

SPOTLIGHT ON

BHUPEN KHAKAR

Stonewall

Who are Stonewall?

This resource is produced by Stonewall, a UK-based charity that stands for the freedom, equity and potential of all lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, questioning and ace (LGBTQ+) people. At Stonewall, we imagine a world where LGBTQ+ people everywhere can live our lives to the full. Founded in London in 1989, we now work in each nation of the UK and have established partnerships across the globe. Over the last three decades, we have created transformative change in the lives of LGBTQ+ people in the UK, helping win equal rights around marriage, having children and inclusive education.

Our campaigns drive positive change for our communities, and our sustained change and empowerment programmes ensure that LGBTQ+ people can thrive throughout our lives. We make sure that the world hears and learns from our communities, and our work is grounded in evidence and expertise.

Stonewall is proud to provide information, support and guidance on LGBTQ+ inclusion; working towards a world where we're all free to be. This does not constitute legal advice, and is not intended to be a substitute for legal counsel on any subject matter. To find out more about our work, visit us at www.stonewall.org.uk.

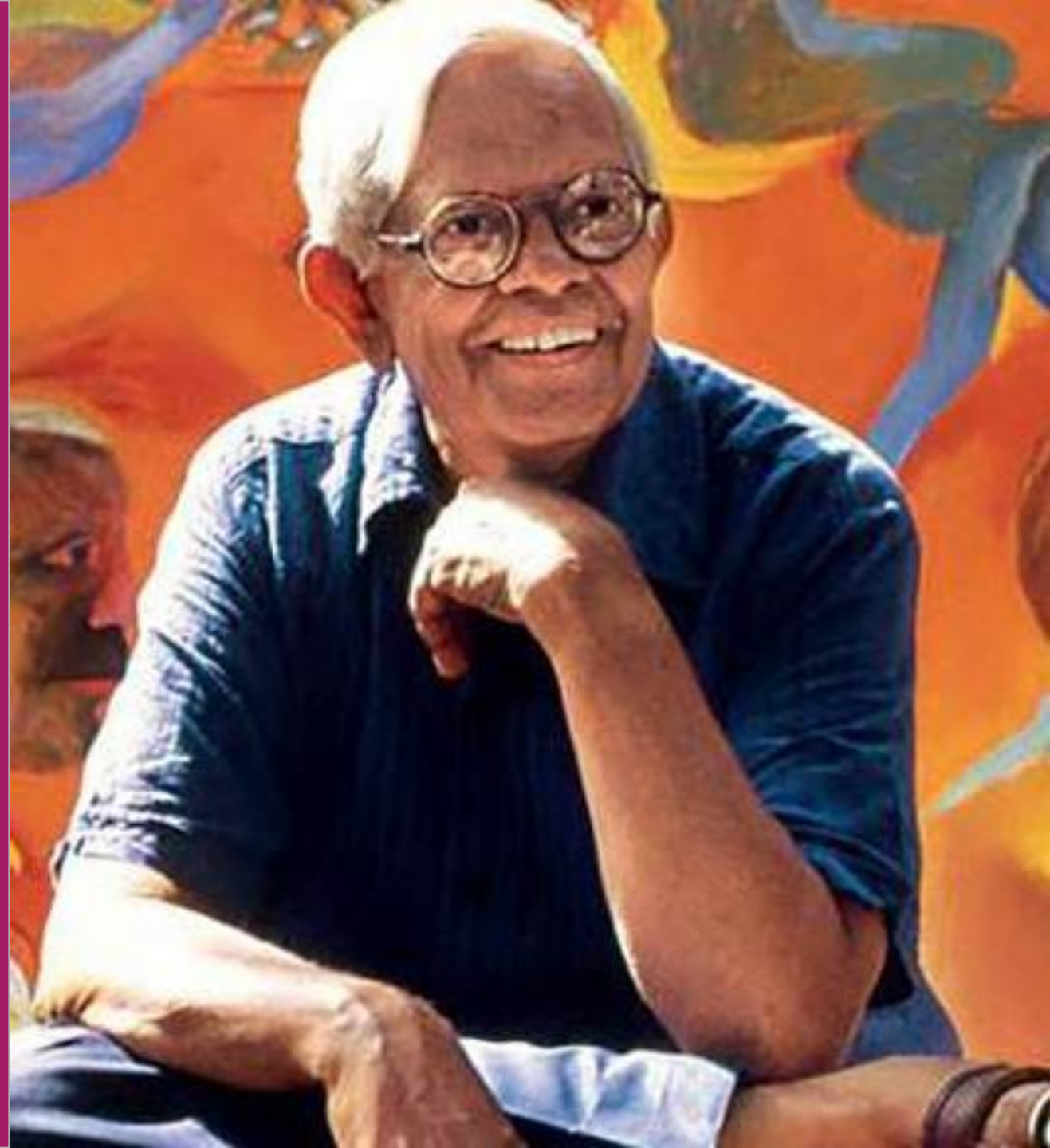
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Bhupen Khakar

(he/him)

Bhupen Khakar was born in India in 1934.

