



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, Pa

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 In Circulation, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
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

2025 Abu Dhabi Art, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE.  
Falasteen360, Kunn Collective, Toronto, Canada  
Sila, All that is left to you, Maraya Art Centre, Al Qasba, Sharjah, UAE.  
"Whispers of the Past", Sotheby's DIFC, Dubai, UAE.  
Rise Habibi, Crypt Gallery, London, England.  
Ihsan: Part of Islamic History, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Canada  
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  
This Is Not A Club, This Is Not a Toy at Design Exchange after party, Cu  
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

#### ART FAIRS

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

#### RESIDENCIES AND PROGRAMS

- 2024 - Present   Intercultural Poltergeist: Take Action, Make Noise, Alumni Residency Progra  
Pueblo, Mexico
- 2019           International Mentorship Program, Arquetopia, International/remote  
Arquetopia International Residency Program, Self-Directed Residency, Puel  
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

COLLECTIONS The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, United States

## 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 STEAM, 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

- 2025 Artist Feature, Guernica Magazine  
Art Book, Narrative Threads Palestinian Embroidery in Contemporary Art  
Artist Feature, Threads that Speak, Sandy Times, UAE  
Artist Feature, 9 Arab Artists To Have on Your Radar, AD magazine, UAE
- 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

## Biography

Samar Hejazi (b. California, 1987) is a Palestinian-Canadian visual artist whose multidisciplinary practice spans textiles, sculpture, installation, and printmaking. Drawing on diverse global craft traditions, she investigates the shifting nature of perception and meaning-making. Her work often plays with light, shadow, reflection, and movement to create immersive experiences that explore memory, identity, and inner landscapes.

Hejazi's recent solo exhibitions include *In Circulation*, at Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE (2026); *Illusions of Separation* at the Aurora Cultural Centre, Canada (2023); *Geometries of Difference* at Open Studio Project Space, Toronto (2022); and *An Unravelling* at The Plumb as part of the Toronto Palestine Film Festival (2020).

Her work has been featured in major international group exhibitions, including Abu Dhabi Art, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2025), Sila, Maraya Art Centre, Sharjah, UAE (2025), "Whispers of the Past", Sotheby's DIFC, Dubai, UAE (2025), Rise Habibi, Crypt Gallery, London, England (2025), Ihsan: Part of Islamic History, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Canada (2024), Women in War by the Intisar Foundation, Kuwait (2024); Sharjah Islamic Arts Festival, Sharjah Art Museum, UAE (2023); Ghostly Makers, Burnaby Art Gallery, Canada (2023); Fragility, MIA Art Collection, Canadian University Dubai (2022); and As They Gaze Upon Us, Banat Collective and Warehouse421, Abu Dhabi (2021).

She has also participated in residencies at Arquetopia in Oaxaca, Puebla, and Cusco, receiving multiple scholarships in recognition of her contributions to contemporary craft-based practices. Her work has been featured in publications such as Artnet, Vogue Arabia, Elle Canada, globe & Male, Blackflash Magazine, Create! Magazine, Art Queens Volume II, and Studio Magazine.

Hejazi received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in New Media from Ryerson University, Toronto (2013). Her work is held in numerous international private collections, and she was recently commissioned by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, for inclusion in its permanent collection. She continues to develop a visual language that is deeply rooted in the personal, the poetic, and the perceptual.

She currently reside and works in Dubai, UAE.