

## **MEHRDAD AFSARI**

Born in 1977, Khoy, Iran Works and Lives in Tehran, Iran

2006 M.F.A in Photography, Art (HONAR) University of Tehran, Iran 2000 B.A in Photography, Art and Architecture Faculty of Azad University of Tehran, Iran

2006 Until now, Professor of Tehran Art University 2004 Until now, Honorary Member of Iranian Visual Artists Society

### **Education**

2006 MFA in Photography, Art University, Tehran, Iran

2000 BFA in Photography, Art and Architecture Azad University, Tehran, Iran

### **Solo Exhibitions:**

**2019** "Photographs Afront", Mohsen Gallery, Tehran, Iran

**2018** "Forty: A Treatise on Terrene Traverse", Mohsen Gallery, Tehran, Iran

**2017** "Years Long gone" & "The hidden law of reason", Mohsen Gallery, Tehran, Iran

**2016** "After Grandmother", Mohsen Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

**2014** "The Gradual Disappearance of Things", Mohsen Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

**2013** "America, Suspended Land", Mohsen Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran 2012 "Insomnia", Mohsen Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

**2011** "The Sacred Geometry of Chance", Etemad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

**2009** "The frenzied heart of mine, Houses the passionate countenance of thine", Assar Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

**2008** "I Am Oblivious of All Things", Khak art gallery, Tehran, Iran

**2006** "Gum Bichromate Print", Assar Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

**2005** "Selected Works", UNDP – Tehran Office – Iran

**2005** "Photography as a Myth", Silk Road Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

**2004** "Roadscape" and "The Felts", Assar Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

**2003** "Untitled" – Haft Samar Art Gallery – Tehran, Iran

**2002** "The Village of Tehran"- Aeineh Gallery – Tehran, Iran

**Selected International Group Exhibitions:**

**2019** "Iran: Visual Poetries", Rencontres des la photo en Gaspesie, Canada

"Photo Shanghai", Shanghai, China

"A Few Days In Between" in memory of Abbas Kiarostami, Nabshi Center, Tehran, Iran / Arta Gallery, Toronto, Canada

**2018** "Only the Morning Bird Treasures the Flower Garden" REDCAT Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

"TirArt", Tehran (IR)

"Photo London", London (UK)

**2017** "Iranian Garden" – 3, 14 Art Gallery – Bergen,Norway

**2017** "Focus Iran 2" – Craft & Folk Art Museum – LA, USA

**2016** "Photo San Francisco" – San Francisco – USA

**2015** "uNclear deal"- Curated by Mehdi Abdolkarimi-The Mine Art gallery-Dubai, U.A.E

**2015** "Iranian Contemporary Art"- ART ANKARA 2015- Ankara, Turkey

**2013** "My Name Is Not Rouge"- Curated by Ali Bakhtiari – Shirin Gallery, New York,USA

**2013** "Sub Tehran: Subjective Truth from Iran", Center of Contemporary Art (CCA), Curated by Sohrab Kashani- Tbilisi, Georgia

**2013** MEDATAK Festival "Section Uncharted Territory: video art in Iran"- Video – Madrid,Spain

**2011** "TV Dinner Project" -Video- Queens Museum of Art (QMA) -USA

**2009** "Settlement and Urban Identity in the Persian Gulf Region", University of Westminster, London, UK

**2008** Hillyer Art Space – Washington D.C – USA

**Selected National Group Exhibition:**

**2017** "Piece of Life" – E1 Art Galley – Tehran,Iran

**2016** "Ebb" – Silk Road Gallery – Tehran,Iran

**2015** "Art for Peace"- Curated by Feridon Farbod-Niavaran Artistic Creations Foundation – Tehran, Iran

**2015** "Winter" – Mohsen Art Gallery – Tehran,Iran

**2014** “Approaches to Tradition neo- Traditionalism in Contemporary Iranian Art” Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art- Tehran, Iran

**2014** “Zoo” Curated by Iman Safaei- Shirin Art Gallery – Tehran,Iran

**2014** “Art for Peace”- Curated by Solmaz Shabani- Held in 3 galleries- Tehran, Iran

**2013** “Silence”-curated by:Iman Safaei-Shirin Art Gallery-Tehran,Iran

**2012** “Inbetwenness”-curated by: Hamid Severi-Video-Mahemehr Art Gallery-Tahran,Iran

**2012** “Confined Landscape”- Mohsen Art Gallery-Tehran,Iran

**2011** “The 1st Tehran Annual Digital Art Exhibition” -Video-Mohsen Art Gallery -Tehran,Iran

**2011** “Pool” -Mohsen Art Gallery -Tehran,Iran

**2011** “13X18 Portrait” -Video -Etamad Art Gallery – Tehran, Iran

**2010** “Big Lie”-Video -Mohsen Art Gallery – Tehran, Iran

**2010** “Obligatory Military Service”-Video-Mohsen Art Gallery – Tehran, Iran

**2010** “Tehran 16 sq Km”- installation -Tarahan Azad Art Gallery -Tehran, Iran

**2008** Group Photo Exhibition – Niavaran Artistic Creations Foundation – Tehran, Iran

**2006** 10th photo biennial – Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Iran

**2004** Art Expo – Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Iran

**2004** 9th photo biennial – Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Iran

**2004** Assar Art Gallery – Tehran, Iran

**2004** Silk Road Art Gallery – Tehran, Iran

**2000** Assar Art Gallery –” Iranian Contemporary Photography “- Tehran, Iran

**1998** Tehran Gallery – subordinate to Tehran University – Tehran, Iran

From 1997 – 2017 More than 80 national and international group exhibitions

#### **Awards and Fellowships:**

**2018** International photography Grant (Nominee), International photography magazine, online

**2016** Selected Artist for” Iran and Norway Artist Exchange program” Bergen,Norway

**2010** KAUNAS Photo Star Festival – Top finalist – Kaunas, Lithuania

**2009** “1 sq. Mile Project” – Visiting Art, art institution in London, UK.

**2008** “Art Bridge Program” International arts & artists – Washington D.C, New York, Charleston – USA

**2007** 4th Iranian sea photo biennial – second prize -Iran

**2006** 10th photo biennial – Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art – first prize -Iran

**2005** 2nd Iranian sea photo biennial – third prize -Iran

**Other Activities:**

**2019** Jury member "4th Tehran Art University Photo Festival", Tehran, Iran

Curated Mohammad Sayyad solo photo exhibition "The Land of Bewilderment", Nabshi Center, Tehran, Iran

**2018** Jury member "11th FAJR Visual Art Festival", Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art (TMOCA) Tehran, Iran

Scientific and Artistic Committee "7th 10 Days with Photographers Annual festival", Iranian Artist Forum, Tehran, Iran

Jury member "3th Focus Iran" contemporary photography and video biennial, CAFAM museum, Los Angeles, USA

Jury member "Isfahan" photo festival, Isfahan, Iran

Jury member "1st Blue Sky photo festival", Tehran, Iran

Jury member "Iran & China photo festival", Tehran, Iran

**2017** Curated group exhibition “Implicit Signifies” -Mohsen Art gallery-Tehran,Iran

**2016** Scientific Committee of “10 Days with Photographers” Annual festival – Tehran,Iran

**2016** Jury member of” 6th Birjand” photo festival Birjand, Iran

**2016** Jury member of” Foad” photo festival- Tehran, Iran

**2015** Jury member of” Birjand” photo festival Birjand, Iran

**2015** Jury member of “Dast Dovoom” Photo Festival -Tehran, Iran

**2015** Curated photo group exhibition “Winter” -Mohsen Art gallery-Tehran,Iran

**2012** Curated photo group exhibition “Confined Landscape” -Mohsen Art gallery-Tehran,Iran

**2010** Jury member of “Persia in the Mirror of Nature” Photo Festival -Shiraz, Iran

**Art Fair & Auction:**

**2017** Photo San Francisco – San Francisco,USA

**2016** Photo Shanghai – Shanghai,China

**2012** Contemporary Art Istanbul – Istanbul,Turkey

**2011** 1st Modern & Contemporary Visual Art Auction-Tehran,Iran

**2011** “Berliner Liste”- Berlin,Germany

**2011** Bonhams Art fair – Dubai, U.A.E

**2010** Contemporary Art Istanbul – Istanbul, Turkey

**2009** Parisphoto – Paris,France

**Publications:**

**2014** “The Gradual Disappearance of Things” -Mohsen Publication, Tehran, Iran

**2013** “Contemporary Iranian Art:New perspectives”, published by Saqi books,London,UK

**2011** “la photography Iranienne”, published by Editions loco, Paris, France

**2010** “EYE”- Photo Series- No.38 – Mahriz Publication – Tehran, Iran

**2005** “The Sun of the Light” – Photo Series – Herfeh,Honnarmad Publication- Tehran,Iran

**2004** “Time And Space” – Photo Series,Herfeh,Honnarmad Publication- Tehran,Iran