"AWAKING DREAM"

Nargess Hashemi Oct 31 - Nov 21, 2025





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+2 presents "A Waking Dream," a solo exhibition of works by Nargess Hashemi. The exhibition opens on Friday, October 31, 2025, and will run until Friday, November 21. This marks Hashemi's debut solo exhibition at Dastan. Her work has been featured in numerous exhibitions worldwide, including fifteen solo exhibitions in Iran, the UAE, and France since the early 2000s. "A Waking Dream" consists of "Dreams", a series of drawings in dialogue with a crochet installation from the "The House Breathes" series. She studied Painting at the Tehran University of Art and continued her studies in ancient Iranian languages at the Neyshabur Foundation.. She began her artistic journey in the late 1990s and continues her practice across several mediums, including painting, drawing,

printmaking, sculpture, and installation. She has not confined herself to one format, and each story is told in its own specific way, constantly changing and evolving.

In "Dreams", she observes her family members. The series consists of drawings of sleeping figures, family members, caught in their afternoon nap or night sleep suspended between layers of blankets, pillows, and sheets, outlined with pen. While the figures are drawn using the simplest lines, the delicate waves, patterns and forms of fabrics, textiles and clothes have been meticulously sketched, vivified and animated. The works are detailed to the point that the napping of the wool and velvet blankets is depicted through hundreds of small pen strokes.

The sleeping figures drawn on tracing paper are then stapled onto domestic materials: wrapping paper, dining cloth, fabric, or threads. These backgrounds, resembling the margins of a Persian miniature, often resonate with the drawn characters: a sleeping child on top of car patterned wrapping paper. These materials have been carefully sourced and selected so that they depict a sense of solace or relief in the sleeping figures and their aura.

The installations made in collaboration with her sisters, Akram and Azam Hashemi, use a combination of recycled material, yarn and thread using crochet techniques. In the latest editions of these installations, presented in this exhibition, yarn and recycled plastic have been woven together. In their newest forms, the threads and fabrics reappear, hung from above, transforming the gallery into a dream-like, shifting environment. Depending on the viewer's position, the works alter in form, recalling the way dreams mutate when recalled upon waking.

Her crochet curtains act like delicate walls that divide spaces, providing shelter and privacy, encouraging togetherness, and fostering interaction between viewer and work without completely concealing either. Hashemi's practice can be seen as a dialogue with architecture: she redefines space not by constructing walls or interiors but through the delicate layering of crochet. This woven architectural space and its shadows invite viewers to contemplate the boundaries between themselves and their reflections, between reality and representation



Nargess Hashemi. *Untitled*. 2025 mixed media on cardboard. 40x56 cm





Nargess Hashemi. *Untitled*. 2025 mixed media on cardboard. 44x55 cm





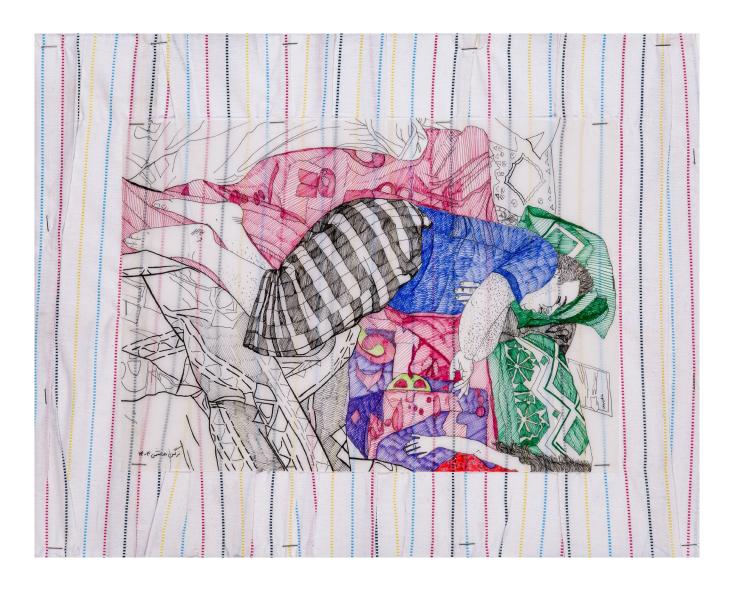
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Nargess Hashemi. *Untitled*. 2025 mixed media on cardboard. 45x56 cm





Nargess Hashemi. *Untitled.* 2025 mixed media on cardboard. 45x61 cm





Nargess Hashemi. *Untitled*. 2025 mixed media on cardboard. 45x63 cm





Nargess Hashemi. *Untitled*. 2025 mixed media on cardboard. 45x68 cm





Nargess Hashemi. *Untitled*. 2025 mixed media on cardboard. 40x60 cm





Nargess Hashemi. *Untitled*. 2025 mixed media on cardboard. 55x57 cm





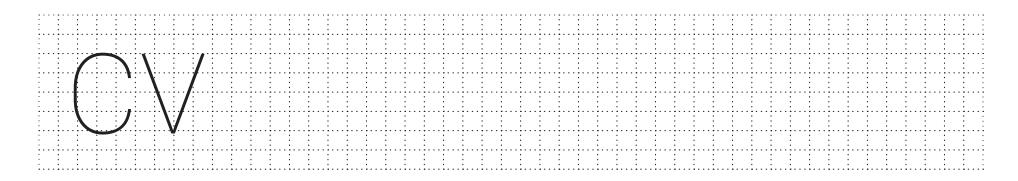
Nargess Hashemi. *Untitled*. 2025 mixed media on cardboard. 56x44 cm





Nargess Hashemi. *Untitled*. 2025 mixed media on cardboard. 62x46 cm





Nargess Hashemi

B. 1979. Tehran, Iran

Education

2001-2006. Educated in Ancient Persian language, NEYSHABOUR institute, Tehran, Iran 1999-2003. Art University, Fine Art Department, Tehran, Iran

Solo Exhibitions

2024. "Dreams within Dreams", an installation in electric room ,in collaboration with Akram and Aazam Hashemi, Tehran

2023. "Reimagining a city", HOMA Art Gallery, Tehran

2019. "I will build a tall city interconnected by cul-de-sacs", Khak Gallery, Tehran

2018. "I will build a tall city interconnected by cul-de-sacs", Gallery Isabelle van den eynd, 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

2011. Gallery Isabelle Van den Eynde Dubai, UAE

2010. "Wrap Me Up in You", La B.A.N.K. Gallery, Paris, France

- 2010. "Wrap Me Up in You", gallery B21 Gallery (Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde), Dubai, UAE
- 2008. "God's Gift", Aaran Gallery, Tehran
- 2008. "Stories from the Boudoir", B21 Gallery (Gallery Isabelle Van den Eynde), Dubai, UAE
- 2008. NAR Gallery, Tehran
- 2007. MAH Art Gallery, Tehran
- 2006. MAH Art Gallery, Tehran
- 2005. GOLESTAN Gallery, Tehran
- 2002. ATASHZAD Gallery, Tehran

Group Exhibitions

- 2025. "Golden sphere", Curated by Ashkan Zahraei, Plus 2 Dastan Gallery, Tehran
- 2025. "Ornament", curated by Behnam Kamrani, Vista, Art gallery, Tehran
- 2025. "The 13 th Persbook Contemporary Art Event, Lotfi house, Yazd
- 2025. "Artist's Emergency Aid Part V", O gallery, Tehran
- 2025. Art Center, Tehran
- 2024. "For Nowruz A selection by Fereydoun Ave", Soo contemporary, Tehran
- 2023. Suri Gallery, Tehran
- 2023. "contemparay" a selection from the LaL Collection by Fereydoun Ave, Hasht cheshmeh Art space ,Tehran
- 2022. "Vanishing Point", Selection of works from PEJMAN Foundation, Argo Factory, Tehran
- 2022. "Spring frame", KHAK Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2022. "Artist's emergency aid", HASHT CHESHMEH art space, Kashan, Iran
- 2022. A Selection of work from LaL_Tehran ,Malek foundation,Tabriz, Iran
- 2021. "Birds", Soo contemporary, Tehran, Iran
- 2021. "Artist's emergency aid", LAJEVARDI foundation, Tehran, Iran
- 2021. "Artist's emergency aid", Mohsen Galley, Tehran, Iran
- 2020. "Hand-work", 10 th annual contemporary art Presbook, Manochehri house, Kashan, Iran
- 2020. "solace of lovers-trost der liebenden", Tiroler landes Museum, Austria

- 2020. "Lal collection", O Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2019. "Visual dialogue", EMROOZ Gallery, Isfahan, Iran
- 2019. "Annual review", KHAK Gallery, Tehran
- 2018. "Memory Space Time", MELLAT Gallery, Tehran
- 2018. "Good morning ...Good Night", castello del Monferrato, Italy
- 2018. "Forgive me, distant war", for bringing flowers home, in collaboration with Ramin

Haerizadeh, Rokni Haerizadeh and Hesam Rahmanian, Office Grandi Riparazioni(ORG), TURIN, Italy

- 2018. "Good Morning...Good Night", (la galleria arte cantemporanea) ducale Museum Palace, Montava
- 2018. "Black & White", E1 Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2018. "Annual review", khak Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2018. "# Wetoo", Salsali private Museum, Dubai
- 2017. "The Creative Act: Performance, process, Presence", in collaboration with Ramin

Haerizadeh, Rokni Haerizadeh and Hesam Rahmanian, Guggenheim Abu Dhabi

- 2017. "Multiplicity Vol.1", DASTAN Gallery, DASTAN outside, Tehran.Iran
- 2017. "Annual review", KHAK Gallery, Tehran
- 2016. "Domestic Affairs; Reshaped", Gallery Isabelle van den eynde. Dubai, UAE
- 2016. "Domestic Affairs", Gallery Isabelle Van den Eynde, Dubai, UAE
- 2016. "Visage/image of self", Aran gallery, Tehran.Iran
- 2016. "RTL: LTR", art Project is a joint exhibition between Iran and Austria, Isfahan

Contemporary Art Museum, Lajevardi Foundation Tehran, Iran

- 2016. "Annual review", KHAK Gallery, Tehran.Iran
- 2016. "Peace on Paper ",2 nd contemporary Art Biennale Iran, touring exhibition: Niavaran

art creation foundation, Isfahan Contemporary Art Museum, ABADAN Contemporary Art Museum

- 2015. "Nice drawings", Gallery Isabelle Van den Eynde, Dubai, UAE
- 2015. "The Breaking of Silence", Shirin Art Gallery, Iran
- 2015. "Annual review", KHAK Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2014. "The language of human consciousness", Athr gallery, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- 2014. "Annual review", KHAK Gallery, Tehran

- 2013. "Iran Art Now", Ethan Cohen fine art, New York USA
- 2011. Jaam Gallery, Kuwait
- 2011. "cutting edge artists", Mellat gallery, Tehran
- 2011. Shirin Art Gallery, Tehran
- 2009. "1001 colors", contemporary Art from Iran, New York, USA
- 2009. Nar Gallery, Tehran
- 2008. "Whispered Secrets", Murmuring Dreams, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2008. "Color of love", Niavaran Creations Foundation, Tehran
- 2008. "HAFT NEGAH", Niavaran Art creation foundation, Tehran
- 2007. MAH Art Gallery, Tehran
- 2007. "Wishes and Dreams", touring exhibition organized by Meridian International Center,

Washington DC and New York, USA

- 2007. Imam Ali Museum, Tehran
- 2006. LAZAR Gallery, Tehran
- 2006. MAH Art Gallery, Tehran
- 2005. MAH Art Gallery, Tehran
- 2004. Guest artist at the Dena Group, University Sciences Zanjan, Iran
- 2004. MAH Art Gallery, Tehran
- 2004. "Iranian Spring", Municipality of Paris, France
- 2004. "Gardens of Iran: Ancient Wisdom_ New vision", collaboration with Rorkni

Haerizadeh and Ramin Haerizadeh, Maryam Amini , Alireza Masoumi , Soofi Baseghi &

Rhett Farrell, Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran

- 2004. "For BAM", Warehouse space Iran artist forum, Tehran
- 2003. "6th Tehran Contemporary Painting Biennial", Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran
- 2003. BARG Gallery, Tehran
- 2001. ATASHZAD Gallery, Tehran
- 2001. SHAFAGH Gallery, Tehran



