

Shaheer Zazai

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SOLO EXHIBITION

- 2023 *Allow me to Sow and See the Garden I Become*, Patel Brown, Montreal, QC, Canada
- 2023 *ECfdV_EC*, Libby Leshgold Gallery & Emily Carr University, Vancouver, BC
- 2022 *Afghanistan, My Love*, Aga Khan Museum, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2022 *Are We Even*, Owens Art Gallery, Sackville, NB, Canada
- 2022 *A Call Home*, Patel Brown Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2021 *There and Then*, A Space Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2021 *Burning Glass Reading Stone*, Blackwood Gallery, UTM, Mississauga, ON, Canada
- 2020 *A Study in Human Error*, Patel Brown, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2019 *WYSIWYM*, Ed Video at Capacity 3 Gallery, Guelph, ON, Canada
- 2018 *Here Now Back Then*, Double Happiness Projects, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2012 *A Failed Revolution*, 2 of 2 Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2010 *Afghanistan*, 2 of 2 Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Intertwined: Labor and Technology in Contemporary Textile Art*, FSU Museum of Fine Art, Tallahassee, FL, USA
- 2023 *in parallel*, The Power Plant Contemporary, Toronto, ON
- 2023 *Ornamental Gestures*, Doris McCarthy Gallery, University of Toronto Scarborough, Scarborough, ON, Canada
- 2022 *Every Answer is Correct*—The Power Plant Contemporary Off-Site Exhibition, EY LLP Tower, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2022 *Studio Practices: Commissioned Artist Videos for the Online Screen Space*, A Space Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2022 *Shifting Ground*, Digital Arts Resource Centre, Ottawa, ON, Canada
- 2022 *Porous Identities*, Patel Brown Montreal, Montreal, QC, Canada
- 2021 *New Acquisitions Exhibition*, Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, ON, Canada
- 2021 *Artifacts of the Horizon*, Patel Brown Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2021 *Vers un Imaginaire Numérique*, Centre de Design de l'UQAM, Montreal, QC, Canada
- 2021 *Remediations, Centre[3] for Artistic and Social Practice*, Hamilton, ON, Canada
- 2021 *Art Spin Toronto 8th Bike Tour*, Art Spin, Toronto, ON, Canada

- 2021 *Fossilised Sunshine*, Visual Arts Centre of Clarington, Clarington, ON, Canada
- 2021 *Studio Practices: Commissioned Artist Videos for the Online Screen Space*, A Space Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2021 *Infinite Scroll*, part of Vector Festival, Trinity Square Video via Inter Access Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2021 *Dyssica: Connecting People*, Curated by Patrice Chou, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2020 *BigArtTO—Video Projection at Thistletown Community Centre*. OCAD University, Animation & Visual Arts Inc., Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2020 *40 Under Forty*, Joseph D. Carrier Gallery at Columbus Centre, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2020 *Fair Adaptation*, Gallery Pivots, Patel Brown Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2020 *Crossroads*, Patel Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2020 *Little Squares: The Pixel as Material and Metaphor*, Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, Brantford, ON, Canada
- 2019 *Undomesticated*, Koffler Centre for the Arts, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2019 *Summer Group Exhibition*, Patel Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2019 *CAFKA at the Walper 2019*, Walper Hotel, Kitchener, ON, Canada
- 2018 *EQ Bank Emerging Artist Award Exhibition*, Trinity Square Video, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2018 *Ontario Artists Society 145 Annual Juried Exhibition*, John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2018 *VAM40 Annual Juried Exhibition*, Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, ON, Canada
- 2015 *Realized-5-year celebration of Digital Painting Atelier*, Ada Slight Student Gallery, OCAD University, Toronto, ON, Canada

RESIDENCIES

- 2015 Digital Painting Atelier, OCAD University, Toronto, ON Canada
- 2014 Self-Directed Residency, Artscape Gibraltar Point, Toronto Island, ON, Canada

PANEL DISCUSSION

OCAD Alumni: Navigating the Contemporary World, The Artist Project 2014: Art Chat / Toronto, Canada

ART FAIRS

- 2023 EXPO Chicago with Patel Brown, Chicago, IL, USA
- 2022 Art Toronto Fair with Patel Brown, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2022 Dallas Art Fair with Patel Brown, Dallas Arts District, Dallas, TX, USA
- 2021 Nicosia Pop-Up Festival via NiMAC, City Plaza, Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2021 Dallas Art Fair with Patel Brown, Dallas Arts District, Dallas, TX, USA
- 2021 Art Toronto Art Fair with Patel Brown, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2021 NADA House Art Fair with Patel Brown, Governors Island, New York, NY, USA
- 2021 Whaaaaaats: International Contemporary Art Fair, Curated by Patrice Chou,

Taipei, Taiwan
2019 Untapped Artist Booth U-16, Artist Project 2019, Toronto, ON, Canada

AWARDS

2022 *Framing Fund Award – Superframe / Toronto, Canada*
2019 Untapped Emerging Artist—Artist Project 2019 / Toronto, Canada
2018 Finalist for EDAA—*EQ Bank Emerging Artist Award / Toronto, Canada*
2018 Best Font Choice—BUMP Television Launch and Awards / Toronto, Canada

GRANTS

2020 Ontario Arts Council Exhibition Assistance Grant
2018 Ontario Arts Council Exhibition Assistance Grant
2016 Ontario Arts Council Emerging Artist Grant

COLLECTIONS

Scotiabank
EQ Bank
Burnaby Art Gallery
Royal Bank of Canada
TD Bank
Gowlings Law Firm
CIBC
Microsoft Art Collection
American Express
Global Affairs Canada
OCAD University

PUBLICATIONS

2022 *"I touch Afghanistan when I touch these carpets": Meet the Afghan Canadian artist who designs intricate textiles in Microsoft Word*, Claire Frances, Toronto Life
2022 *Every day is a chance to create a more artful home*, Mia Nielsen, Globe and Mail
2021 *Infinites—BlackFlash Magazine commissioned artwork*, Guest Curated by Nadia Kurd, BlackFlash Magazine
2021 *Weaving different cultural perspectives into Is, But Will Be'*, Tiana Dunkley, The Medium.ca
2020 *Six art exhibitions to check out (safely) at Ontario galleries right now*, Roise Prata, The Globe and Mail
2019 *Pixelated: How Shaheer Zazai Digitalized Afghan Carpets*, Saba Askary, Ajam Media Collective
2018 *Tie it Off & Count Again'*, Rowan Lynch, Exhibition Essay and Curated Works
2018 *How to weave an Afghan rug...using Microsoft Word*, Leah Collins, CBC Arts
2018 *Here Now Back Then*, Mariam Nader, Exhibition Book Foreword
2018 *How 20 Artists See the Color Red*, Curated by Format Team, Format Magazine

- 2018 *Meet the 2018 Emerging Digital Artists Award Finalists*, Canadian Art
2013 *Rivet 4*, Exhibition Publication, OCAD University
2012 *A game of patient logic vs. manic impulse - in paint*, R.M. Vaughan, The Globe
and Mail: The Exhibitionist
2010 *Art Agenda: Robert Mapplethorpe at Olga Korper, Kristen Smith at Gallerywest,*
Joe Hambleton at Pari Nadimi and Shaheer Zazai at 2 of 2,
Matthew Purvis, BlogTO Arts

EDUCATION

- 2011 Bachelors of Fine Arts, OCAD University / Toronto, ON, Canada