

NARGESS HASHEMI (b. 1979, Tehran, Iran)

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Nargess Hashemi (born 1979, Tehran) lives and works in Tehran. Hashemi's works are intimate observations of the dualities that permeate her daily life in Iran by using a diverse range of techniques and materials including monoprinting, macramé, graph paper, and acetate. Her style is continuously evolving, from her largely figurative works depicting intimate, domestic, and celebratory scenes, to her most recent works in which she uses graph paper to experiment with more abstract, geometric compositions. Central themes of the artist's work remain her preoccupation with the familial routines and habits that she grew up with. These elements are evident in her works and reflect a conflicted sense of belonging and detachment, nostalgia, and uneasiness, comfort, and entrapment, all at the same time. The use of pattern is another dominant element in Hashemi's work. From the kitschy wrapping paper used as the background in her *Wrap Me Up in You* series, to the complex bands of repetitive, brightly coloured shapes occupying the minute 1 mm x 1 mm squares of graph paper in her *Home* and *Carpet* series, she uses pattern in its many varying forms as both literal and abstract manifestations of the influence of environment and tradition. In her latest works on paper and canvas, along with her crocheted macramés, Hashemi investigates her ideas within spatial planning, reimagining architecture, and networks with unthinkable freedom.

Hashemi grew up in a traditional Iranian household and studied Ancient Persian at the Neyshabour Institute as well as Fine Art at Tehran University. She has had numerous solo shows in her home town. She has also participated in *Iranian Spring* (2004) at the Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, she was part of a USA touring group show, entitled *Wishes and Dreams: Iran's New Generation Emerges* (2007) and *The Language of Human Consciousness*, Athr Gallery, Jeddah (2014). She has collaborated with Ramin Haerizadeh, Rokni Haerizadeh and Hesam Rahmanian for a multi-room installation as part of *The Creative Act* at Guggenheim Abu Dhabi (2016) and *Forgive me, distant wars, for bringing flowers home* at Officine Grandi Riparazioni (2018). Hashemi was part of Bread and Salt's touring exhibition in Italy entitled *Good Morning....Good Night!* (2018).

EDUCATION

- 2022 Nastaliq Handwriting Certification, Paytakht Calligraphers Association, Tehran, Iran
- 2006 Ancient Persian Language, Neyshabour Institute, Tehran, Iran
- 2003 Art University, Fine Art Department, Tehran, Iran

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *A Waking Dream*, +2 Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2024 *Dreams Within Dreams*, Installation in collaboration with Akram and Aazam Hashemi, Tehran, Iran
- 2023 *Reimagining a City*, Homa Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2019 *I will build a tall city interconnected by cul-de-sacs*, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2018 *I will build a tall city interconnected by cul-de-sacs*, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai, UAE
- 2015 *Endless Patterns*, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2014 *The Pleasure in Boredom*, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai, UAE
- 2012 *I, In Our Midst*, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2011 *Nargess Hashemi 2012*, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai, UAE
- 2010 *Wrap Me Up in You*, La B.A.N.K. Gallery, Paris, France
- Wrap Me Up in You*, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai, UAE
- 2008 *God's Gift*, Aaran Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- Stories from The Boudoir*, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai, UAE
- Nar Gallery, Tehran, Iran

GALLERY ISABELLE

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2007 Mah Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2006 Mah Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2005 Golestan Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2002 Atashzad Gallery, Tehran, Iran

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Installation*, Honar Khane, Kashan, Iran

Resonance, Dastan, Sam Centre, Tehran, Iran

Move, Pause, Return, Gallery Isabelle, Dubai, UAE

2025 *The LAL Collection: A Selection by Fereydoun Ave*, Pirsook Art and Cultural Centre, Shiraz, Iran

Disconnect to Connect: Contemporary Fiber Art, Liikeh Art Factory, Kashan, Iran

Golden Sphere, +2 Gallery, Tehran, Iran

Ornament, Vista Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2024 *For Nowruz: A Selection by Fereydoun Ave*, SOO Contemporary, Tehran, Iran

