

## Margi Scharff

Margi Scharff is a mixed-media artist, originally from Memphis and currently based in Los Angeles. She has worked in a wide range of both traditional and non-traditional materials in installation, drawing, photography, sculpture, assemblage and collage. Her works have been exhibited in alternative spaces as well as college and university galleries in the U.S.A., Mexico and Asia.

For the past five years she has been making art with found materials she collected from the road in Asia while traveling on a ten-dollar-per-day budget. During this time she also kept a written travel journal and photographed landscapes and people she encountered along the way.

The title of this ongoing project is "Raw Material: from the road in Asia..." To date she has made over 200 small-scale 'road collage' works using scraps of paper collected from roadside trash while journeying through China, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Burma.

During this art-making journey she exhibited her 'road collage' works in Delhi, India; Kathmandu, Nepal; and Chittagong, Bangladesh. A short documentary film of her work was made by BBC reporter Daniel Lak during Scharff's time in Kathmandu, Nepal.