

# *Champak Barbara*

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For over two decades, Champak Barbara has been beguiling people with his dynamic awe-inspiring paintings and his cheeky cartoons and caricatures, which has remained a visual treat for all! Widely known for his signature cartoon “Jocoserious” in *The Assam Tribune*, Barbara has a reverence for life and spirituality, and his paintings convey a sense of immediacy and harmony with the nature. Barbara’s distinctive personal style and visual vocabulary emanate an innate sense of rhythm and peace, and expresses the vibrant spiritual and cultural atmosphere of the region with a new expansive and compelling perspective. Over the years, he has worked with several newspapers and magazines including *The Assam Tribune*, *Newstar*, *Sentinel*, *Natun Dainik*, *Sutradhar*, *Agradoot*, *Bismay*, *Purvanchal Prahari*, to name a few. While his paintings have been exhibited across many national and international forums, his political cartoons have been cited in many critically acclaimed international volumes like *The Bengal Borderland: Beyond State and Nation in South Asia* by William Van Schendel. A former Secretary and President of Gauhati Artist Guild, he has conducted many district and national level painting workshops. Apart from this, Barbara has also created many commissioned works of art and has been an invited panelist across varied creative platforms and literary festivals of repute like *The River Talk: Northeast Literary Festival* and *Guwahati Lit Festival*, among others.