

Shiva Ahmadi

b. 1975 Tehran, Iran

Lives and works in the Bay Area, California

Education

2005

Cranbrook Academy of Arts, Bloomfield Hills, MI, Master of Fine Arts, Painting

2003

Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, Master of Fine Arts, Drawing

2000

Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, Master of Art, Drawing

1998

Azad University, Tehran, Iran, Bachelor of Fine Art, Painting

Art Residency

2018

Civitella Ranieri, Italy

2003

Skowhegan Art Residency, Skowhegan, ME

Solo Exhibitions

2023

The Courage of Eve, Gallery Rosenfeld, London, UK

2020

The Body Politic, Haines Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Labyrinths, Elain Jacob Gallery, Detroit, MI

2019

Shrine Room, Rubin Museum of Art, New York, NY

2018

Burning Song, Haines Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2017

Ascend, Leila Heller Gallery, New York, NY

Ascend by Shiva Ahmadi, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, CA

2016

Spheres of Suspension, Charles B. Wang Center, New York, NY

2014

Shiva Ahmadi: In Focus, Asia Society Museum, New York, NY*Lotus*, Charles B. Wang Center, Stony Brook University, New York, NY

2013

Apocalyptic Playland, Leila Heller Gallery, New York, NY

2012

Throne, College of Wooster Art Museum, Wooster, OH*Throne*, Art Dubai, Leila Heller Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2010

Reinventing the Poetics of Myth, Leila Heller Gallery, New York, NY

2005

Oil Crisis, Leila Heller Gallery, New York, NY**Group Exhibitions**

2022

From Moment to Movement: Picturing Protest in the Kramlich Collection, Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, Davis, CA

2021

Rebel, Jester, Mystic, Poet, Asia Society Museum, New York, NY*Inspiration From The Ancients*, Gallery Rosenfeld, London, UK*Modern and Contemporary Drawings*, The Morgan Library & Museum, NYC*Epic Iran*, Victoria&Albert Museum, London, UK*A Boundless Drop in A Boundless Ocean*, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL*With Eyes Open*, Cranbrook Museum of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Unrealism, Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Los Angeles, CA*Painting the Figure*, Gallery Rosenfeld, London, UK

2020

Dreaming Together, Asia Society Museum/New York Historical Society, NY

2019

A Bridge Between You and Everything, High Line Nine Gallery, New York, NY*How the Line Gets In*, Johnson Museum of Art, Ithaca, NY*Once at Present*, Minnesota Street Project, San Francisco, CA*Parallel Vision*, Wasserman project, Detroit, MI

2018

Catastrophe and the Power of Art, Mori Art Museum, Japan*Long, Winding Journeys: Contemporary Art and the Islamic Tradition*, Katonah Museum of Art, NY
Connected, SF Photo fair, San Francisco, CA*This Land Is Whose Land?* Sun Valley Center For the Arts, Idaho

2017

Rebel, Jester, Mystic, Poet: Contemporary Persians, Agha Khan Museum, Toronto, Canada
Sanctuary, Fort Mason Chapel, San Francisco, CA

Exquisite Corpse: Moving Image in Latin American and Asian Art, Mana Contemporary, Miami, FL

2016

Homeland Security, For-site foundation, San Francisco, CA

Global/Local, Grey Art Gallery NYU, NYC

Fireflies in the Night Take Wing, Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center, Athens, Greece

A Heritage Transposed, The Box Freiraum Gallery, Berlin, Germany

2015

The Armory Show with Leila Heller Gallery, NYC

2014

Artist in Exile: Creativity, Activism, and the Diasporic Experience, Geoffrey Yeh Art Gallery, New York, NY

Art Dubai with Leila Heller Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2013

Venice Biennale, Small Works Project, Collaboration of Library Street Collective, Detroit MI and Benetton, Venice, Italy

2012

The Fertile Crescent, Rutgers University Museum Exhibition, Newark, NJ

The Rule and Its Exceptions, Deborah Colton Gallery, Houston, TX

2011

Art Abu Dhabi with Leila Heller Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UA

