

SOHEILA SOKHANVARI

b. Shiraz, Iran
Lives and works in Cambridge, UK

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

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2027 (Upcoming) Retrospective, Museum Frieder Burda, Baden Baden, Germany
2025 *Artists First*, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
Leave to Remain, Tate Britain, London, UK
2024 A Gathering of Friends: Prints from Kip Gresham Editions, Fen Ditton Gallery, Cambridge, UK
Rebel, Rebel, ARoS Aarhus Art Museum, Denmark
2023-24 *We Could Be Heroes...*, Heong Gallery, Downing College, Cambridge University, Cambridge
2022 *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

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
2024 *Pattern: Rhythm and Repetition*, Pallant House, East Sussex, UK
Contemporary Collecting: David Hockney to Cornelia Parker, British Museum, London
Drawing Biennale
Act 3. The Horse and the Power / Hesten og magten, Kunsthall Rønnebæksholm, Næstved, Denmark
Act 1: The Origin of the Horse / Hestens oprindelse, Kunsthall Rønnebæksholm, Næstved, Denmark
Mirror, Mirror, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London UK
A Spirit Inside, travelling exhibition, Compton Verney, UK
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)
- 2023-24 *The Bunker Artspace: Collection of Beth Rudin DeWoody*, The Bunker Artspace, West Palm Beach, USA
- A Spirit Inside*, The Lightbox, Woking
- In the Eye of the Collector*, with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK
- Role Models: Portraits of Poets and Writers*, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, UK
- SIMURGH, TEN WOMEN ARTISTS FROM IRAN. Galerie Crone, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 Realism, Dastan Gallery at Frieze No.9 Cork Street, London, England
- NGV Triennial*, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- 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
- 2019 *LDN WMN*, Foyle's Gallery, London.
- Dr T Frangenberg's Collection, Wolfson College, Cambridge
- Atelier 34zero Muzeum Collection*, BWA Gallery, Katowice, Poland.
- Art Dubai with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Berlin & London
- 2018 *Imago Mundi*, Trieste, at Salone deglie Incanti, Italy
- 2017-18 "*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.
- 2016 Volta 13 Basel with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Switzerland
- 2nd Contemporary Art Biennale* (part 1), Niyavaran Cultural Centre, Tehran
- Art Festival Watou, Belgium
- London Art Fair*, with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Business Design Centre, London
- Champagne Life*, Saatchi Gallery, London
- Crossroads , Art Fair, London
- 2015-16 *Jerwood Drawing Prize*, touring UK from Jerwood Space, London
- Exhibition with The Moving Museum*, The Armory Show, New York
- 2014 *HEY I'M MR POETIC*, Wysing Arts Centre, Bourn, Cambridge
- Editions*, Edge of Arabia, Jeddah Art Week, Saudi Arabia
- 2013 *Editions*, Edge of Arabia, London
- Open Heart Surgery*, The Moving Museum, London
- The Future Can Wait*, Saatchi and Channel 4's New Sensations and *The Future Can Wait*, London
- 2013 *Summer Academy Exhibition*, Autocentre, Berlin
- Tectonic*, The Moving Museum, DFC Centre, Dubai
- 2012 *BAD FOR YOU*, Shizaru Gallery, London
- manmadegod*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
- This Is London*, Shizaru Gallery, London
- The Catlin Art Prize*, Londonewcastle Project Space, London
- 2012-11 *Open West*, Gloucester Cathedral, Gloucester
- 2011 *exTRACT*, GL STRAND Museum, Copenhagen
- 2011 *The Return*, House of Nobleman, London
- Young Gods*, Charlie Smith Gallery, London
- Chanel*, La Scatola Gallery, London
- Who Do You Think We Are?*, Hanmi Gallery, London
- Photo-Media Open Salon*, Charlie Dutton Gallery, London
- Home and Belonging*, Seoul
- 2010-11 *Marmite Prize for Painting*, 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 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