



Samar Hejazi

BORN

1987 California, USA
Lives and works in Dubai, UAE

EDUCATION

2013 Ryerson University, Bachelor of Fine Arts in New Media, Image Arts
2009 Summer Intensive Studies: Photography, Parsons School of Art and Design, Paris

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Illusions of Separation*, Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora, Canada
2022 *Geometries of Difference*, Open Studio Project Space, Toronto, Canada
2020 *An Unravelling*, Toronto Palestine Film Festival, The Plumb, Toronto, Canada
2018 *Maw6ini*, Xpace Cultural Centre Project Room, Toronto, Canada

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 Sharjah Islamic Arts Festival, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
Ghostly Makers, Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, Canada
2022 *Fragility*, MIA Art Collection, Canadian University, Dubai, UAE
2021 *And Yet it Rises*, Cassanda Cassandra, Toronto, Canada
As They Gaze Upon Us, Banat Collective and Warehouse 421, Abu Dhabi, UAE
And Other Monuments, Textile Museum of Canada, Toronto, Canada
Legacy Trilogy, ArteEast Benefit Exhibition, ArteEast, Artsy, New York, U.S.A.
International Women's Day Exhibit, Embassy Culture House, London, Canada
Empire, 'Awakenings', VR Exhibit, Toronto History Museums, Canada
2020 International Peace Festival, Waterfront Magazine, Daniel Spectrum, Toronto, Canada
2019 Hard Twist 14: Entwined, The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, Canada
An Index, Museum of Contemporary Art, Toronto, Canada
Motion Art Gallery, Marakez Headquarters, Cairo, Egypt
2018 Holding Patterns, ArtSpin, Toronto, Canada
OISE Library, University Of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
Hard Twist 13: Thread, The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, Canada
Re-Presentando, Decentered Gallery, Puebla, Mexico
Recap, VucoArtspace, Toronto, Canada
Mind Blend, Blank Canvas Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Dear World, Arta Gallery, Toronto, Canada
2017 Annual Juried Art Exhibition, QuestArt, Midland, Canada
VUCO No. 1, VUCO Artspace, Toronto, Canada
STIMMING, 2nd Floor Events, For The People, Toronto, Canada
MECHANAECIA, 2nd Floor Events, For The People, Toronto, Canada
2016 Perceptions, Possum Gallery, Berlin, Germany
New Divisions, Arta Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Senseless, For The People, Evergreen Brickworks, Toronto, Canada
The Brain Project, Toronto, Canada



2023	Sharjah Islamic Arts Festival, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE RESONANCE, juried exhibition, Latcham Gallery, Stouffville, Canada
2015	Aga Khan Museum, Toronto, Canada Recess, Nest Collective. Artscape Youngplace, Toronto, Canada Intersection 1173, InLight Studio + Working Proof Studio, Toronto, Canada
2014	This is Not For You, Creatures Creating Gallery, Toronto, Canada The Artist Project, Better Living Space Exhibition Place, Toronto, Canada This Is Not A Club, This Is Not a Toy at Design Exchange after party, Cube Nightclub, Toronto, Canada NUDE Vol.3 and Lex Artis: Art Party, Toronto, Canada This Is Not For You, Edward Day Gallery, Toronto, Canada InLight Studio Launch Party, Toronto, Canada
2013	Meta 2013, Arta Gallery, Toronto, Canada Collective Consciousness, Canadian Sculpture Society, Toronto, Canada Maximum Exposure, Ryerson Image Arts, Toronto, Canada Configuration, Al Green Gallery, Toronto, Canada An Internal Affair, Lex Artis and The Brockton Collective, Toronto, Canada

RESIDENCIES AND PROGRAMS

2024 - Present	Intercultural Poltergeist: Take Action, Make Noise, Alumni Residency Program, Pueblo, Mexico
2019	International Mentorship Program, Arquetopia, International/remote Arquetopia International Residency Program, Self-Directed Residency, Puebla, Mexico Arquetopia, Instructional Artist Residency in Natural Pigments, Cusco, Peru Akin Studio Residency, MOCA, Toronto, Canada
2016	Takt Berlin Artist Residency, Berlin, Germany Arquetopia, Instructional Artist Residency in embroidery, Oaxaca, Mexico

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2022	Visual Artists Creation Projects, Ontario Arts Council
2021	Art Business Accelerator Grant, Artwork Archive and Redline, Denver U.S.A.
2019-2021	Arquetopia International Mentorship Program, Puebla - Toronto
2020	Exhibition Assistance Grant, Ontario Arts Council
2019	Animating Historic Sites, Toronto Arts Council Arts Abroad, Residency Grant, Canada Council for the Arts Arquetopia Residency Scholarship, Cusco, Peru
2018	Visual Artist Grant, Toronto Arts Council Visual Artist Creation Project, Ontario Arts Council
2013	Exhibition Assistance Grant, Ontario Arts Council Honorary Mention, Al Green Gallery, Toronto, Canada Best New Media Art Piece, Maximum Exposure, Toronto, Canada

