



Artist Biography

Shadi Yousefian is an artist whose mixed media work reflects and addresses issues that touch on universal themes such as loss, dislocation, alienation, and reinvention. She received both her Bachelor's (2003) and Master's (2006) of Fine Arts in photography from San Francisco State University. Her work engages personal and social issues of contemporary life, particularly cultural identity and the immigrant experience. Shadi has been the recipient of several awards including the Best of Photography Award at the 13th Annual Stillwell Show, The International Photo Awards (IPA 2004 and 2005), The Murphy & Cadogan Fellowship in the Fine Arts, and the International Photography Competition (Latitude Life). Her work has also been acquired by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. She currently lives and works in Berkeley, California.



Shadi Yousefian - CV

Education

2006 MFA, SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY, San Francisco, CA (MFA)
2003 BFA, SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY, San Francisco, CA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Winter 2025
MEMORY IN LAYERS \ Queretaro Museum of Art, Queretaro, (Mexico)

Spring 2024
OBSCURED BY COLORS \ Advocartsy Gallery, Los Angeles, CA (USA)

Summer 2021
TRANSFORMATION: A SOLO EXHIBITION \ Advocartsy Gallery, Los Angeles, CA (USA)

Fall 2017
SOLO EXHIBITION \ The Space Gallery, Los Angeles, CA (USA)

Fall 2013
LETTERS \ Shirin Gallery, New York, NY (USA)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Winter 2025
PORTRAITURE NOW: IRANIAN CONTEMPORARY \ Advocartsy Gallery, Los Angeles, CA (USA)

Winter 2024
ESTRUCTURA AUSENTE \ Queretaro Museum of Art, Queretaro, (Mexico)

Winter 2024
ART IRAN: FALLING INTO LANGUAGE \ Craft Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA (USA)

Fall 2022
INSPIRED BY WOMAN LIFE FREEDOM \ Advocartsy Gallery, Los Angeles, CA (USA)

Summer 2022
IRANIAN MINT: A CONTEMPORARY ART + NFT EXHIBITION \ Advocartsy Gallery, Los Angeles, CA (USA)

Spring 2022

ART OF IRAN \ San Diego Museum of Arts, San Diego, CA (USA)

Fall 2020

IMAGINE FREEDOM: ART WORKS FOR ABOLITION \ Critical Resistance's Virtual Benefit Auction

Winter 2020

PHOTO LA \ The Historic Barker Hanger, Los Angeles, CA (USA)

Spring 2019

ONCE AT PRESENT \ Minnesota Street Project Galleries, San Francisco, CA (USA)

Fall 2018

ART BRIEF IV: IRANIAN CONTEMPORARY, SAN FRANCISCO \ SomArts Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA (USA)

Fall 2018

RE:HOME: A FOR FREEDOMS EXHIBITION \ Minnesota Street Project (Gallery 200), San Francisco, CA (USA)

Winter 2017

ART BRIEF III: THE (UN)DRAPED WOMAN \ Arena 1 Gallery, Santa Monica, CA (USA)

Fall 2016

NUMBER SIX \ MIM Gallery, Los Angeles, CA (USA)

Summer 2016

ART BRIEF II: IRANIAN CONTEMPORARY NORTH AMERICA \ Arena 1 Gallery, Santa Monica, CA (USA)

Fall 2014

THE PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW \ Site 109/AKArt, New York, NY (USA)

Fall 2014

VIENNA FAIR 2014 \ Vienna (Austria)

Summer 2014

ALWAN \ Shirin Gallery, New York, NY (USA)

Winter 2014

LONDON'S GLOBAL ART FAIR 2014 \ Olympia, London (UK)

Fall 2013

VIENNA FAIR 2013 \ Vienna (Austria)

Fall 2013

ART BASEL 2013 \ Miami, FL (USA)

Fall 2011

OVERRULED (Performance in Shirin Neshat's play commissioned by Performa 11) \ Cedar Lake, New York, NY (USA)

Spring 2008

EAST OF THE WEST \ Somarts Gallery, San Francisco, CA (USA)

Spring 2008

AFTER THE REVOLUTION: Contemporary Photography from California and Tehran \ San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery at City Hall, San Francisco, CA (USA)

Spring 2008

THEORY OF SURVIVAL \ The Lab, San Francisco, CA (USA)

Summer 2007

CELLULOID: FILM & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION \ Gallery One, San Francisco, CA (USA)

Fall 2006

MOVING MOUNTAINS \ Red Ink Studios, San Francisco, CA (USA)

Spring 2006

MASTER OF FINE ARTS EXHIBITION 2006 \ Fine Arts Gallery (SFSU), San Francisco, CA (USA)

Fall 2005

MURPHY & CADOGAN FELLOWSHIP AWARD EXHIBITION \ San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery, San Francisco, CA (USA)

Summer 2005

rePRESENT \ Oliver Arts Center, California College of Arts, Oakland, CA (USA)

Spring 2005

OF PAST AND PRESENT: A COLLABORATIVE EXCHANGE \ Intersection for the Arts, San Francisco, CA (USA)

Winter 2005

CELEBRATING THE WORKS OF COURBET \ Legion of Honor (The 11th Annual College Day Event), San Francisco, CA (USA)

Fall 2004

15th ANNUAL STILLWELL SHOW \ Fine Arts Gallery (SFSU), San Francisco, CA (USA)

Fall 2004

THE BEGINNING \ Art People Gallery, San Francisco, CA (USA)

Winter 2004

SELF-PORTRAITS \ SOAS Library (School of Oriental & African Studies), London (UK)

Winter 2004

THE 30TH ANNUAL JURIED COMPETITION \ Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA (USA)

Winter 2004

EMERGENCE 2004 \ Student Center Art Gallery (SFSU), San Francisco, CA (USA)

Winter 2004

ONE WORLD, MANY FAITHS \ SomArts Bay Gallery, San Francisco, CA (USA)

Fall 2003

FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING \ Fulton Street Gallery, Troy, NY (USA)

Spring 2003

ZYDECO, "TRIBUTOA: JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT" \ Art-Cubic, Barcelona (Spain)

Fall 2002

INTERVENTION: A CAUSE FOR ACTION \ Student Center Art Gallery (SFSU), San Francisco, CA (USA)

Fall 2002

13th ANNUAL STILLWELL SHOW \ Fine Arts Gallery (SFSU), San Francisco, CA (USA)

AWARDS

Spring 2005

MURPHY & CADOGAN FELLOWSHIP IN THE FINE ARTS

Fall 2005

INTERNATIONAL PHOTO AWARDS (THE LUCIE AWARD 2005) \ Third Place Nude Category, New York, New York (USA)

Fall 2004

INTERNATIONAL PHOTO AWARDS (THE LUCIE AWARD 2004) \ Third Place Portrait Category, New York, New York (USA)

Fall 2002

13th ANNUAL STILLWELL SHOW \ Best of Photography Award, San Francisco, California (USA)

COLLECTIONS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ARTS (LACMA) \ Letters 3 (From the Letters series)

SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART \ Twenty-piece installation of Fading Memories series (Edition 1/2)

SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART \ Fading Memories Negatives, Set 2

SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART \ Fading Memories LightBox 2

SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART \ Fading Memories LightBox 4