

MEHRDAD AFSARI

Born in 1977, Khoy, Iran
Works and Lives in Tehran, Iran

EDUCATION

2006 MFA in Photography, Art University, Tehran, Iran
2000 BFA in Photography, Art and Architecture Azad University, Tehran, Iran

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 "Photographs Mindscape", Bavan Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2019 "Photographs Afront", Mohsen Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2018 "Forty: A Treatise on Terrene Traverse", Mohsen Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2017 "Years Long gone" & "The hidden law of reason", Mohsen Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2016 "After Grandmother", Mohsen Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2014 "The Gradual Disappearance of Things", Mohsen Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2013 2013 "America, Suspended Land", Mohsen Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2012 "Insomnia", Mohsen Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2011 "The Sacred Geometry of Chance", Etemad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2009 "The frenzied heart of mine, Houses the passionate countenance of thine", Assar Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2008 "I Am Oblivious of All Things", Khak art gallery, Tehran, Iran
2006 "Gum Bichromate Print", Assar Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2005 "Selected Works", UNDP – Tehran Office – Iran
2005 "Photography as a Myth", Silk Road Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2004 "Roadscape" and "The Felts", Assar Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2003 "Untitled" – Haft Samar Art Gallery – Tehran, Iran
2002 "The Village of Tehran" - Aeineh Gallery – Tehran, Iran

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 "Continuum: The Unbroken Line of Persian Art", Foundry X Bavan Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2019 "Iran: Visual Poetries", Rencontres des la photo en Gaspesie, Canada
2019 "Photo Shanghai", Shanghai, China
2019 "A Few Days In Between" in memory of Abbas Kiarostami, Nabshi Center, Tehran, Iran
2019 Arta Gallery, Toronto, Canada
2018 "Only the Morning Bird Treasures the Flower Garden" REDCAT Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
2018 "TirArt", Tehran, Iran
2018 "Photo London", London, England
2017 "Iranian Garden" – 3, 14 Art Gallery, Bergen, Norway
2017 "Focus Iran 2", Craft & Folk Art Museum, LA, USA
2016 "Photo San Francisco", San Francisco, USA
2015 "uNclear deal", Curated by Mehdi Abdolkarimi, The Mine Art gallery, Dubai, U.A.E
2015 "Iranian Contemporary Art", ART ANKARA 2015, Ankara, Turkey
2013 "My Name Is Not Rouge", Curated by Ali Bakhtiari, Shirin Gallery, New York, USA

2013 "Sub Tehran: Subjective Truth from Iran", Center of Contemporary Art (CCA), Curated by Sohrab Kashani, Tbilisi, Georgia

2013 MEDATAK Festival "Section Uncharted Territory: video art in Iran", Video, Madrid, Spain

2011 "TV Dinner Project" -Video- Queens Museum of Art (QMA), USA

2009 "Settlement and Urban Identity in the Persian Gulf Region", University of Westminster, London, UK

2008 Hillyer Art Space – Washington D.C – USA

SELECTED NATIONAL GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2017 "Piece of Life", E1 Art Galley, Tehran,Iran

2016 "Ebb", Silk Road Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2015 "Art for Peace", Curated by Feridon Farbod, Niavarhan Artistic Creations Foundation, Tehran, Iran

2015 "Winter", Mohsen Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2014 "Approaches to Tradition neo- Traditionalism in Contemporary Iranian Art" Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran, Iran

2014 "Zoo", Curated by Iman Safaei, Shirin Art Gallery, Tehran,Iran

2014 "Art for Peace", Curated by Solmaz Shabani, Held in 3 galleries, Tehran, Iran

2013 "Silence", curated by:Iman Safaei, Shirin Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2012 "Inbetweenness", curated by: Hamid Severi-Video-Mahemehr Art Gallery, Tahan, Iran

2012 "Confined Landscape", Mohsen Art Gallery,Tehran, Iran

2011 "The 1st Tehran Annual Digital Art Exhibition", Video-Mohsen Art Gallery , Tehran, Iran

2011 "Pool", Mohsen Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2010 "13X18 Portrait", Video, Etamad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2010 "Big Lie",Video, Mohsen Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2010 "Obligatory Military Service",Video, Mohsen Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2010 "Tehran 16 sq Km", Installation, Tarahan Azad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2008 Group Photo Exhibition, Niavarhan Artistic Creations Foundation, Tehran, Iran

2006 10th photo biennial, Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran, Iran

2004 Art Expo, Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran, Iran

2004 9th photo biennial, Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran, Iran

2004 Assar Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2004 Silk Road Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2000 " Iranian Contemporary Photography ", Assar Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

1998 Tehran Gallery, subordinate to Tehran University, Tehran, Iran

From 1997 – 2017 More than 80 national and international group exhibitions

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

2019 2019 Jury member "4th Tehran Art University Photo Festival", Tehran, Iran

2019 Curated Mohammad Sayyad solo photo exhibition "The Land of Bewilderment", Nabshi Center, Tehran, Iran

2018 2018 Jury member "11th FAJR Visual Art Festival", Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art (TMoCA), Tehran, Iran

2018 Scientific and Artistic Committee "7th 10 Days with Photographers Annual festival", Iranian Artist Forum, Tehran, Iran

2018 Jury member "3th Focus Iran" contemporary photography and video biennial, CAFAM museum, LosAngeles, USA

2018 Jury member "Isfahan" photo festival, Isfahan, Iran

2018 Jury member "1st Blue Sky photo festival", Tehran, Iran

2018 Jury member "Iran & China photo festival", Tehran, Iran

2017 Curated group exhibition "Implicit Signifies ", Mohsen Art gallery-Tehran,Iran

2016 Scientific Committee of "10 Days with Photographers" Annual festival, Tehran, Iran

2016 Jury member of" 6th Birjand" photo festival Birjand, Iran

2016 Jury member of" Foad" photo festival, Tehran, Iran

2015 Jury member of" Birjand" photo festival Birjand, Iran

2015 Jury member of "Dast Dovoom" Photo Festival -Tehran, Iran

2015 Curated photo group exhibition "Winter ", Mohsen Art gallery, Tehran,Iran

2012 Curated photo group exhibition "Confined Landscape", Mohsen Art gallery, Tehran, Iran

2010 Jury member of "Persia in the Mirror of Nature" Photo Festival, Shiraz, Iran