

## ANAYA ENGINEER

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anaya is an interdisciplinary artist at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), combining photographic art with mixed media on different physical surfaces helps her discover subtle meanings, "the unseen" within our everchanging world. she thrives to capture emotion using light, transparency, and a subdued palette, and encourages her viewers to play a significant role in the process

## education

- 2020-2024 **SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO (SAIC) | Chicago, IL**  
Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Photography, Painting & Drawing (anticipated)
- 2008-2020 **MALLYA ADITI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL | Bangalore, IN**
- 2019 **RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN | Delhi, IN**  
Art Immersion Program at Pathways World School, Aravali | Summer
- 2018 **UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS LONDON | London, GB**  
Summer School, Chelsea College of Art (Fine Art & Graphic Design), London College of Fashion

## awards/ honors/ exhibitions

- 2024 **SAIC Photo Catalogue**, photograph feature | **Chicago, IL** | May-Mar  
**SAIC Senior Undergraduate Exhibition**, "Material Lifespans" | **Chicago, IL** | April  
**SAIC Wellness Center**, "We are our own healers. We are our own medicine" | **Chicago, IL** | Feb-Apr  
**SAIC Incubator**, "Show Your Work" | **Chicago, IL** | Mar-Apr
- 2023 **SAIC Group Exhibition**, photograph feature, fashion space | **Chicago, IL** | May-Jun  
**SAIC Photo Catalogue**, photograph feature | **Chicago, IL** | May-Mar  
**SOUTH ASIA INSTITUTE**, "Open Waters" Exhibition | **Chicago, IL** | Mar-May  
**SAIC Incubator**, "Show Your Work" | **Chicago, IL** | Mar-Apr
- 2022 **TAMARKIN CAMERA**, display of work, annual auction | **Chicago, IL** | Nov-Dec  
**ARTELL'S MAGAZINE**, cover photograph feature, Volume 554, Portrait October | **Chicago, IL**
- 2021 **PADUKONE – DRAVID CENTRE FOR SPORTS EXCELLENCE (CSE)**, mural displayed in main lobby | **Bangalore, IN** | present
- 2020-2024 **SAIC Distinguished Scholarship**
- 2017-2019 **The Duke of Edinburgh's Award**, Silver

## professional experience

- 2024 **SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO | Chicago, IL**  
Teaching Assistant  
Core Studio II | Spring 2024
- 2023 Drawing Studio, Core Studio I | Fall 2023  
Drawing Studio, 2D Animation, Video Production Camp | Summer 2023  
Core Studio I, Core Studio II, Moving Images: Video Production | Spring 2023  
Painting Studio | Spring 2022  
Studio Monitor, Digital Fabrication Studio (DFS) | Spring, Fall 2022
- KAVI GUPTA GALLERY | Chicago, IL**  
Intern, Gallery Assistant | Jun-Aug
- Curated exhibitions, showcasing three major contemporary artists
  - Helped manage client relationships and the gallery bookshop
  - Handled inventory, media-related archives, and social media
- SAFFRONART | London, GB**  
Extern, Gallery Assistant | May
- Catalogued drawings and paintings for the gallery's auction
  - Researched a wide collection of art books and literature
  - Photographed work exhibited at the gallery and interacted with their art handler, framer, and photographer
- 2022 **CHICAGO FASHION COALITION (CFC) | Chicago, IL**  
Photography & Videography Ambassador | present
- Collaborating with the design and marketing teams to plan events and create content
- BLOC-HAUS | Chicago, IL**  
Intern, Recruiting, Marketing, Design | Jun-Dec
- Worked directly with two founders to launch a blockchain start-up
  - Created literature and designed company profile decks and extensively used LinkedIn for talent acquisition
  - Photographed professional headshots and imagery for social media platforms
- 2019 **ASHOKA FOUNDATION | Bangalore, IN**  
Intern, Fellowships & Ventures | Jun-Jul
- Assisted the Fellowship team that supports social entrepreneurs
  - Conducted business impact reviews and site visits
  - Participated in design impact and empathy workshops
- MOTIVATOR, GROUPM | Bangalore, IN**  
Intern, Media & Advertising | Jul
- Exposed to the workings of a leading media agency
  - Performed consumer behaviour analysis
  - Gained hands-on experience in the live newsroom of a leading Indian television channel

## commissions

- 2021 **DRAVID PADUKONE CENTRE OF SPORTS EXCELLENCE (CSE) | Bangalore, IN**  
Commission – Independent curator | Jun-Jul
- Painted a mural - 44 individual (2 ft by 2 ft) canvases
- LIGHTBOX VENTURES | Mumbai, IN**  
Commission, Venture Capital Fund | Jun-Aug
- Designed & photographed invites for their annual event
- 2020-2021 **SKETCH DESIGN STUDIO x BACKWATER SANCTUARY | Bangalore, IN**  
Commission, Invites & Stationary
- Created 8 sketches and designs for their cutlery and crockery project