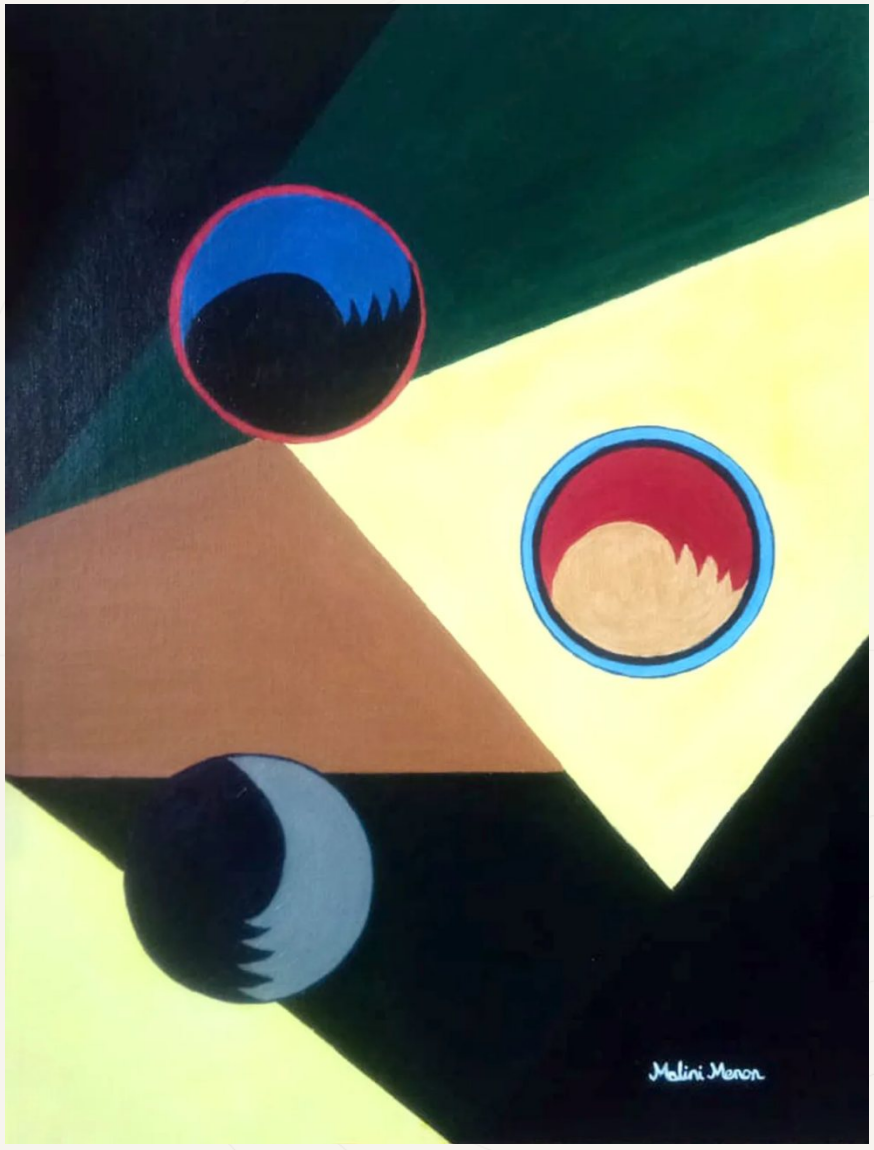
Wadi

Wadi by Malini Menon. Acrylic. Dimensions listed in the artist's portfolio: 30 × 24 inches.



Robin

Robin by Malini Menon. Acrylic. Dimensions listed in the artist's portfolio: 12 × 16 inches.



Elements of Nature

Elements of Nature by Malini Menon. Acrylic. Dimensions listed in the artist's portfolio: 26 × 20 inches.



Sri Buddha

Sri Buddha by Malini Menon. Acrylic. Dimensions listed in the artist's portfolio: 25.6 × 20 inches.



Black and White Calla Lilies

Black and White Calla Lilies by Malini Menon. Acrylic. Dimensions listed in the artist's portfolio: 26 × 26 inches.



Calla Lilies Three Panel

Calla Lilies Three Panel by Malini Menon. Acrylic. Dimensions listed in the artist's portfolio: 26 × 26 inches.



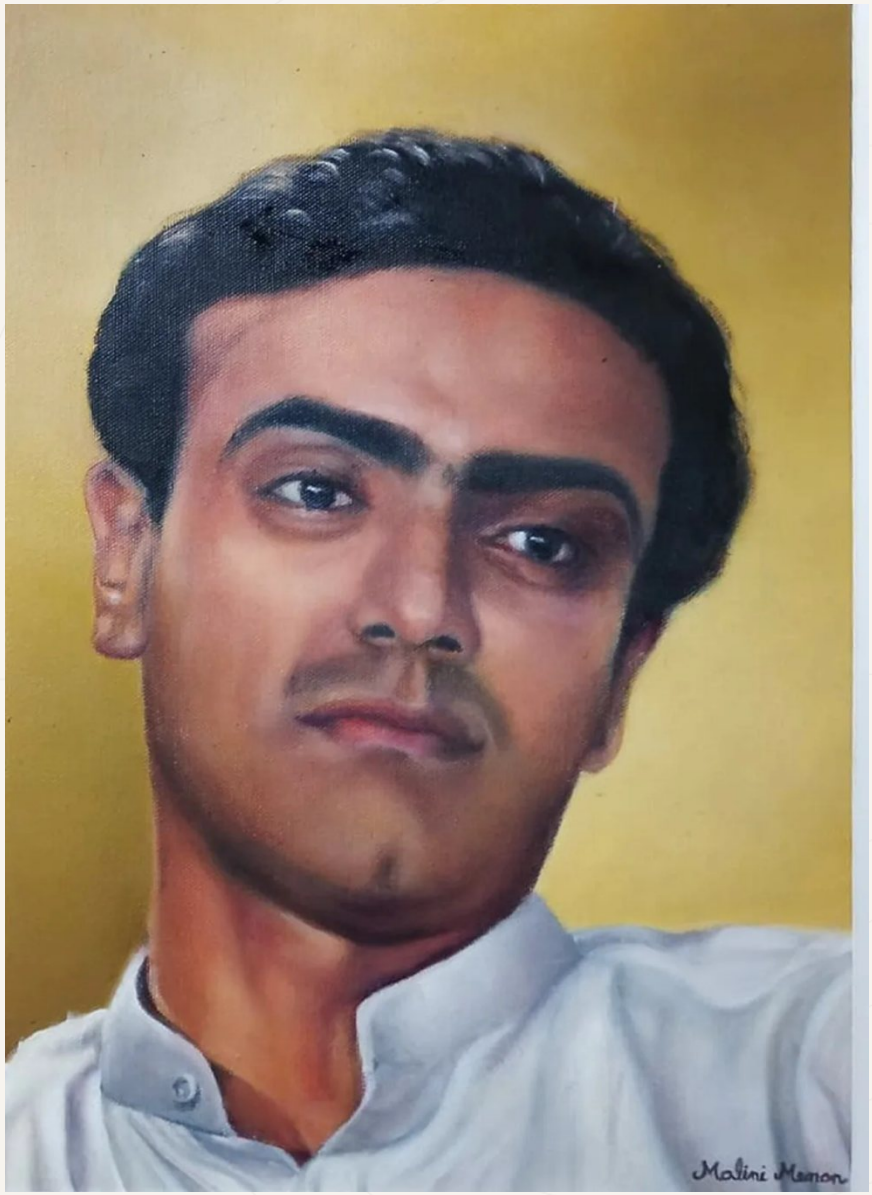
Chinese Fishing Nets

Chinese Fishing Nets by Malini Menon. Acrylic. Dimensions listed in the artist's portfolio: 12 × 16 inches.



Kerala Sunset

Kerala Sunset by Malini Menon. Acrylic. Dimensions listed in the artist's portfolio: 36 × 24 inches.



Actor Rajit Kapur

Actor Rajit Kapur by Malini Menon. Oil portrait.



Monochrome Calla Elegance

ACRYLIC · H 8 × W 8 IN (20.3 × 20.3 CM)

This acrylic painting presents three calla lilies in white and grey tones against a textured, dark grey and black background. The petals and leaves are detailed with soft, layered brushstrokes conveying delicate form and subtle shadows. Its calm monochrome palette suits quiet, contemplative spaces such as bedrooms and studies.


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