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With her formative learning experiences in the Hindustani Classical tradition, she has studied and performed a variety of singing styles like jazz, R&B, Persian, Carnatic classical and Hindustani Classical music. Her focus on improvisation and fusion has led her to develop a unique style of globally conscious musical interpretation.

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Selected Recent Performances

Vocalist-Sweet Land-Industry Opera

The Arrivals wash up on the shore. They make contact with another civilization they call “the Hosts.” And from there, the story splinters, following diverging perspectives. Starting as a procession through the LA State Historic Park, Sweet Land becomes an opera that erases itself.

LA Historic Park, Feb 27th - March 13th, 2020

Vocalist, Composer-(Un)Covered

A performance of dance, theater, and art based on Botticelli’s The Birth of Venus.

The Sharon Disney Lund Theatre, Los Angeles, February 21st-22nd, 2020

Vocalist, Composer-We’re Gonna Die

Young Jean Lee’s life-affirming concert play, WE’RE GONNA DIE, in its LA premiere.

The Bootleg Theatre, Los Angeles, February 20th, 2020

Vocalist, Composer-NMND

An electronic duet project that works with altering the human voice

The Troubadour, Los Angeles, February 10th, 2020

Vocalist-Crowd Out-David Lang

Crowd out adapts the sense of unification and sound Lang once observed in a soccer match into a theater setting.

Walt Disney Concert Hall, June 1st, 2019

Vocalist, Composer-Growing Pains

MFA mid residency recital. The piece is an effort to interpret my relationship to my own body over time.

Roy O Disney Concert Hall, CalArts, April 27th, 2019

Vocalist-SWEAT-Juliet Palmer

SWEAT weaves a vivid picture of a sweatshop’s inner workings. An acapella opera that exposes the truth behind the fashion industry.

CalArts, 21-23rd March 2019

With Thalavattam

An experimental fusion collaboration with percussionist and electronic artist, Montry Manuel.
Echoes of Earth Festival, Bangalore, 2016
Sunday Soul Sante, Bangalore, 2016 & 2017

With The Beer Puppets

A Jazz and r&b project featuring a host of guest artists.
B Flat, Bangalore, 2017
Colombo Jazz Fest, Sri Lanka, 2017
NCPA, Mumbai, 2017

Vocalist and Composer - Chandbibi and the Waste Candidates

A funk and Neo-Soul project playing original music. Our Debut album, 'Tidy Funk' released in October 2014 to music streaming platforms worldwide.
Nariyal Paani Festival, Mumbai, 2015
Kappa TV, Trivandrum, 2015
High Spirits Bar, Pune, 2015
Blue Frog, Bangalore, 2015
British Embassy, Chennai, 2016

With All India Permit

A collaboration with Guitarist, Alex Pinto on his fusion album: All India Permit
B Flat, Bangalore, 2015
Pondicherry Photo Biennale, Pondicherry, 2015

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Education

Masters in Voice Arts-California Institute of the arts-Santa Clarita, California
August 2018-Present

Diploma in Music Performance-Swarnabhoomi Academy of Music-Chennai, India
August 2013-August 2015

Degree in Textile Design-Srishti School of Art, Design, and Technology-Bangalore, India
August 2006-March 2011