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Artist Biography

Ali Banisadr (b.1976)

Ali Banisadr was born in 1976 in Tehran, Iran. He moved to California with his family when he was a child and later attended the School of Visual Arts, New York, until 2005 and the New York Academy of Art, from which he graduated in 2007. Banisadr's work is characterised by dream-like, hallucinatory and often chaotic landscapes. This subject matter is inspired by childhood memories, imaginary scenes, the history of painting and sound. Banisadr has synaesthesia (the ability to experience sound visually). As a young boy during the Iran-Iraq War, Banisadr would draw to create a visual understanding of the sounds of explosions and air raids. These internal noises guide his mark making on the canvas and plate to create layered compositions of disordered forms and figures. Banisadr lives and works in New York.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Ali Banisadr: Beautiful Lies*, Palazzo Vecchio and Museo, Bardini, Florence, Italy
- 2020 *Ultramarinus*, Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece
MATRIX 185, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Connecticut, USA
- 2019 *Ordered Disorders*, Galerie Thaddeus Ropac, Paris, France
Bosch & Banisadr, Ali Banisadr: We work in shadows, Gemäldegalerie, Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna, Austria
Foreign Lands: Ali Banisadr, Het Noordbrabants Museum, 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands
Micro-Macro: Ali Banisadr & Andrew Sendor, Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, Florida, USA
- 2018 *The World Upside Down*, Blain Southern, Berlin, Germany
- 2017 *Trust in the Future*, Sperone Westwater, New York, USA
- 2015 *In Medias Res*, Galerie Thaddeus Ropac, Paris, France
At Once, Blain Southern, London, UK
- 2014 *Motherboard*, Sperone Westwater, New York, USA
- 2012 *We Haven't Landed on Earth Yet*, Galerie Thaddeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
- 2011 *It Happened and It Never Did*, Leslie Tonkonow Artworks + Projects, New York, USA
- 2010 *Evidence*, Galerie Thaddeus Ropac, Paris, France
Paintings, Galerie Thaddeus Ropac, Paris, France
- 2008 Leslie Tonkonow Artworks + Projects, New York, USA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Epic Iran*, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK
A Boundless Drop to a Boundless Ocean, Orlando Museum of Art, Florida, USA
- 2020 *Libro de Disegni*, Galerie Isa, Mumbai, India
New Editions, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 *We Contain Multitudes*, Galerie Isa, Mumbai, India (curated by Ali Banisadr)
- 2018 *Chaos and Awe: Painting for the 21st Century*, The Frist Art Museum, Nashville, USA; Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, Virginia, USA

- 2018 *Doodles and Disegno*, Blain Southern, Berlin, Germany
Acquisitions Recentes Du Cabinet D'Art Graphique, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
NGORO NGORO 2, Lehderstrasse 34, Berlin, Germany
New on The Wall (N.O.W.), Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, Ohio, USA
- 2017 *Rebel, Jester, Mystic, Poet: Contemporary Persians*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, USA; Aga Khan Museum, Toronto, Canada
- 2016 *Iranian voices: recent acquisitions of works on paper*, British Museum, London, UK
My Abstract World, Me Collectors Room/Olbricht Foundation, Berlin, Germany
A Question of Perspective, Grimm Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2015 *Charity for the Refugees*, Galerie Thaddeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
- 2014 *Eurasia. A view on Painting*, Galerie Thaddeus Ropac, Pantin, France
Between Worlds, Galerie Isa Mumbai, India
- 2013 *Love Me/Love Me Not: Contemporary Art from Azerbaijan and its Neighbours*, The 55th International Art Exhibition, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
Cinematic Vision: Painting at the Edge of Reality, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, USA
Lehmbruck Museum, Duisberg, Germany
Tectonic, The Moving Museum, Gate Village DIFC, Dubai UAE
- 2012 Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA
- 2011 *XXSmall*, Geemente Museum, The Hague, Netherlands
- 2009 *Unveiled: New Art from the Middle East*, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- AT Akademie der Bildenden Künste, Vienna
Museum der Moderne, Salzburg
Sammlung Essel, Klosterneuburg
- BE Vanhaerents Art Collection, Brussels
- DE The Olbricht Foundation, Berlin
The Wurth Collection, Künzelsau
- FR Centre Pompidou, Paris
- IT Francois Pinault Foundation, Palazzo Grassi, Venice
- NL Miniature Museum, The Hague
- UK British Museum, London
The Saatchi Gallery, London
- USA Albright Knox Art Gallery, New York
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington D.C.
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
Pizzuti Collection, Columbus
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania