

BITA FAYYAZI (b. 1962, Tehran, Iran)

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Bita Fayyazi (born 1962, Tehran) lives and works in Tehran. Rather than a sculptor, installation artist or ceramicist, engaged in some mystic relationship with her materials, Fayyazi is an artist who works within a more performative and markedly social practice. Beginning in mid 1990s, her artistic interventions challenged the official definitions of art that were often circulated in Tehran at that time. Fayyazi struggled to show her work amidst an atmosphere of stuffy traditionalism, academicism, and the influx of 1990s conceptual art from abroad. She successfully entered 2000 pieces of ceramic cockroaches into Tehran's 6th Biennial of Contemporary Ceramic Art, despite an attempt by several members of the committee to oust her work from the show. She cast and fired terracotta dogs (*Road Kill*, 1998), modelled on dead dogs found on the highways in Tehran, and then placed her works on the streets around the city, much to the consternation of onlookers. Each of Fayyazi's work has its roots in a form of participative social sculpture of gathering whatever materials are readily available. She also brings together artists and non-artistically inclined collaborators who can wrap and entwine, paint and cast. She reconstitutes the energies of a multitude of people toward an uncertain result. The final object becomes less important than the process – the collective doing, and the love of doing – that preceded its creation.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *What Remains: Parallel Circuit*, +2 Gallery presented by Dastan, Tehran, Iran
- 2025 *O Chimera, O Chimera: Feathers whisper, talons gleam—mortal flesh and mythic scheme*, The Mine, Dubai, UAE
- 2024 *Crescendo*, Parallel Circuit, Tehran, Iran
- 2018 *I Love You Because You're Sweet and Tender*, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2017 *Vaudeville*, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran
For Want of a Nail, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran
Mortice, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2014 *Rearranged: Selected Works from 1998 to 2014*, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai
- 2013 *trunkated, 2nd episode*, Khak Gallery, Tehran
- 2012 *The Made, The Undone and The Make-Do (Savaareh, Oftaadeh, Piyaadeh)*, Khak Gallery, Tehran
- 2011 *Obscure Stream of Life, But I'm Still Having My Afternoon Cuppa*, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai
- 2010 *Performance 1388/2010*, Espace Louis Vuitton, Paris
Performance 1388/2010, Aun Gallery, Tehran
- 2009 *There Goes the Neighbourhood* (with Rokni Haerizadeh), Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai
- 2005 *When I Was Still a Child*, XVA Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 1997 *Road Kill*, performance on the highways in Tehran, Iran
- 1993 *Wall Murals and Abstract Forms*, Isfahan Classic Gallery, Isfahan, Iran

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Move, Pause, Return*, Gallery Isabelle, Dubai, UAE
A Collection Part 2: b. 1957-1977, + 2 Gallery, Tehran Iran
Resonance, Dastan Gallery, Tehran, Iran
Update 14.0, Dastan Gallery, Tehran, Iran
What Unveils, Bashgah Gallery, Tehran, Iran
Ishtar, Liam Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2025 *Soft Edge of the Blade Vol. 3*, Leila Heller Gallery, Dubai, UAE
8 Fair, Parallel Circuit, Tehran, Iran
Blind Elephant, Dastan Gallery, Tehran, Iran
Expectant, Parallel Circuit x 8Cube, Tehran, Iran
- 2023 *Forms*, Gagosian x Jeffrey Deitch, Miami, USA

- Soft Edge of the Blade Vol. 3*, Zaal Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
Some seasons: Fereydoun Ave and the Laal Collection 1959-2019, Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, UAE
- 2022 The 58th Carnegie International, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, USA
Group Exhibition, Hasht Cheshmeh Art Space, Kashan, Iran
- 2021 *Nature of Things*, +2 Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2020 *The Dinosaur Lost Her Bearings*, Dastan Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2019 *Annual Review*, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2018 *Cultural Narratives*, CAP Kuwait, Kuwait
- 2017 *I Love You Because You Are Sweet and Tender*, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran
 9th Gyeonggi Ceramic Biennale, Korea Ceramic Foundation, Gyeonggi, South Korea
- 2016 *Ceramix*, La Maison Rouge, Paris, France
- 2015 *Ceramix*, Bonnefantenmuseum, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Annual Review, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2010 Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran
Be Crowned with Laurel in Oblivion, Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
- 2009 *City Scape (My Glittery World)*, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran
Raad O Bargh, 17 Artists from Iran, Thaddaeus Ropac Gallery, Paris, France
- 2008 *The Messenger*, Cultural Centre, Brugge, Belgium
Naqsh – An Insight into Gender and Role Models in Iran, Pergamon Museum, Berlin, Germany
LolliPatt, Tehran, Iran
2008 'Oriens Sans Frontières, Espace Louis Vuitton, Paris, France
- 2007 *Bêtes et Hommes*, International Artists Exhibition, Parc de la Villette, Paris, France
Within and Without, NoMoreGrey Gallery, London, UK
Iran.com, Museum of Modern Art, Freiburg, Germany
- 2006 *New Territories*, De Hallen, Bruges, Belgium
- 2005 *When Still a Child*, XVA Gallery, Dubai, UAE
Amazon Series, with *Road Kill* by Bita Fayyazi, Rebell Minds Gallery, Berlin, Germany
Kismet, 51st International Venice Biennale, Italy
- 2004 *Gardens of Iran, Ancient Wisdom/New Visions*, Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran, Iran
For Bam, Warehouse in the center of Tehran, Iran
On the Road, Streets of Tehran, Iran
Ceramic, Isfahan Museum of Contemporary Art, Isfahan, Iran
Iranian Contemporary Art (3 generations), National Gallery of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia
- 2003 *Iranian Contemporary Artists*, Pietro Della Valle, the Italian School of Tehran, Iran
Lucky Charms, Golestan Gallery, Tehran, Iran
On/Off, New Art, Tehran Museum of Contemporary Arts, Tehran, Iran
The Speed Bag Factory, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2001 *Iranian Contemporary Art*, Barbican Center, London, UK
7 Ceramists, Iranian National Commission for UNESCO, Tehran, Iran
Falling Figures, Seyhoon gallery, Tehran, Iran
Children of the Dark City, Tehran, Iran
- 2000 *Ekbatan?*, Nikolaj Contemporary Art Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark
Experiment 98: The Art of Demolition, Tehran, Iran
- 1998 Iranian Contemporary Ceramic Artists, Embassy of the Netherlands, Tehran, Iran
 6th Biennial of Contemporary Ceramic Art, Museum of Contemporary Arts, Tehran, Iran

AWARDS

- 2014 Prince Claus Award, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 1998 Special Award Winner, 6th Biennale of Contemporary Ceramic Art, Tehran, Iran

COLLECTIONS

Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France
 La Fabbrica (Benetton Group Communication Centre), Treviso, Italy
 Simon de Pury Collection, Geneva, Switzerland
 Salsali Private Museum, Dubai, UAE
 Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran, Iran
 The Laal Collection (Fereydoun Ave), Paris, France
 Dior Fashion House Collection, Paris, France