

Tenzin Phakmo is a sought after Tibetan artist. He was born on New Years Day in 1981 to a middle class Tibetan family from the Tashiling Tibetan Camp in Pokhara, Nepal.

After primary school, Tenzin continued his education at the Tibetan Children's Village (TCV) in Dharamsala, India, beginning at age 11. Tenzin displayed a creative talent from a very early age, yet he developed a real interest in painting at TCV. He was designated the *The School's Artist* in TCV's weekly science magazine "Science Update, TCV".

Although Tenzin's received accolades for his oil paintings, his family's expectations were for him to excel in academic subjects. Tenzin came to the heartbreaking conclusion that his passion for painting would continue only as a hobby.

After graduating from TCV, Tenzin went back home to Nepal where his life took an unexpected turn. He volunteered to teach for 2 years in the remote village of Manang. In Manang, unspoiled by urbanization and surrounded by the picturesque landscape of majestic valleys, Tenzin listened to his heart and realized that his true calling and potential was as an artist.

Tenzin enrolled in Fine Arts under the tutelage of Mr. Alok Gurung, one of the most respected artists of Nepal. Under his watchful eye, Tenzin produced some of his best paintings to date. He honed his skills, specializing in oil painting.

2004

- * Various group shows around Pokhara, Nepal and in Kathmandu, Nepal with "***Blossom Art Group.***"
- * First solo exhibition at the ***Moksha Gallery*** in Kathmandu, Nepal.

2005

- * **Consolation Prize** *Western Nepal Painting Competition.*
- * **NAFA Member** (Nepal Association of Fine Arts)
- * paintings for **Private Collection** of Prince of Nepal, Paras Bir Bikram Shah Dev, Kathmandu, Nepal.

2007

- [Relocated to New York City]
- * (6) Painting Commissions for **Private Collection** of Donald Rubin of the *Rubin Museum of Art*, West Village, NYC.

2009

- * Group exhibition "**Tibet in Harlem**" *Maysles Cinema*, Harlem, NYC.
- * Group exhibition "**Art for Tibet**", 50 Artists for 50 Years" *SFT Art Auction* (Students for a Free Tibet), Lower East Side, NYC.
- * Commission painting for "**Machik**"

2010

- * Raised unprecedented contributions over \$50,000 for Emaho Foundation at their annual Zone of Ahimsa celebration, honoring the Dalai Lama's receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989.