

Shadi Rzaei
Iranian, B. 1986



Shadi Rzaei is a London-based interdisciplinary artist. She received her BA in Graphic Design from the University of Art in Tehran and her MFA Fine Arts from UAL, Chelsea College of Arts and Design in London in 2017.

Her passion for the visual arts comprises an exploration of the relationships between tradition and contemporary art. Her works bring a series of mutable and spontaneous gestures that negotiate the relationship between stability and uncertainty.

In her practice, Rzaei explores her own eidetic memory. A wide range of themes such as power, gender, animalism/humanity, oddity/beauty and identity, are depicted in her work. Her journey of examination and exploration is carried out through various creative media and the use of unconventional materials, which enable her to create and question metaphoric expressions of the untold. The narratives she wishes to communicate determine the medium she chooses to work in.

Her subjects are often invited to play a part in the creation of the work, and a combination of photography, performance, dance, painting and the use of video render her work truly multi-dimensional.

Rzaei's works have been exhibited in several group exhibitions and auctions in the United Kingdom, United States, Monaco & Dubai, and has been presented in several panel discussions and publications.

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Education

- 2017 MA Fine Art, Chelsea Collage of Arts, London
- 2009 BA Graphic Design, University of Art, Tehran, Iran

Awards

- 2014 Winner of London Reach Prize, Art for Youth London
- 2012 Selected & Nominated by BBC Art & Culture Recording Program for Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, London, 2012, (Project: I am not I, Nor am "I")
- 2010 Winner of the First Persbook Art's Continual Exhibitions (Edward Lucie-Smith), Tehran, Iran

Selected Collections

- The Tomita Family Collection, USA
- Moravian Gallery, Brno, Czech Republic
- Bakhtiar Private Collection, Dubai, UAE

Publications

- 2018 "Art Materiality and Representation", Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, British Museum and SOAS, London
- 2018 *The Top 7 Art Exhibitions to see in London this week*, Tabish Kahn, FAD Magazine, 18th February 2028
- 2017 Monaco Info - Le JT
Magic in Monaco, MOP Foundation exhibition & auction catalogue, Art with Iranian avor, La Notizia, Monaco
- 2016 Sign from Iran, The Collection of The Moravian gallery in Brno, Czech Republic
- 2015 Contemporary, MOP Foundation Exhibition & Auction catalogue , AFY LONDON invitation and auction catalogue, London
- 2015 IBS Auction catalogue, 2015
- 2015 Magic of Persia Nowrouz Gala auction catalogue, London and Dubai
- 2011 Arabesque 2: Art and Graphic Design from the Arab World and Persia Book, Dublin, Republic of Ireland

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Publications Continued

- 2011 Editorial report, Mediterraneaonline.eu E-magazine (the Untold things Project review), Italy, 2011
- 2010 TALK Iranian E-magazine of visual Arts, Iran
- 2010 The Body-Nothing Else Online study, USA

Panel Presentations and Artist Talks

- 2018 "Beauty and the Beast: photography, the body and sexual discourse in the Middle East and Central Eurasia"/ Royal Anthropological Institute 2018 Panel. As part of the "Art, Materiality and Perception" events at British Museum/ SOAS, London
- 2018 Beyond the Body - Gender, Identity and Representation, Artist / Curator dialogue/ organized by Linda Rocco, Independent Curator and Francesca Fiumano, Chair, Fiumano Clase Gallery, London

Selected Exhibitions

- 2019 Liberté Liberté Chérie, A group exhibition curated by Simone Dibo Cohen, in collaboration with L'Union Méditerranéenne pour l'Art Moderne (U.M.A.M.), Château-Musée Grimaldi, Cagnes, France
- 2018 Magic in Monaco Auction, conducted by Christie's, Yacht Club de Monaco, Kamil Art Gallery, Monaco
- 2018 Volta14, With Fiumano Clase, Basel, Switzerland
- 2018 Animal Party, Group Exhibition Curated by Dr. Fereshte Moosavi, Kamil Gallery, Monaco
- 2018 Shadi Rezaei, Solo Show, GRK Gallery, Paris, France
- 2018 Discoveries, Fiumano Clase, London
- 2017 Magic in Monaco Auction, conducted by Christie's, Yacht Club de Monaco, Kamil Art Gallery, Monaco
- 2017 Tran-Sit Group exhibition, MAFA gallery, Chelsea college of Art, London
- 2016 Art Capsule group exhibition hosted by Fiat Chrysler UK, London
- 2016 Contemporary, MOP Foundation group exhibition & action, conducted by Sotheby's, Los Angeles, USA
- 2016 AFY London 2016, Mall Galleries, London
- 2016 Sign From Iran, Moravian gallery, Brno, Czech Republic
- 2015 IBS Gala Auction, The Dorchester Hotel, London
- 2015 Art for Youth London 2015, Mall Galleries, London
- 2015 Magic of Persia Group exhibition & auction, Jumeirah Emirates towers Dubai, UAE
- 2014 Office Session III, Marveleon Project, London

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Selected Exhibitions Continued

- 2014 Art for Youth London 2014, Royal College of Arts, London
- 2011 Without Borders, Persbook Art's Continual Exhibitions, SIN Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2010 The First Persbook Art's Continual Online Exhibitions, Tehran, Iran
- 2009 The Shadows, Khane-Ye-Honarmandan-E Iran (The House of Iranian Artists), Tehran, Iran
- 2008 Image of The Year, Iranian Artist`s Forum, Tehran, Iran
- 2008 26-2, University of Art, Tehran, Iran