2023 Suri Gallery, Tehran, Iran

Contemporary: A Selection from LAL Collection by Fereydoun Ave, Hasht Cheshmeh Art Space, Tehran, Iran

2022 *Vanishing point: Selection of works from Pejman Collection*, Pejman Foundation, Tehran, Iran

Spring Frame, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran

Artist's Emergency Aid, Hasht Cheshmeh Art Space, Kashan, Iran

A Selection of work from LAL Tehran, Malek Foundation, Tabriz, Iran

2021 *Birds*, SOO Contemporary, Tehran, Iran

Artist's Emergency Aid, Lajevardi Foundation, Tehran, Iran

Artist's Emergency Aid, Mohsen Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2020 *Hand Work*, 10th annual contemporary art Persbook, Manochehri House, Kashan, Iran

Solace of Lovers, Tyrolean State Museum, Innsbruck, Austria

LAL Collection, O' Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2019 *Visual Dialogue*, Emrooz Gallery, Isfahan, Iran

Annual Review, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2018 *Forgive me, distant wars, for bringing flowers home*, in collaboration with Ramin Haerizadeh, Rokni

Haerizadeh and Hesam Rahmani, Officine Grandi Riparazioni (OGR), Turin, Italy

Good Morning...Good Night!, Ducal Museum Palace, Mantova, Italy

Good Morning...Good Night!, Castello del Monteferrato, Monteferrato, Italy

Black & White, E1 Gallery, Tehran, Iran

Annual Review, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran

#WeToo, Salsali Private Museum, Dubai, UAE

2017 *The Creative Act: Performance, Process, Presence*, In collaboration with Ramin Haerizadeh, Rokni Haerizadeh and

Hesam Rahmani, Guggenheim, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Municipality Vol.1, Dastan Gallery, Tehran, Iran

Annual Review, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2016 *Domestic Affairs: Reshaped*, Gallery Isabelle Van den Eynde, Dubai, UAE

Domestic Affairs, Gallery Isabelle Van den Eynde, Dubai, UAE

Visage/Image of Self, Aran Gallery, Tehran, Iran

LTR Art Project, Joint exhibition between Iran and Austria, Isfahan Contemporary Art Museum, Lajevardi

Foundation, Tehran, Iran

Annual Review, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran

Peace on Paper, 2nd Contemporary Art Biennale Iran, Touring exhibition in Niavaran Art Creation Foundation,

Isfahan Contemporary Art Museum, Abadan Contemporary Art Museum

2015 *Nice Drawings*, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai, UAE

The Breaking of Silence, Shirin Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

Annual Review, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2014 *The Language of Human Consciousness*, Athr Gallery, Jeddah, KSA

Annual Review, Khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2013 *Iran Art Now*, Ethan Cohen Fine Art, New York City, USA

- 2011 Jaam Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Cutting Edge Artists, Mellat Gallery, Tehran, Iran
Shirin Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2009 *1001 Colors*, Contemporary Art from Iran, New York City, USA
Nar Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2008 *Whispered Secrets, Murmuring Dreams*, Mall Galleries, London, United Kingdom
Color of Love, Niavaran Art Creation Foundation, Tehran, Iran
Haft Negah, Niavaran Art Creation Foundation, Tehran, Iran
- 2007 Mah Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
Wishes and Dreams, Touring exhibition of Meridian International Centre, Washington DC and New York City, USA
Imam Ali Museum, Tehran, Iran
- 2006 Cultural Center of Rákosmente, Lazar Gallery, Tehran, Iran
Mah Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2005 Mah Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2004 Guest Artist at The Dena Group, University of Sciences, Zanjan, Iran
Iranian Spring, Municipality of Paris, Paris, France
Gardens of Iran: Ancient Wisdom, New Vision, Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran, Iran
For Bam, Warehouse space in Central Tehran, Iran
- 2003 6th Tehran Contemporary Painting Biennial, Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran, Iran
Barg Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2001 Atashzad Gallery, Tehran, Iran
Shafagh Gallery, Tehran, Iran

COLLECTIONS

Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi
Private collection of HH Sheikha Osha bint Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Private collection of Mohammed Afkhami
Farjam Collection