



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 Center, 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

2024 *Women in War*, Intisar Foundation, CAP, Kuwait
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
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



2013 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
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

ART FAIRS

2024 Editions Art & Design Fair, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai Design District, Dubai, UAE

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
Exhibition Assistance Grant, Ontario Arts Council
2013 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 *Women in War*, Intisar Foundation, CAP, Kuwait (2024) Sharjah Islamic Arts Festival, UAE (2023); *Ghostly Makers*, Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, Canada (2023); *Fragility*, MIA Art Collection, Canadian University, Dubai, UAE (2021); *And Yet it Rises*, Cassandra Cassandra, Toronto, Canada (2021); "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.