**RICHA NARVEKAR**

**Senior Interior Designer(Freelance)**

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

* **Strong knowledge of Architectural Design, Visual Art** and related fields

(7 years education + 8 years professional work experience)

* **Led Interior Design Projects** in Ontario, the GTA and Internationally from start to finish
* **Master’s in architecture** from The Bartlett, London, UK- one of the highest-ranking schools in the world

**Bachelor’s in architecture** from CEPT, India- highest ranking school in the country

* Excellent Space Planning, **AutoCAD** drafting and **3d+ Rendering** **(SketchUp+ Vray)** skills (10+ yrs. of experience)
* Excellent **Adobe Photoshop and InDesign** Skills (10+ yrs. of experience)

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Recent)**

Freelance Artist, Tutor and Designer| Toronto, Canada Feb2020-Present

* **Freelance Architectural+ Interior Design** for independent clients and as a Subcontractor for Design Firms

Design Conceptualisation, Space planning, AutoCAD drawings, Design detailing etc.

-Architectural Design for a Housing Development in Orillia, Ontario (as a subcontractor)

-Architectural Design for an Independent House in Goa, India

* **Freelance Graphic and Video design** projects for independent clients
* **Designed and taught a Sketchup Basics course** to Interior Designers online
* **Invited to create and put up an Art Assemblage** as a part of a curated show titled ‘Built Form’ at Vaughan City Hall (to be displayed once COVID quarantine released)
* Organise, lead and facilitate **online Art History and Sketch sessions** for members of [Centre for Social Innovation](https://socialinnovation.org/stayathome-activity-enjoying-csis-art-art-history-club/), Toronto

**Intermediate Interior Designer** |The Design Agency| Toronto, Canada Jun2019– Dec2019

* **Design Development**, developing drawing sets in ACAD
* **Sketchup Models + Vray renders** for projects
* **Work on high profile hospitality projects** such as The Hilton Tundra, (Queen/University) and a

Restaurant at Union Station

* **Sourcing** products finishes etc. and maintaining schedules for the same.

**Senior Interior Designer** |OneXOne Design| Toronto, CanadaJan2017– Jun2019

* **Designed,** created technical drawings for and project managedsingle family second homes

at Friday Harbour, Innisfil

* **Managed a team** of junior interior designers and interns to tight deadlines
* Conceptualised, space planned, detailed all design for projects in collaboration with clients and principal
* **Liaised with clients** in person/ electronically to ascertain their tastes and close sales
* Layouts and 3d renderings **using Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator and 3d SketchUp**
* **Prepared working drawing packages** including demolition/ new architectural build, partition plans, furniture layouts, reflected ceiling plans, among others
* **Complete co-ordination with Project Manager and tradespeople at site** to ensure that design is executed with accuracy

**Assistant Professor of Architecture** | Goa College of Architecture**|** Goa, India Dec 2015- Aug 2016

* **Mentored and Led** Semester VIII undergraduate students of Architecture on all aspects of design studio projects.
* **Designed courses** and Taught **Visual Art, Art History and Architectural Criticism** lecture-based courses.
* **Designed courses** and Taught an **elective on the intersectionality of Film, Urban Design and Architecture**
* **Complete Project management: Managed schedules, events, grading of classes**

*-Please see Course List for a synopsis of the courses that I designed and led.*

**Founder, Partner, Interior Design Lead |** Studio Rasaa**|** Goa, India Aug2015– Oct2016

* **Defined project objectives and set team goals**.
* **Mentored** junior architects, draftspeople and 3d modelers to develop design, moodboards, details, 3d visuals and walkthroughs to project schedule in a deadline driven environment.
* **Designed custom furniture**, curtains, lamps, and had them executed at site with appropriate working drawings.

**Design Director** | Inside Out Design**|** Goa, India Feb 2013- Aug 2013

* **Complete Project Management:** Led a team of 5 independent MEP consultants for the design of appropriate technological services and the creation of tender documents and complete design/ BOQ package.
* **Created detailed working drawings**, checked working drawings of consultants
* Created colour palettes for and selected and sourced material (tiling, fabric, sanitary ware).
* Created detailed FF&E specifications for design work and developed estimates, in collaboration with MEP consultants to government standards, to be tendered out.

**Architect, Interior Designer and Project Manager** | Kernel Infosoft**|** Goa, India Jun 2007- Nov-2007

* **Held complete charge of project management, leading staff, accountants and trades at site**
* **Conducted in depth research** and designed for landscape which was executed at site.
* **Organized/interviewed/hired vendors** and contractors for project execution.
* Created **bespoke design for curtains, bedspreads, lamps, sourced materia**l for the same and had it prepared accordingly by tailors and craftspeople.

**Interior Design Intern** | The Busride Interior Design**|** Mumbai, India Jun 2007- Nov-2007

* **Complete Project Management:** Led construction team to line outs at site based on approved working drawings
* **Researched** the History of Theatre of Bombay through library visits, interviews, collecting material
* **Liaised with Graphic Designer** to create Installation on History of Theatre in Bombay at Prithvi Theatre, Bombay

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Previous)**

**Temporary Interior Design Assistant**

*At* LUX DESIGN, Toronto, Canada

*NOV 2016-JAN 2017*

**Urban Design Consultant(Contract)**

At WRI, Bangalore, India

*Feb 2015-aug 2015*

**Junior Architect/Interior Designer**

At THE ORIGIN, Goa, India

*Jan 2011-Apr 2012*

**EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION**

**Master of Architecture** Sept 2014

The Bartlett, University College London, UK

**Bachelor of Architecture** Feb 2011

CEPT University, India

**Small Buildings\_Ontario Building Code** Feb 2020George Brown College

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

**British Council GET Scholar** Sept 2013

Awarded 75% of tuition fees to study at The Bartlett on winning a merit-based scholarship

**UDRI Charles Correa Gold Medal Nominee** Jan 2009

Nominated by Dean of CEPT University to represent the architecture school at the prestigious competition by exhibiting the final year architectural design thesis