



## 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*, Xspace Cultural Centre Project Room, Toronto, Canada

### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Sila*, Maraya Art Centre, Al Qasba, Sharjah, UAE  
*Whispers of the Past*, Sotheby's, UAE  
Ihsan: Part of Islamic History, Winnipeg Art Gallery, 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, 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

## ART FAIRS

- 2025 *Interwoven Realities*, Abu Dhabi Art, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 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

2025	Artist Talk, Narrative Threads: Palestinian Embroidery in Contemporary Art, Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, UAE
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



## 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 *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 *Interwoven Realities*, Abu Dhabi Art, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2025); *Sila*, Maraya Art Centre, Al Qasba, Sharjah, UAE (2025); *Whispers of the Past*, Sotheby's, Dubai, UAE (2025); *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 *Blackflash Magazine*, *Create! Magazine*, *Art Queens Volume II*, and *Studio Magazine* (2023).

Hejazi holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in New Media from Ryerson University, Toronto (2013). Her work is part of numerous international private collections, and she continues to develop a visual language rooted in the personal, the poetic, and the perceptual.