

Mahsa Merci  
1990  
Born in Tehran-Iran  
Based in Toronto, Canada

### **Education:**

2019 - 2021, Master of Fine Art, University of Manitoba, Canada  
2013, 2017, Master of painting, Art and Architecture Azad University, Tehran, Iran  
2009 - 2012, BA, Graphic Design, Art university of Tehran, Tehran, Iran

### **Solo exhibitions:**

2025, (upcoming), Experimental solo show, curated by Erin Storus, Toronto, Canada  
2025, *Wet Ligh In Midnight*, Wolf Hill Art, New York, USA  
2021, *Silent Stars*, Mayten's Project, Toronto, Canada  
2019, *Hot Blossoms*, Etemad Gallery, Tehran, Iran

### **Selected group exhibitions:**

2025, *Someone Is In My House*, Galerie Laetitia Gorsy, Leipzig, Germany  
2024, *Neither Here ~ Nor Elsewhere*, Thirdline Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
2024, *An Average Comet*, Harkawik Gallery, New York, USA  
2024, *Martini*, Shebam Gallery, Leipzig, Germany  
2024, *Soft Edge of a Blade II*, Zaal Gallery x Dastan Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
2023, *Third Annual Juried Show of Visual Arts*, Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, Canada  
2023, *Soft Edge of a Blade I*, Zaal Gallery x Dastan Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
2022, The Delphian Gallery X Unit One Gallery, London, UK  
2022, *Crossing*, V.O Curations Angel, London, UK  
2021, *Shape of an Image*, Curated by Sasha Bogojev, Waow Gallery, Hong Kong  
2021, *Discover Towards Utopia*, online exhibition, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK  
2020, *Limbo*, Everyday Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium  
2020, *GIFC*, Online Exhibition, Oslo, Norway  
2020, *Anything- whatever*, Platform Gallery, Winnipeg, Canada  
2020, *Portrait: Identity and expression*, Site Brooklyn Gallery, New York, USA  
2019, *All-Iranian Women*, Tache Art Gallery of University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada  
2017, *Opening Exhibition*, Drawing Museum, Tehran, Iran  
2017, *Episode 02*, Mohsen Gallery, Tehran, Iran  
2017, *Pure Drawing*, Spazio Nour Gallery, Milan, Italy  
2017, *Food*, Contemporary art museum of Isfahan, Isfahan, Iran  
2016, *Identity*, Jorjani Gallery, Tehran, Iran  
2016, *Tehran Experimental Art Week*, Niyavaran Cultural Center, Tehran, Iran  
2016, *Art in Secret*, Showcase Gallery, Dubai, the U.A.E  
2015, *Peace*, Lajevardi Gallery, Tehran, Iran  
2014, *New generation*, Shirin Gallery, Tehran, Iran  
2014, *Action, Expression, Creativity*, Mahe Mehr Gallery, Tehran, Iran  
2013, *Art walk*, Saadabad Museum, Tehran, Iran

### **Art Fair:**

2025, (upcoming), The Armory Show, Zaal Gallery x Dastan Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
2024, Art Toronto, Zaal Gallery x Dastan Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
2024, Contemporary Art Now, Shebam Gallery, Ibiza, Spain  
2024, Foundation Online Fair, Artsy x Filo Sofi  
2023, Art Toronto, Zaal Gallery x Dastan Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
2023, Spring Break, Filo Sofi, New York, USA  
2022, Art Toronto, The Next Contemporary, Toronto, Canada  
2021, Art Toronto, Mayten's project, Toronto, Canada  
2021, The Other Art Fair, Los Angeles, USA  
2020, MayFair Art Weekend Showreel, London, UK

## **Residency:**

2024- 2025, Wolf Hill, New York, USA  
2025, (upcoming), Vermont Studio Center, New York, USA  
2025, (upcoming), La Chambre Blanche, Quebec, Canada

## **Screening:**

2022, Limbo 2, Toronto Independent Film Festival, Toronto, Canada  
2022, Limbo, Queer City Cinema Film Festival, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada  
2022, Limbo 2, Supernova Digital Animation Festival, Supernova 7th Dimension, Denver, Colorado  
2019, Limbo, Motion Sickness Gallery, Cambridge, England

## **Auctions:**

2025, Arts Effect Auction, Toronto, Canada  
2025, Art Gem, Toronto, Canada  
2023, Art Attack Buddies art auction, curated by Noor Alé, Toronto, Canada

