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b.1964 Shiraz, Iran

Lives and works in Cambridge, UK

Biochemistry Degree and 18-year career as a Research Scientist in Human Leukaemia from Nov1986- Dec 2005. Working in St. Mary's Hospital, Royal Free Hospital and CIMR at Cambridge University.

EDUCATION

2009-2011 MFA Fine Art, Goldsmiths College, University of London, London
 2006 PGDip Fine Art, Chelsea College of Art and Design, London
 2001-2005 BA Hons Fine Art & Art History, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge

INTERVENTIONS

2025-29 *Leave to Remain (Passport Installation)*, Tate Britain, London, UK
 2025-26 *Artists First*, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2027 (Upcoming) *Addicted to Love*, Retrospective, Museum Frieder Burda, Baden
 Baden Baden, Germany
 2024 *Rebel, Rebel*, ARoS Aarhus Art Museum, Denmark
 2023-24 *We Could Be Heroes...*, Heong Gallery, Downing College, Cambridge
 University, Cambridge
 2022-23 *Rebel, Rebel*, The Curve, Barbican, London
 2019 *Addicted to Love*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
 2018 *Art Dubai*, Dubai, UAE
Salam, Salam, Installation commissioned by the Magic of Persia
 Foundation
LDWN, Installation at Victoria Station, London, a collaboration between
 The Tate Collective and City Hall
 2017 *Homeland*, Kunsthalle Osnabruck, Germany
Heart of Glass, The New Art Gallery, Walsall museum
Paradise Lost, Jerwood Project Space
 2016 *Crossroads Art Fair*, London
 2015 *Boogie Wonderland*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
 2011 *The Storyteller*, La Scatola Gallery, London
 2006 *Out of Sight*, St Pauls Gallery, Kettles Yard, Cambridge

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2027 (Upcoming) *Golden Glory: The Egg Tempera Revival*, Russel-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum, Bournemouth, UK
- 2026 Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK
- 2025 *Sex & Psychedelics*, Museum of Sex, New York, NY, USA
Long Now, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
Looking At Her, The Women's Art Collection, Murray Edwards College, Cambridge, UK
Frieze Art Fair London with Dastan Art Gallery, Regents Park, London, UK
Pattern: Rhythm and Repetition, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, UK
What's New, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, UK
The Horse and Power, Rønnebaksholm, Denmark
Pattern: Rhythm and Repetition, Pallant House, East Sussex, UK
- 2024 A Gathering Of Friends: Prints from Kip Gresham Editions, Fen Ditton Gallery, Cambridge, UK
Contemporary Collecting: David Hockney to Cornelia Parker, British Museum, London
What's New, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, UK
Drawing Biennale
Act 3. The Horse and the Power / Hesten og magten, Kunsthall Rønnebaksholm, Næstved, Denmark
Act 1: The Origin of the Horse / Hestens oprindelse, Kunsthall Rønnebaksholm, Næstved, Denmark
Mirror, Mirror, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London UK
The Spirit Inside, travelling exhibition, Compton Verney, UK
The Spirit Inside, The Lightbox, Woking
The Time of our Lives, Drawing Room, London, UK Expo
Chicago, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Chicago IL
A Gathering of Friends: Prints from Kip Gresham Editions, Fen Ditton Gallery, Cambridge, UK (2024)
- 2023 *The Bunker Artspace: Collection of Beth Rudin DeWoody*, The Bunker Artspace, West Palm Beach, USA
In the Eye of the Collector, with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK
Role Models: Portraits of Poets and Writers, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, UK
Dastan Gallery: "Realism" - Frieze No.9 Cork Street, London, UK
SIMURGH, TEN WOMEN ARTISTS FROM IRAN. Galerie Crone, Berlin, Germany
Realism, Dastan Gallery at Frieze No.9 Cork Street, London, England
- 2020-21 *The NGV Triennial*, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
- 2020 Dr T Frangenberg's Collection, Wolfson College, Cambridge, UK
Devil's in the detail, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK
20 year Anniversary Exhibition, Walsall Museum
Drawing together, Martin Hall Gallery of Loughborough University, UK
20 for 2020, New Arts Gallery, Walsall
Enough Is Definitely Enough, Pineapple Black Gallery, Middlesbrough

