



***Sadhu***

18 x 14 inches

Watercolor on Handmade Paper

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**Bio**

I am Somnath (Som). I was born and raised in India. I got my Bachelors of Architecture and diploma in Fine Arts from India. I worked in India, Philippines and the U.S. for a couple of years. I did my Master of Architecture from Kansas State University, Kansas and moved to NWA. I'm currently working as a Graduate Architect with Hight Jackson Associates, Rogers. I am passionate about art and have been participating in different competitions and exhibitions around the world. I had solo and group exhibitions in India, Albania (EU) and Kansas.

I had the privilege to represent India in the International Watercolor Society Exhibition, Albania. In 2014, I received all India Gold Medal for my painting and group exhibition in Delhi, India. I was awarded the "Final Week Feature Winner Award" from Strecker Nelson West Gallery in Manhattan, KS.

I conduct watercolor workshops at universities and in private events.

**Artist Statement**

The painting is titled *Sadhu*. Sadhu is a religious ascetic, mendicant or any holy person in Hinduism and Jainism who has renounced the worldly life. This painting has been done on handmade watercolor paper. I aimed to focus on the expression and portray his life experience through his wrinkles and eyes.