



## 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 *Maw&ini*, Xpace 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*, Cassandra 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  
MECHANAEIA, 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.