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Education:

Award winning graduate of OCAD University, Toronto, Canada, 2003
Bachelor of Art, Allameh Tabatabaie University (Damavand College), Tehran, Iran, 1983
Art work shops with Mr. Harold Klunder, a prominent Canadian visual artist, 2003-2004

Achievements:

2011 **Royal Bank of Canada Sponsored Iranian Artist**, Cultura Festival
2011 **Royal Bank of Canada Sponsored Representative of Iranian Art**, Tirgan Festival
2010 **Recipient of the Ontario Arts Council Grant**
2009 **Second Prize Award**, "Drawing 2009", 10th Annual Juried Drawing Exhibition,
John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto
2008 **Jurors' Award of Merit**, 2008 Annual York Region Juried Exhibition, Varley Art
Gallery, Unionville, Ontario
2008 **Signature Member Award**, of the Toronto Watercolour Society, Toronto
2007 **Jurors' Merit Award**, 34th Annual Juried Show, Art Gallery of Peel, Brampton, Ontario
2007 **Second Prize Award**, Annual Juried Exhibition, Latcham Gallery, Stouffville,
Ontario
2007 **Community Arts Ontario**, selection of work for the cover of spring 2007 issue of
Community Arts Matters! (CAM) newspaper, Toronto
2006 **Grand Prize Award**, First Annual Vortex Art Competition, Hosted by
Blue Man Group, Toronto
2005 **Juror's Merit Award**, 2005 Juried Exhibition, Thames Art Gallery, Chatham, Ontario
2004 **First Prize Award**, the 6th National Biennial Competition of Art and Paper, Ottawa
2004 **Honorable Mention**, the 6th Tehran Contemporary Painting Biennial, Society of
Iranian Painters, Tehran, Iran
2003 **Dorothy Hoover Award** for excellence in originality and innovation, OCAD, Toronto
2003 Live demonstration of newly invented technique, "**Breakfast Television**", "**City TV**",
Toronto

Solo Exhibitions:

2009 "The Charm of Beauty", McKay Art Centre, Unionville, Ontario.
2009 "Toronto's Multiculturalism", Markham Mayor's Office, Honorable Frank Scarpitti,
Markham, Ontario
2007 "Diversity", Loop Gallery, Toronto
1997 "Memory", North York Art Gallery, Toronto
1996 "Treasure of My Past", Pleasant View Community Branch, Toronto
1994 "Joy", Barg Gallery, Tehran, Iran

Juried Exhibitions:

2011	“50/50 2 nd Annual Juried Art Exhibition”, Queen Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
2010	“Juried Show”, Beaux-Arts Brampton Gallery, Brampton, Ontario
2009	“Drawing 2009”, 10 th Annual Juried Drawing Exhibition, John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto
2008	“2008 Annual York Region Juried Exhibition”, Varley Art Gallery, Unionville, Ontario
2008	“Aquavision 2008”, Toronto Watercolour Society 24 th Juried Fall Exhibition, Toronto
2008	“Celebrating Tirgan”, Tiragan Festival, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
2008	“2008 Juried Show”, McKay Art Centre, Unionville, Ontario
2008-10	“Annual Spring Juried Show”, Willowdale Group of Artists, Toronto
2007	“34 th Annual Juried Show”, Art Gallery of Peel, Brampton, Ontario
2007-08	“Annual Juried Exhibition”, Latcham Gallery, Stouffville, Ontario
2007	“Canadian Artists without Borders”, Varley Art Gallery of Markham, Unionville, Ontario
2007	“Aquavision 2007”, Toronto Watercolour Society’s 22 nd Spring Juried Show, Thera Gallery, Toronto
2006	“Visual Arts Mississauga”, 29th Annual Juried Show of Fine Arts, Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, Ontario
2006	“Legacy of the Circle: Thornhill Artists Today”, McKay Art Centre, Unionville, Ontario
2006	“Vortex”, Blue Man Group’s Annual Vortex Art Competition, Panasonic Theater, Toronto
2005	“2005 Juried Exhibition”, Thames Art Gallery, Chatham, Ontario
2005	“Transitive: Toronto Artists in St. Petersburg”, Kabat Wrobel Gallery, Toronto
2005	“Aquavision 2005”, Toronto Watercolor Society’s 21 st juried Fall Show, Toronto
2005	“58 th Annual Art Show”, Willowdale Group of Artists, Toronto
2004	“Art & Paper VI”, the 6th National Biennial Competition of Art and Paper, Galerie d'Art Jean-Claude Bergeron, Ottawa
2004	“The 6th Tehran Contemporary Painting Biennial”, Contemporary Museum of Arts, Tehran, Iran
2003	“Roots”, OCAD Gallery, Toronto
2003	“Go West”, S.P.I.N Gallery, Toronto
2000-03	“Spring Show”, Willowdale Group of Artists, Toronto
2002-05	Etobicoke Civic Centre Art Gallery, Toronto
2000-02	“Aquavision”, Toronto Watercolor Society’s Annual Fall Show, Toronto
2000	“Red Hot” Show, Toronto Watercolor Society, OCAD Gallery, Toronto
1999	38th Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Nathan Philips Square, Toronto

