

HANGAMA AMIRI

Born in Kabul, Afghanistan

Lives and works in New Haven, CT

EDUCATION

- 2020 MFA, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
2012 BFA, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Nova Scotia, Canada

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015– 2016 Yale University, Canada Fulbright. Post-Graduate Fellow at Council of East Asian Studies (CEAS) New Haven, CT

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Mirrors and Faces*, Cooper Cole, Toronto, ON
Wandering Amidst the Colors, Albertz Benda, New York, NY
Spectators of a New Dawn, Towards Gallery, Toronto, ON
2020 *Bazaar, A Recollection of Home*, T293 Gallery, Rome, IT
2018 *Ocean's Edge*, Laurie Swim Gallery, Lunenburg, NS
2017 *We Rise Again: Portraits of Afghan Women*, Lunenburg School of the Arts, Lunenburg, NS
2014 *At the Edge of the Shore*, Laurie Swim Gallery, Lunenburg, NS
2012 *The Wind-Up Dolls of Kabul*, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Qatra Qatra*, Fondazione Imago Mundi, Gallerie delle Prigioni, Treviso, IT
Progetto Genesi. Art and Human Rights, Collezione Panza, Associazione Genesi, IT

- 2021 *Two x Two* for Aids and Art fundraiser, The Rachofsky House, Dallas, TX
Everything Has its Place, Sevil Dolmaci Art Gallery, Istanbul, TR
Alphabetic Image, Arsenal Contemporary, New York, NY
Stockholm Sessions, Hospitalet, Stockholm, SE
- 2020 Yale Painting and Printmaking MFA 2020, Perrotin Gallery, New York, NY
Oh To Be A Painting, Abigail Ogilvy Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2019 *Hold On, Hold Me*, Charles Moffett Gallery, New York, NY
New Suns Chapter 2, Paramo Gallery, Guadalajara, MX
Cybernetic Alchemy: Foreign (Material) Affairs, New Inc., New Museum, New York, NY
- 2018 *Crying-Laughing*, Friends & Neighbors Gallery, Montreal, QC
Here & There, Studio Lab Gallery, New Glasgow, NS
Three Artist: Paint, Stitch & Sculpt, Laurie Swim Gallery, Lunenburg, NS
- 2017 *Pause, a Break*, Project Space Gallery, Banff Centre for Arts & Creativity, Banff, Alberta
Instants Video Film Festival, Marseille, FR
- 2016 *Women Voices Now*, Rolling Hill States, CA
Video Art Festival of Casablanca, Morocco
The Art of the Burqa: Film, Performance, Art & Dialogue, Pen + Brush Gallery, New York, NY
RBC Canadian Painting Competition, Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC
The 28th Festival Les Instants Vidéo, Milan Gallery, Marseille, FR
Distant Attachments: Unsettling Contemporary Afghan Diasporic Art, City Lore Gallery, New York, NY
- 2015 *The Lost Dhow: A Discovery from the Maritime Silk Route*, Aga Khan Museum, Toronto, ON
Where We Now, Women Body & Space, Reel Women Hong Kong, Film Festival, Hong Kong
- 2014 *Nova Scotia Art Bank*, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS
5th Passion for Freedom London Festival, Embassy Tea Gallery, London, UK
- 2013 *Original Species* (Art. Official. Selection) Creative Art Nova Scotia, Museum of Natural History
This is the Canadian Earth, Teichert Gallery, Halifax, NS
A little class goes along way, EyeLevel Gallery, Halifax, NS
- 2012 7th International Arte Laguna Prize, Tese di San Cristoforo, Venice, IT

2012 4th *Passion for Freedom London Festival*, Unit24 Gallery, London, UK

AWARDS

2020 Dean's Critical Practice Research Grant, Yale School of Art,
New Haven, CT

2019 Schickle-Collingwood Memorial Prize, Yale School of Art,
New Haven, CT

2018 Arts Nova Scotia (Professional Development Grant)

2017 Toronto Arts Council (Individual Grant)
Arts Equity Funding (Special Travel Grant)
Arts Equity Funding & Canada Council for the Arts (Creation Grant)