## **Selected press:**

2025, Elephant, What Explains Our Impulse to Document Our Injuries?, written by Upasana Das  
2025, OMG BLOG, Artsit interview by Odessa Paloma Parker, Toronto, Canada  
2025, Darz Art, Neither Here ~ Nor Elsewhere, written by Delaram Rajabi, Tehran, Iran  
2024, The National, Weekly UAE museum and gallery guide: Bold colours, beach junk and stirring solo exhibitions, written by Mann Jalal  
2024, Canvas, Neither Here ~ Nor Elsewhere  
2024, Artdaily, Neither Here ~ Nor Elsewhere  
2023, Tomorrow's Talent book, vol III, Booooooom, Vancouver, Canada  
2022, It's nice that, Mahsa Merci's textured paintings reference the multi-dimensional nature of queer identity by Olivia Hingley, London, UK  
2022, Oxford American, Coming up Fancy, by Jewly Hight, Issue 118, Fall 2022, Arkansas, USA  
2022, Arts Helps, The Revolution of Queerness and Gender in Iran in Mahsa Merci's Portraits by Rasha Hamade, New York, USA  
2022, She Does the city, On Silent Stars by Jenn Mcneely, Toronto, Canada  
2022, Art connect, Artist interview by Emma Enderby  
2022, Toronto Life Magazine and website, Culture  
2022, Yomoho, online magazine, On Silent Stars by Phil Villeneuve, Toronto, Canada  
2022, Juxtapoze online magazine, Silent Stars: Mahsa Merci by Sasha Bogojev, California, USA  
2021, Kunst Magazine, Number 4, Copenhagen, Denmark  
2021, Purpule Magazine, Vol 6, Genderless issue, Berlin, Germany  
2021, Artmaze Magazine, Anniversary edition, Issue 20, London, UK  
2021, Reconstructed Magazine, Bodies Issue, Vol 2, Massachusetts, USA  
2020, Art Viewer, Review "Limbo Act II " at Everyday Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium  
2020, Creative Boom, Review "Artists in 'limbo' share their feelings of frustration and hope in new works", by Katy Cowan, London, UK  
2020, Corona Care+, Field Projects, New York, USA  
2020, Create! Magazine, Vol. 19, Philadelphia, USA  
2019, ABC News, Artist Interview and documentary, Australia  
2019, Pey-vast, Artist Interview, online visual arts platform, Tehran, Iran  
2019, Art Habens, Artist Interview, online contemporary magazine, Biennale edition, London, England  
2019, Hymen Magazine, Ignorance Issue, Oslo, Norway  
2018, Four years Four Projects by Bitā Fayyazi book, Art review, Tehran, Iran  
2017, Zard Magazine, Art review on Episode 02 Group Exhibition, Vol. 3, Tehran, Iran  
2015, Culture of Peace book, Tehran, Iran  
2014, Tehran Art book, Tehran, Iran

## **Publications**

2025, *Wet Light in Midnight*, monograph, Wolf Hill Arts, New York, USA  
Texts by Jonathan Travis, Ethan Rafii, Sasa Bogojev, Noor Alé; design by Sam Kashmiri

**Awards and grants:**

2022, Winner of Animated Short: Limbo 2, Toronto Independent Film Festival, Toronto, Canada  
2022, Honorable Mention Animation Limbo 2, Supernova 7th Dimension Digital Animation Festival, Denver, Colorado  
2022, Selected as of the "5 Rising Painters to Discover in 2022" by Artsy campaign and been digitally displayed in NYC subway stations and train cars for a whole month of February, New York, USA  
2022, Innovative grant, New York, USA  
2021, Lambda Scholarship Foundation Canada - Les McAfee Memorial Award, Manitoba, Canada  
2020, Manitoba scholarship, Manitoba, Canada  
2019, MGS award, Manitoba, Canada

**Talk, Teaching experience and panelist:**

2023, Artist Talk in Daniels U of T, Toronto, Canada  
2020-2021, Platform Gallery, Board member, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada  
2021, Panelist, "Pride", Moderators: Nicole Garton and Tara Turk Haynes, The Other Art Fair, Los Angeles, USA  
2021, Teaching assistant of painting, Univerity of Manitoba, Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada  
2020, Teaching assistant of contemporary art, Univerity of Manitoba, Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada  
2020, Teaching assistant of painting, Univerity of Manitoba, Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada

**Collections:**

Private collections ( Canada, USA, Denmark, Italy, Hong kong, Iran, UAE)