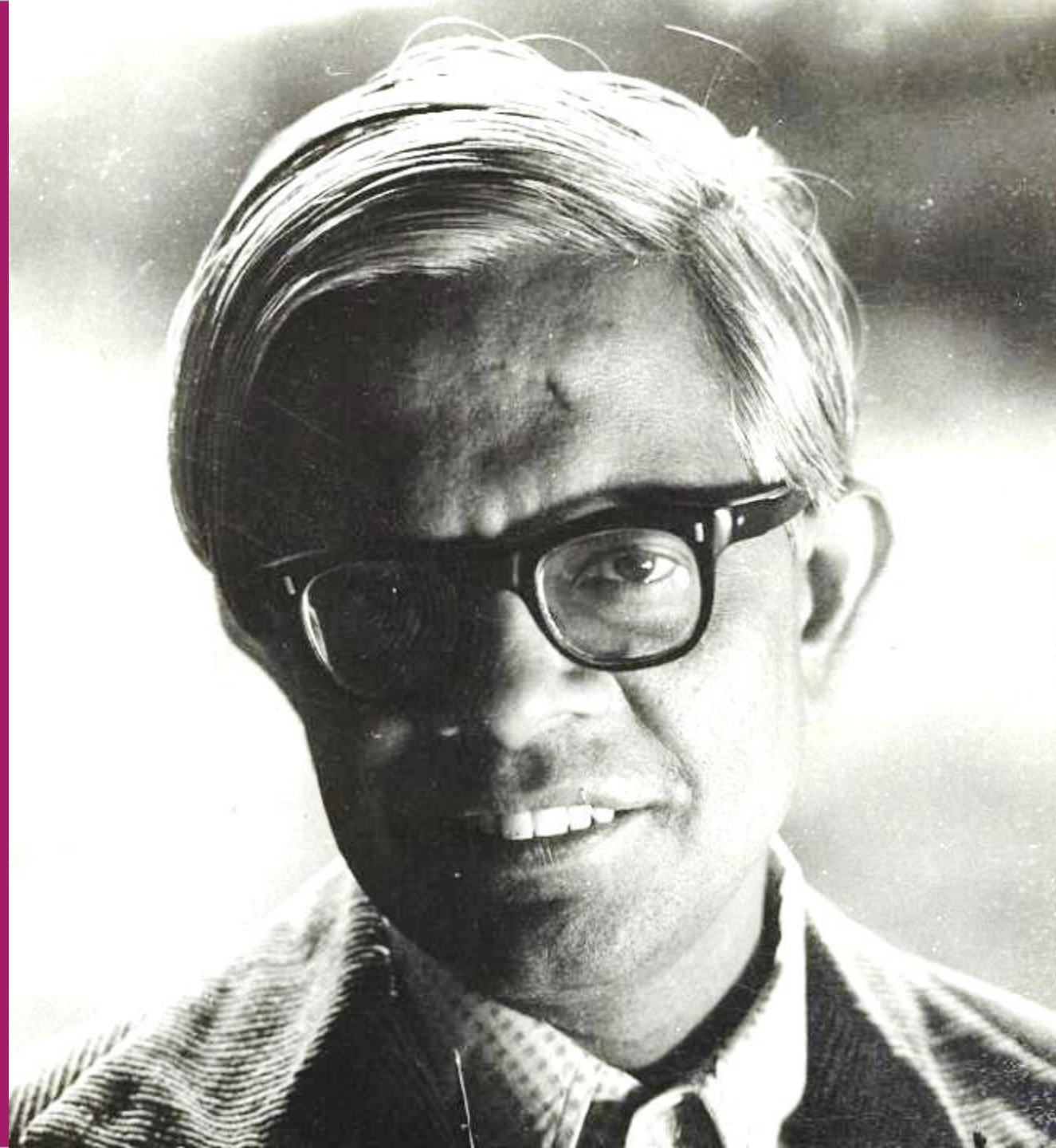
Bhupen grew up speaking Gujarati, Marathi and Hindi.