2015 RBC Canadian Painting Competition (Honorable mention)
Canada Fulbright Traditional Student Award

2014 Arts Equity Funding & Canada Council for the Arts (Creation Grant)

2013 Arts Nova Scotia (Presentation Grant)
Portia White Prize Protege
Creative Nova Scotia Grant

2012 Arts Nova Scotia Funding, Grants to Individuals
Robert Pope Foundation Painting Scholarship
Alexander J. McDonald Memorial Award

PRESS

2021 Elisa Carollo, "A Thread between Yale and Afghanistan." ART SHE
SAYS, December 13.
Sun Woo Baik, "Fiction Tells the Truth: A Q&A with Hangama Amiri."
Asparagus, October 29.
Lila Nazemian, "Artist Spotlight with Hangama Amiri." ArtEast,
October 28.
Georgia Gardner, "Hangama Amiri at Cooper Cole." Art Toronto,
October 25.
Mike Cummings, "Artist honors refugees in a language that
transcends borders: the emoji." Yale News, June 17.
Taraneh Kelishadi, "Drawing Home and Hope." UNHCR June 14.
Nicholas Keung, "Learn the Canadian refugee story behind this
emoji." June 13.

- 2021 Emily Chun, "THE VISUAL VOCABULARY OF BELONGING IN HANGAMA AMIRI'S 'WANDERING AMIDST THE COLORS'." ArtAsiaPacific, April 26.
- Chris Hampton, "Afghan-Canadian artist Hangama Amiri stitches the idea of 'home' into stunning textile portraits." CBC Arts, April 16.
- Caroline Blockus, "Interview: Hangama Amiri." ShePerforms, April 14.
- Caroline Blockus, "NYC: Hangama Amiri 'Wandering Amidst then Colors'." ShePerforms, April 10.
- Pearl Fontaine, "Hangama Amiri Looks at Ideas of Home Through Textiles." Whitewall, April 9.
- Sarah Burney, "One Piece by Hangama Amiri: Areyeshgah-e Bahar." Kajal Magazine, Feb. 16.
- Chiara Di Giorgio, "Chiara Di Giorgio in conversation with Hangama Amiri." T293 Gallery, Jan. 26.
- Alessandra Giacomini, "Women's Business, On memories, bazaars and Afghan feminism: a conversation with Hangama Amiri." Nero Magazine, Jan. 08.
- Mario Gatti, "Il bazar interculturale di Hangama Amiri." Arts Life, Forme Uniche, Jan. 01.
- 2020 Beatrice Benella, "Intessendo la trama dei ricordi con Hangama Amiri, alla galleria T293." Exibart, Dec. 29.
- Manuela de Leonardis, "Ricordi dell' Afghanistan intessutinele stoffe colorate." Il Manifesto, Dec. 22.
- Daniela Trincia, "Hangama Amiri – Bazaar, A Recollection of Home." art a part of cult(ure), Dec. 21.
- Nicole Bray, "Artist Spotlight: Hangama Amiri – Storytelling Through Textiles." artREAL, Dec. 8.
- Dessane Lopez Cassell, "Our Favorite MFA Work From Yale and RISD." Hyperallergic, Aug. 27.
- Emily Steer, "These are the Ascendant Artists to Watch." The Elephant Magazine, July 3.
- Caroline Goldstein, "After Yale Staged its MFA Students' Graduate Show IRL, Perrotin Gallery Revived it Online." Art Net, July 1.
- 2019 Madeleine Peck Wagner, "A Beautiful Exchange: Visiting artist Hangama Amiri talks memory and lemons.", Folio Weekly 2.0 Magazine, June 25.
- Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. "Nova Scotia Spotlight: Hangama Amiri." Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Feb. 27.
- 2017 Felicia Latour. "Afghan-Canadian artist Hangama Amiri on painting her heroines." CBC Mains Street NS, Aug. 30.

