

NAVID AZIMI SAJADI

Born in 1982 in Tehran, Iran
Lives and works in Rome

Bio

Navid is Iranian and based in Rome. Born in Tehran, he gained a bachelor of art in painting from Tehran Art and Architecture University in 2005 and moved to Italy in the same year. In 2009, he was announced the winner of the Imprendilarte Art Prize at the Modigliani Institut Archives Légales Paris-Rome and graduated from Accademia di Belle Arti di Roma. In 2013, he gained his Master of Fine Art in Multimedia Sculpture from Accademia di Belle Arti di Roma, and was invited to the 9th Shanghai Biennale. Since 2014 he has worked extensively as an artist with organisations in Iran, Italy and Turkey.

Navid's work reviews his experience in-between two cultures. He has developed an esoteric language of signs and symbols from multiple mythologies and histories. His multimedia works on paper are composed of a symbolic language

referencing ancient Babylonian sculpture, seventeenth century Persian miniatures, European devotional art of the Renaissance and contemporary objects. He uses a combination of traditional materials, such as gouache, gold leaf and egg tempera, and cutting edge techniques such as laser print and photography. His works bring together Eastern geometry and a Western celebration of the body as he seeks parallels between his two cultures. His works explore the tensions, traumas and fears inherent in our society through the exploration of the religious and the sexual.

The juxtaposition and interaction of the body, history and mythologies in his images, create a multi-layered interactive space in what we read as the contemporary.

CV

Education

- 2013 MFA Multimedia Sculpture, Accademia di Belle Arti di Roma, Italy
- 2009 Diploma di Accademia di Belle Arti di Roma, Rome, Italy
- 2005 BA Painting, Azad Art University, Iran

Solo Exhibitions

- 2014 *ODDO*, Azad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2013 *XXcrossing over*, Palazzo Bevilacqua, Bologna, Italy
- 2013 *Serafini della tortura*, in collaboration with Donatella Spaziani, Piero Varoni, Studio Eos, Rome, Italy
- 2012 *Camouflage*, Contemporary Concept Galley, Bologna, Italy
- 2012 OlcayArt Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2012 Museo Sperimentale Arte Contemporanea, Aquila, Italy
- 2011 *Ottagono*, Xenia 2011 featured artist, Pescara, Italy
- 2009 *False Flags*, Azad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2008 PH7 Art Gallery, Rome, Italy
- 2005 Azad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

Group Exhibitions

- 2015 *Prospettive dal Vicino Oriente*, Leonesia (Fondazione Vittorio Leonesio), Puegnago del Garda, Italy
- 2015 *Senza centro né periferia*, La Nuova Pesa Contemporary Art Center, Rome, Italy
- 2015 *Centrefold Project: Spring of recession*, Sazmanab Contemporary Center, Tehran, Iran

2015 *Confusion*, Temple University, Rome, Italy
 2014 *Recalling The Future* (post revolutionary Iranian Art), Brunei Gallery, London, GB
 2014 *The Rose and Nightingale*, Jamm Gallery, Dubai
 2014 *Speaking from the heart*, Frammer Framed, Amsterdam, NL
 2013 *Artisti Nomadi*, MACRO Factory (ex mattatoio di Roma), Rome, Italy
 2013 Casa delle letterature Roma, Rome, Italy
 2013 Contemporary Istanbul, Olcayart Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
 2012 The 9th Shanghai Biennale, Tehran pavilion, Shanghai, China
 2012 Special preview of emerging Iranian art, Buhl & Amin collection, New York, USA
 2012 ArtBeirut, Azad Art Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
 2012 Iralia, Antico municipal per l'arte contemporanea, San Donato Val di Comino, Italy
 2012 Contemporary Istanbul, Olcayart Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
 2012 Artbeat istanbul, Olcayart Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
 2011 *Eyes on Asia*, Castello D'Albertis (Museo dell culture del mondo), Genova, Italy
 2011 The Iranian Weltanschauung, Freies Museum, Berlin, Germany
 2011 ArtBeatIstanbul, OlcayArt Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
 2011 AL-GHAIB, Maraya Art Center, Sharjah, UE
 2011 MOP CAP 2011 Shortlist exhibition at Traffic gallery, Dubai
 2010 *Barakat*, STUX Gallery, New York, USA
 2010 Studio Stefania Miscetti, Rome, Italy
 2010 *In & Out*, Project B Gallery, Milan, Italy
 2009 *Tawassol*, Galleria Artericambi, Verona, Italy
 2009 The International Roaming Biennial of Tehran, Belgrade, Serbia
 2009 *Far From Where We Came*, Aran Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
 2009 Palazzo Taverna Modigliani Institut Archives Le`gales Paris, Rome, Imprendi l arte Art Prize , Rome, Italy
 2009 *La Vie en Noir*, Museum (of via ostiense) Porta San Paolo, Rome, Italy
 2008 The International Roaming Biennial of Tehran, Urban Jealousy, Berlin, Germany
 2008 Palazzo Venezia (Sala del Mappamondo), L`arte di amare l`arte, Rome, Italy
 2008 Kyo Art Gallery, Viterbo, Italy
 2006 The 4th International Biennial of the Islamic World, Tehran, Iran
 2006 Villa Celimontana, Festival Jazz di Roma, Galleria Stella, Rome, Italy
 2005 Iranian artist's Forum gallery, Tehran, Iran
 Awards

2009 Winner of the Imprendilarte Art Prize, Modigliani Institut Archives Légaes Paris-Rome

Collections

Bilotti Museum of Contemporary Art, Rende, Italy
 Cosenza Museum of Contemporary Art, Cosenza, Italy
 MUS.P.A.C (Museo Sperimentale D`arte Contemporanea), Aquila, Italy
 Mario Diana Foundation, Caserta, Italy
 BIC Lazio(Business innovation center) collection, Rome, Italy
 Modigliani Foundation Paris-Rome, Rome, Italy
 Petruzzi Family collection, Pescara, Italy
 S.Marchini(La Nuova Pesa Contemporary art center), Rome, Italy