Jasmin: Oriental Summer, Sabine Knust Gallery, Munich, Germany

Art X Detroit, Museum of Contemporary Art, Detroit, MI

[Dis]Locating Culture: Contemporary Islamic Art in America, Michael Berger Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA

Art Dubai with Leila Heller Gallery, Dubai, UAE

VIP Art Fair with Leila Heller Gallery, Online Art Fair

2010

Art Abu Dhabi with Leila Heller Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Tehran – New York, Leila Heller Gallery, New York, NY

Art Dubai with Leila Heller Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2009

Art Abu Dhabi with Leila Heller Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Iran Inside Out, Chelsea Art Museum, New York, NY

Selseleh/Zelzeleh: Movers & Shakers in Contemporary Iranian Art, curated by Dr. Layla Diba, Leila Heller Gallery, New York, NY

2008

Just Paper, Leila Heller Gallery, New York, NY

Ahmadi & Zhang: Looking Back, the Feldman Gallery at Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland, OR

Distant Shores: Cultural Exchange in Contemporary Art, McIninch Art Gallery, Manchester, NH
Splash, Leila Heller Gallery, New York, NY

Conference of the Birds, Leila Heller Gallery, in cooperation with B & S Projects, London
2007

Merging influences, Eastern Elements in New American Art, Montserrat Art Gallery, Boston, MA

2006

Figuratively speaking, Elga Wimmer Gallery, New York, NY

2005

Three Positions, Lombard\Freid Projects, New York, NY

Atomica, Lombard\Freid project and Esso Gallery, New York, NY

Portland Museum of Art Biennial, Portland, ME

Cross Current, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Birmingham, MI

2003

Detroit Now, Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Rochester, MI

Biennial Art Competition, South Bend Regional Museum of Art, South Bend, IN

Exchange, Forum Gallery, Bloomfield Hills, MI

2002

New Shoes, Tangent Gallery, Detroit, MI

Paint Creek Center for Arts, Detroit, MI

Collections

Metropolitan Museum of Arts, New York, NY Dallas Museum of Art Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI

Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles CA Asian Museum of Arts, San Francisco

Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University

Asia Society Museum, New York, NY

DePaul University Art Museum, Chicago, IL

Morgan Library, New York

Wayne State University Art Collection Grey Art Gallery, New York

The Farjam Collection, Dubai

TDIC Collection, Abu Dhabi

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi

Award and Fellowships

2019

UC Davis Chancellor's Fellow

2016

Anonymous Was a Woman Award

The Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant

2009

Kresge Artist Fellowship, Kresge Foundation

2008

Nominated for Altoid Award by The New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY

2004

First Prize, NYC 6th National Juried Exhibition, New York, NY

First Prize, Biennial Art Competition, South Bend Regional Museum of Art, South Bend, IN

2003

First prize, Michigan Fine Arts Competition, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center,
Birmingham, MI

2002/03

John & Irene Sowinski Scholarship

Wayne State University, Graduate Professional Scholarship, Wayne State University

2002

Second Prize, 2002 Michigan Drawing Biennial Exhibition, Ford Gallery, Ypsilanti, MI

2001

Thomas C. Rumble University Graduate Fellowship, the most prestigious Fellowship at
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Bibliography

"Works made in Iran today are inextricably linked to the past': collector Mohammed Afkhami on how art shaped his life", Gareth Harris, *The Art Newspaper*, 6 May 2021

"One Show, five Millenia, 5,000 Years of Iran at V&A", Tabis Khan, *Londonist*, 26 May 2021

"For Iranian Collector Mohammed Afkhami, Art Reflects His Country's History and Future", Osman Can Yerebakan, *Artsy*, 19 Oct 2021

"Installations by Shiva Ahmadi, Genesis Breyer P-Orridge, and Tsherin Sherpa Open at the Rubin 10/8", Julie Musbach, *Broadway World*, 9 Sep 2019

"Shiva Ahmadi Combines The Beautiful And The Violent", Anna Brady, *Bazar*, 12 Apr 2017
"African Artists", Michelle Yun, Shiva Ahmadi, and Talinn Grigor, 2017