- 2017 Pary Shuaib. "Art Can Let Afghan Women Express Our Unique Selves." Free Women Writers, Aug. 15.
Charles Mandel. "Afghan Heroines." LightHouseNow, pg. 16, June. 28.
Zheela Nori. "Meet Hangama Amiri." Voice of America Dari, May 10.
- 2016 Stacy Parker Le Melle. "Whenever I Call You Friend." The Huffington Post, June 17.
Celesta Hamilton Dennis. "Art of the burqa: exploring the many narratives of the women under the veil." Ivoh, New York, April 18.
Noah Hurowitz. "Burqa Exhibit Coming to Flatiron Gallery This Weekend." DNAinfo, New York, March 3.
- 2015 Suzanne Russell. "Secrets and Desires." OF NOTE Magazine, The Burqa Issue, Dec. 7.
Evan Bower. "Local artist recognized with two national awards." LighthouseNow, Nov. 22.
Elissa Barnard. "Halifax Artist receives RBC award." The Chronicle Herald, Halifax, Nov. 19.
Kevin C. Griffin. "2015 RBC Painting winner to help foster Canadian-Filipino dialogue on art." The Vancouver Sun, Nov. 19.
James Adams. "Patrick Cruz wins \$25,000 RBC Canadian Painting Competition." The Globe and Mail, Nov. 18.
Lisa Paterson. "Hangama Amiri, Fulbright grant winner, headed to Yale University." CBC News NS, Nov. 14.
Royal Bank of Canada. "RBC unveils Canada's top 15 emerging artists for prestigious Canadian Painting Competition." Royal Bank of Canada, June 24.
- 2014 Lizzy Hill. "Five art exhibits to see this summer." The Coast, June 19.
Elissa Barnard. "The world is her inspiration." The Chronicle Herald Arts & Life, pg. 3, May 30.
Elissa Barnard. "Landscape-inspired visions featured in This Is the Canadian Earth." The Chronicle Herald Arts & Life, Feb. 13.
- 2013 Robert Hirtle. "Lunenburg artist wins Portia White Prize 2013." LighthouseNow, Oct. 29.
Marylin Smulders. "Congrats to Steve Higgins." Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NASCAD) University, Oct. 28.
Elissa Barnard. "Higgins shocked to win Masterworks Award." The Chronicle Herald, Oct. 26.
Robert Hirtle. "Artist Hangama Amiri opens new Lunenburg studio." LighthouseNOW, Sept. 17.
Robert Hirtle. "At the Edge of the Shore." LighthouseNOW, June 18.

- 2013 Heather Wood Rudolph. "Feminism Through Art: Meet Hangama Amiri." *Sexy Feminist*, May 3.
Robert Hirtle. "Artist Focuses on human rights-themed works." *South Shore Now*, pg. 1-3, Jan. 9.
Unknown Author "Interview with Phlis McGregor." *CBC Radio*, Jan. 1.
- 2012 Greta McClain. "Afghan Canadian artist brings plight of Afghan Women to the world." *Digital Journal*, pg.1-4, Dec. 10.
Colleen Jones. "Nova Scotia artist earns international praise." *CBC News*, Dec. 6.
Beverley Ware. "Artist dedicates work to Afghan birthplace." *The Chronicle Herald*, pg. 1-3, Nov. 25.
Tahir Qadiry. "Passion for Freedom Exhibition in London." *BBC Persian News*, Nov. 15.

RESIDENCIES

- 2019 The Long Road Projects, Jacksonville, FL.
- 2018 World of CO. Residency Program, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2017 JOYA: AiR, Arte + Ecologia Residency, Andalusia, SP
The Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. Banff, Alberta
- 2013 White Rabbit Arts. Economy, NS
NSCAD-Lunenburg Community Residency Program. Lunenburg, NS

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Genesi Collection
Jimenez Colon Collection
Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
RBC Corporate Collection
Nova Scotia Art Bankw
Burger Collection