2019	Atelier 34zero Collection, Contemporary Art Gallery, BWA, Katowice, Poland
	The World Without Us, APT Gallery London, UK
	LDN WMN, Foyle's Gallery, London.
	Dr T Frangenberg's Collection, Wolfson College, Cambridge
	<i>Atelier 34zero Muzeum Collection</i> , BWA Gallery, Katowice, Poland. Art
	Dubai with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Berlin & London
2018	December Mostra, British School at Rome, Rome, Italy
	<i>Imago Mundi</i> , Trieste, at Salone deglie Incanti, Italy
2017	"I AM" Jordan, National Gallery of Fine Arts in Amman, Jordan, touring to
	London's St. Martin-in-the-Fields (in connection with the Shubbak
	Festival), then American University Museum in Washington, DC and other
	US cities.
	Royal Academy Summer Show, London, UK
	Canakkale Art Walk, Osnabruck, Germany
	FOCUS Festival Mumbai, India
	Contemporary Art Biennale, Niavaran Culture Centre, Abadan
	Contemporary Museum, Tehran, Iran
	Volta 13 Basel with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Switzerland
2016	Abadan Contemporary Art Museum, Isfahan, Curated by Majid
	Abbasi-Farahani
	<i>2nd Contemporary Art Biennale</i> (part 1), Niyavaran Cultural Centre,
	Tehran
	Art Festival Watou, Belgium
	<i>London Art Fair</i> , with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Business Design
	Centre, London
	<i>Champagne Life</i> , Saatchi Gallery, London
	Crossroads , Art Fair, London
2015-16	<i>Jerwood Drawing Prize</i> , touring UK from Jerwood Space, London
	<i>Exhibition with The Moving Museum</i> , The Armory Show, New York
2014	<i>HEY I'M MR POETIC</i> , Wysing Arts Centre, Bourn, Cambridge
	<i>Editions</i> , Edge of Arabia, Jeddah Art Week, Saudi Arabia
2013	<i>Editions</i> , Edge of Arabia, London
	<i>Open Heart Surgery</i> , The Moving Museum, London
	<i>The Future Can Wait</i> , Saatchi and Channel 4's New Sensations and
	<i>The Future Can Wait</i> , London
	<i>Summer Academy Exhibition</i> , Autocentre, Berlin
	<i>Tectonic</i> , The Moving Museum, DFC Centre, Dubai
2012	<i>BAD FOR YOU</i> , Shizaru Gallery, London
	<i>MANMADEGOD</i> , Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
	<i>This Is London</i> , Shizaru Gallery, London
	<i>The Catlin Art Prize</i> , Londonecastle Project Space, London
	<i>Open West</i> , Gloucester Cathedral, Gloucester
2011-12	<i>exTRAct</i> , GL STRAND Museum, Copenhagen
2011	<i>The Return</i> , House of Nobleman, London
	<i>Young Gods</i> , Charlie Smith Gallery, London
	<i>Chanel</i> , La Scatola Gallery, London
	<i>Who Do You Think We Are?</i> , Hanmi Gallery, London
	<i>Photo-Media Open Salon</i> , Charlie Dutton Gallery, London
	<i>Home and Belonging</i> , Seoul
2010-11	<i>Marmite Prize for Painting</i> , touring exhibition throughout the UK
	G20 World Artist Festival, Seoul

RESIDENCIES & ACTIVITIES

2018-19	Derek Hill Foundation Scholarship, residency, British School at Rome
2015	Volunteer Associate Artist with Caspian Arts Foundation, supporting education in the creative sector in the Middle East by awarding v scholarships to young talents within the region to further their degrees in Visual Arts in the UK; raising awareness around the need for schools and universities within the Middle East to increase the availability of art and humanities as forms of education
2015	Observer, Board of Trustees, Wysing Arts Centre, Cambridge
2013	Studio Artist at Wysing Arts Centre, Bourn, Cambridge

AWARDS

2024	Sky Arts Award, Nominee
2015	Jerwood Drawing Prize, shortlisted
2013	The Future Can Wait, shortlisted
2012	Catlin Prize, shortlisted
2011	exTRAct, Copenhagen, shortlisted (one of seven artists selected across European universities)
	The Young Gods, shortlisted

COLLECTIONS

Scheherazade Collection, USA
The Government Art Collection, London, UK
The Newark Museum of Art, Newark, USA
The Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, UK
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, USA
National Gallery of Victoria
The New Art Gallery Walsall
The Bunker Artspace Museum
Easton Capital/ John Friedman Collection
Frank Cohen Collection
Saatchi Gallery Collection
The Women's Art Collection, Murray Edwards College, Cambridge