A new job

Bhupen worked as an accountant for a long time.

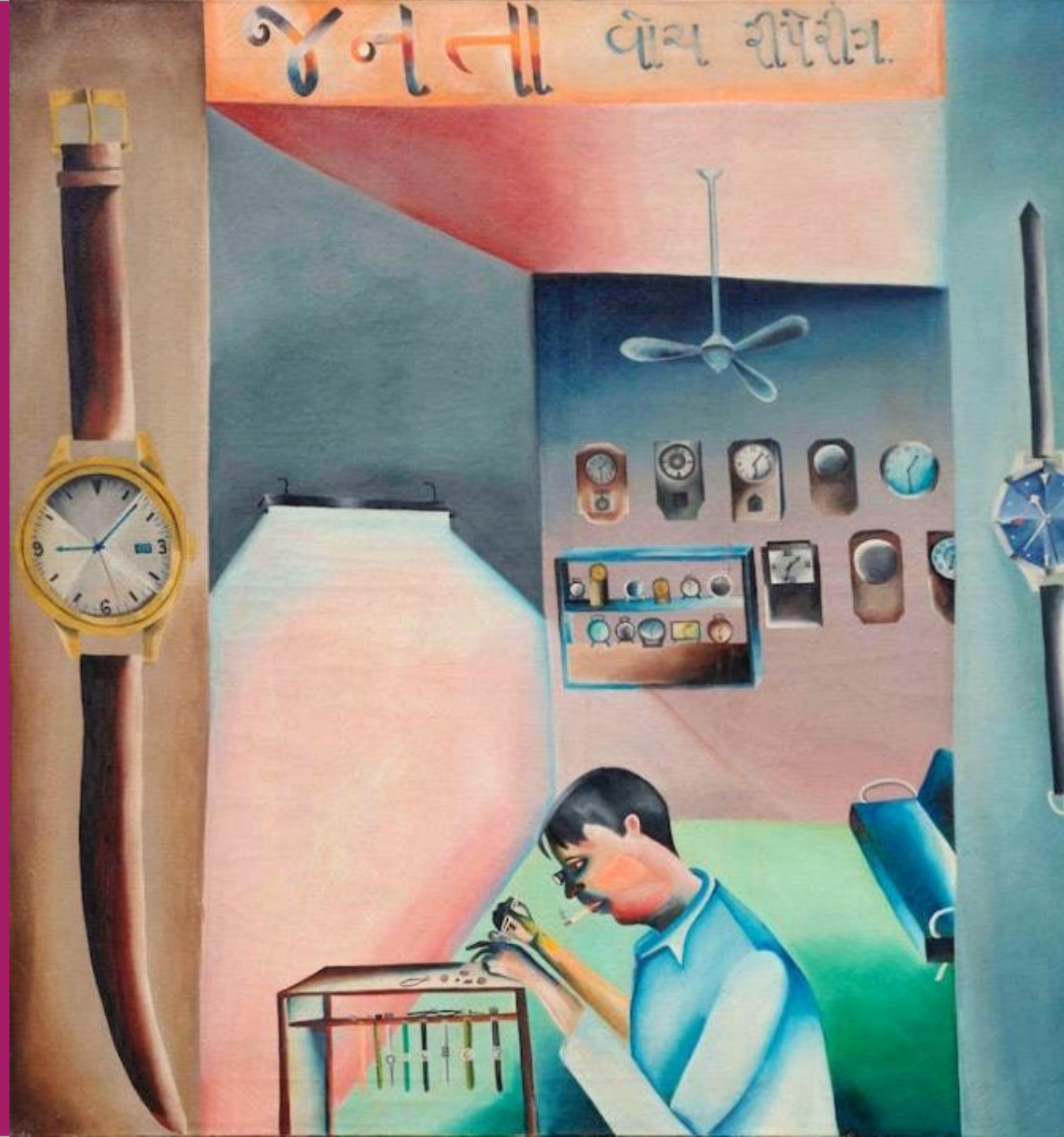
He started working as an artist after a friend encouraged him to.



People's lives

Bhupen is most famous for his paintings.

His paintings showed people's day to day lives. Sometimes they showed Bhupen's life too.



Travel

Bhupen's first trip to another country was in 1976.

He went to lots of countries including the UK.

**He came back to the UK in 1979.
He worked as an artist here for 6 months.**



Love

Bhupen told people he was gay in 1980.

He was with his partner, Vallavbhai, for over 20 years.



Success

Bhupen's art has been shown in art galleries all around the world.