AUCTIONS

2021	ArteEast Benefit Exhibition, ArteEast, Artsy
2020	The Plumbraiser, the plumb, Toronto, Canada FUTURE PROOF online auction, OpenStudio, Toronto, Canada



2019 Art with Heart, Casey House, Art Gallery of Ontario, Canada
2018 Maclaren Art Centre, Berry, Canada

TALKS / LECTURES / PODCAST

2024 Podcast, Gallery Girl, London, U.K.
2023 Podcast, Art Queens, U.S.A.
2022 Podcast, Newest Magazine, Toronto, Canada
2021 Artist Talk, Open Process, State University of Puebla, Mexico
Artist Talk, Empire, 'Awakenings', Toronto History Museums, Toronto, Canada
2020 Virtual Studio Visit & Talk with the Power Plant Members, The Power Plant, Toronto, Canada
Virtual Studio Visit & Talk with Art Gorgeous Members, TheArtGorgeous.com
2019 Artist Talk, Issues in Experimental Media Art History, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada
2018 Maw6ini-In Conversation, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
Artist Talk and Workshop, Beyond the Flat, Toronto School of Art, Toronto, Canada

WORKSHOPS

2024 - Present Tatreez Workshops and classes, Dubai, U.A.E
2021 Webinar Workshop, Digitizing Your Art, Toronto Arts Foundation and STEPS, Toronto, Canada
2020 Art Facilitator and Instructor, Place(makers) Community Public Art Project, STEPS, Daniel Spectrum, Toronto, Canada
"Beyond the Flat", Artist Talk and Workshop, Toronto School of Art, Toronto, Canada
2018 - 2020 Art Instructor, CharbArts Studios, Toronto, Canada
2018 "Meditations in Color", In-patient workshops, CAMH LEARN, Toronto, Canada
"Beyond the Flat", Artist Talk and Workshop, Toronto School of Art, Toronto, Canada
2017 "Digital Comic Art", UrbanArts, Toronto, Canada

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

2019 Jury member of Hard Twist 14: Entwined, The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, Canada
2017 - 2020 Committee member of "Emerging Leaders" at the Toronto Arts Foundation
2014 - 2016 Founder of Inlight Studio
2013 - 2015 Co-founder of Lex Artis Art Events

PUBLICATIONS

2024 Artist Feature, AQ Vol II, Magazine
2023 Artist Feature, Create! Magazine
2022 Artist Feature, Studio Magazine, Canada
2021 Exhibition Review: Safouane Ben Salama and Samar Hejazi "And yet it rises" at Cassandra by Jacob Korczynski, Flash Art Magazine
BlackFlash Magazine, Cover, fall issue
Artist Spotlight, by ArteEast, Artsy
2020 Forces and Factors, by Zoryan Institute, Art Book
2013 Collective Consciousness, by Canadian Sculpture Society, Catalogue



BIO

Samar Hejazi (b. California, 1987) is a Palestinian-Canadian visual artist whose diverse practice encompasses textiles, sculpture, installation, and printmaking. Her work explores the possibilities of expanding the internalized boundaries of meaning-making.

Drawing inspiration from various craft traditions, she employs elements such as light, shadow, reflection, and movement to create immersive multidimensional experiences. Through these, she investigates the ever-shifting nature of perception in reality. Her artistic process continuously engages with diverse materials and forms to deepen this exploration.

Samar has held numerous solo exhibitions including 'An Unravelling', Toronto Palestine Film Festival, The Plumb, Canada (2020); 'Geometries of Difference', Open Studio Project Space, Toronto, Canada (2022); 'Illusions of Separation', Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora, Canada (2023). She participated in several national and international group exhibitions, including the Sharjah Islamic Arts Festival, UAE (2023); "As They Gaze Upon Us", Warehouse 421, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2021); "And Other Monuments", Textile Museum of Canada (2021); "An Index", Museum of Contemporary Art, Toronto, Canada (2019).

She has participated in art residencies at Arquetopia in Oaxaca, Mexico, Cusco, Peru, and Puebla, Mexico, where she was awarded scholarships. Her work has been featured in multiple publications, including *Blackflash Magazine*, *Create! Magazine*, and *Art Queens Volume II*.

Samar has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in New Media from Ryerson University, Toronto (2013) and her work is part of numerous international private collections.