Non-Juried Group Exhibitions:

2011	“The Group Show”, Art & Mind Studio, Oakville, Ontario
2010	“Spider In The Gardens”, 2010 Annual Spider Jones Fine Art Auction, Believe To Achieve Organization, Artworld of Sherway Gallery, Toronto
2010	“Norouz Group Show”, Queen Gallery, Toronto
2009	“Unmask Your Passion for Art”, Varley Art Gallery, Unionville, Ontario
2009	“Mayer’s Art Showcase”, Markham Civic Centre, Markham, Ontario
2008-11	“Varley Art Instructors Annual Exhibition”, McKay Art Centre, Unionville, Ontario
2007	“Iranian artists’ Cultural Reunion”, Six Weeks of Iranian Art Show, Headbones Gallery, Toronto
2007	“The Group Show”, Sole Gallery, Toronto
2007-11	“The 2007-10 Heintzman Invitational Art Show”, Heintzman House, Thornhill, Ontario
2006	“Silence of Colours”, Persian New Year Festival, “Under the Azure Dome”, Marilyn Brewer Community Space, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
2005	“10 th Annual Members’ Fundraising Show”, Aspace Gallery, Toronto

2005 "Harmony in Nature", The Richmond Hill Academy of Music and Arts, Richmond Hill
 2004 Society of Canadian Artists Exhibition, Society of Canadian Artists,
 Heliconian Hall, Toronto
 2003 "Autumn Art Show", Society of Canadian Artists, Hummingbird Center, Toronto
 2003 88th Annual Student Exhibition, OCAD, Toronto
 2002 "Thought Images", Gallery 401, Toronto
 2002 "Art Exhibition for International Women's Day", Irena Art Gallery, Toronto
 1998-2000 OCAD Open house Exhibition, Toronto
 1996 Iranian's Arts & Culture Centre, Toronto

Charity/Auctions and Donations:

2010 "Spider In The Gardens", 2010 Annual Spider Jones Fine Art Auction, Believe To Achieve
 Organization, Artworld of Sherway Gallery, Toronto
 2009 "Unmask Your Passion for Art", Varley Art Gallery Fine Art Auction, Unionville, Ontario
 2008 "If the Shoe Fits", the 10th Annual Varley Gallery Fine Art Auction, Varley Gallery,
 Unionville
 2003 "Salute to Spring", fundraising for "The Rotary Club of Willowdale",
 Willowdale Group of Artists, Toronto
 1999 & 2001 "The Millennium Artists Art Exhibition", fundraising for the 'Sunny Brook Hospital',
 Wagner-Rosenbaum Gallery, Toronto

Professional Affiliations:

2010 Member of Iranian Women's Organization of Ontario (I.W.O.O)
 2008 Member of Markham Group of Artists (MGA), Markham
 2006-07 Member of the Loop Gallery, Toronto
 2003 to date Member of Association of Professional Visual Artists (CARFAC), Toronto
 2003 to date Member of Canadian Artists Representation Copyright Collective Inc (CARCC)
 2001 to date Member of Willowdale Group of Artists (WGA), Toronto
 2000 to date Member of Toronto Watercolor Society (TWS), Toronto
 2003-07 Elected Member of Society of Canadian Artists (SCA), Toronto
 2003-07, 10 Member of the Aspace Gallery, Toronto

Collections:

2011 Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto
 2004 National Bank of Canada, Ottawa
 2003 Acknowledgment and collection of work by Honorable Mayor of Toronto,
 Mr. David Miller.
 Private collections in Canada, Iran, Australia, Austria, Colombia & England

Professional Experience:

2007 to date School Program Instructor, Varley Art Gallery, Markham
 1998 to date Private Instruction- Adults and children, Toronto
 2008 Volunteer Art Instructor for Iranian Seniors Centre
 2000-01 Art Instructor at the Kaveh Educational Center, Toronto