

The Guild is delighted to announce that the **Sanskriti Pratishthan** has awarded the much coveted **Sanskriti Award for arts for 2010** to **PRAJAKTA POTNIS**.

The Awards are presented to young talents in the age group of 25-35 years in the fields of Literature, Journalism, Art, Performing Arts and Social Achievement. Over the years the Sanskriti Awards have become one of the most coveted awards in the country.

Prajakta Potnis for Art (2010)

Born: 1980: Prajakta's work dwells between the intimate world of an individual and the world outside sometimes separated only by a wall. "walls" intrigue her as they are a witness to history and have traces of inhabitation embedded in them. As much as a wall might be sealed, there tends to be porosity that allows things from the outside to come home or vice versa. In between these public and private spaces various elements transgress and remain as residues of this phenomena.

Prajakta's practice tries to trace these imperceptible elements that affect the psyche of individuals; her practice has involved painting, site-specific sculptural installations and photography. In 2010, her work was exhibited in a traveling museum show, "Indian Highway" at the Herring Museum of Contemporary Art, Denmark and the Astrup Fearnley Museum, Norway. Her work is also part of "India Awakens - Under the Banyan tree" at The Essl Museum of Contemporary Art, Austria.

Prajakta has also been featured in significant publications like 'I'm Not There: New Art from Asia,' (2010) Edited by Cecilia Alemani published by The Gwangju Biennale Foundation. In 2009 she was also featured in Younger than Jesus: The artist directory co-published by the New Museum and Phaidon.