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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

- 2022 *Return to Mother*, Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
2021 *These Specks of Dust*, Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY, US
Ali Banisadr: Beautiful Lies, Palazzo Vecchio and Museo, Bardini, Florence, Italy
2020 *Ultramarinus*, Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece
MATRIX 185, The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT, US
2019 *Ordered Disorders*, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
Bosch & Banisadr, Ali Banisadr: We work in shadows, Gemäldegalerie, Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna, Austria
Foreign Lands, Het Noordbrabants Museum, Den Bosch, Netherlands
Micro-Macro, Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, FL, US
2018 *The World Upside Down*, Blain Southern, Berlin, Germany
2017 *Trust in the Future*, Sperone Westwater, New York, NY, US
2015 *In Medias Res*, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
At Once, Blain Southern, London, UK
2014 *Motherboard*, Sperone Westwater, New York, NY, US
2012 *We Haven't Landed on Earth Yet*, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
2011 Leslie Tonkonow Artworks + Projects, New York, NY, US
2010 Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
2008 Leslie Tonkonow Artworks + Projects, New York, NY, US

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Between Before and After*, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK
Shades of Daphne, Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY, US
2022 *Rebel, Jester, Mystic, Poet*, Asia Society, New York, NY, US
Daphne without Apollo, Art and Culture Foundation Opel Villas Rüsselsheim, Rüsselsheim am Main, Germany
Soft Edge of the Blade, Dastan Gallery at No.9 Cork Street, London, UK

Artist Biography

- 2021 *Epic Iran*, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK
A Boundless Drop to a Boundless Ocean, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL, US
2020 *Libro de Disegni*, Galerie Isa, Mumbai, India
New Editions, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK
2019 *We Contain Multitudes*, Galerie Isa, Mumbai, India
2018 *Chaos and Awe*, The Frist Art Museum, Nashville, US;
Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA, US
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, Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH, US
2017 *Rebel, Jester, Mystic, Poet*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX, US; Aga Khan Museum, Toronto, Canada
2016 *Iranian voices*, British Museum, London, UK
me Collectors Room, Olbricht Foundation, Berlin, Germany
Grimm Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2015 Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
2014 Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Pantin, France
Galerie Isa, Mumbai, India
2013 Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA, US
Lehmbruck Museum, Duisberg, Germany
The Moving Museum, Dubai, UAE
2012 Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, US
2011 Geemente Museum, The Hague, Netherlands
2009 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
GR The Benaki Museum, Athens
IT Francois Pinault Foundation, Palazzo Grassi, Venice
NL Miniature Museum, The Hague
UK British Museum, London
The Saatchi Gallery, London
US Albright Knox Art Gallery, New York, NY
Hirshhorn Museum, Washington D.C.
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA