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EDUCATION

- 2012** Artist-Educator Foundations Course, The Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto
- 1990-1991** Ontario College of Art, Toronto, Canada
- 1980-1985** Sulaymaniyah Institute of Art, Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan

TEACHING & WORKSHOPS

- 2005-2020** Highland Creek Public School; Rosetta School of Visual Arts Inc; Fleming Public School, Mornelle Community Centre, Scarborough; Crescent Town Public School, Scarborough; Gordonridge Community Centre, Scarborough; Mary Shadd Public School; Kew Beach Junior Public School; Calico Public School; Givins/Shaw Public School; Birch Cliff Heights Public School; Golf Road Junior Public School; St. Roch Catholic School; Wexford Collegiate for the Arts, Toronto, Ontario
- 2004** St. Roch Catholic School; R J Lang Elementary & Middle School, North York
- 2003** Summit Heights E.S., Oriole Park Public School; Crescent Town Public School; General Brock Public School
Leslieville Public School; Pape Public School - art instructor, Toronto
- 2002** New Media, Metropolitan University- lecturer; Courcelette Public School - workshop, Toronto
- 2000-2001** Courcelette Public School, St. Cyprian & St. Nicholas Catholic School - **art instructor**, Toronto
- 1997-1999** General Brock Public School Scarborough; Durham Board of Education (art instructor); Corvette Junior Public School; Gordonridge Community Center Scarborough; O'Connor Focus Community Center - **art instructor & volunteer**, North York
- 1990-1995** O'Connor Public School; Bala Avenue Community School; O'Connor Focus Community; Maple Leaf Public School; Metropolitan University - **art instructor**, Toronto

EXHIBITIONS

- 2022** Ontario Society of Artists Members 150 Years; Ontario Society of Artists - Member Group Exhibition; The Orillia Museum of Art & History, Orillia, Ontario; Out of the Back, Earls Court Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario
- 2021** "Breath. Heart. Spirit"; The Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant in Brantford, Ontario; The Gallery Artists; Earls Court Gallery; The Painter's Realm; Earls Court Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario
- 2020** Out of the Back, Earls Court Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario
- 2019** Eternal Light, The Peach Gallery, Toronto; Earls Court Gallery, Hamilton; Ontario Society of Artists, Withrow Common Gallery
- 2018** Ontario Society of Artists Members, The Papermill Gallery, Toronto; The Artist project Toronto; Better living Centre; Cedar Ridge Gallery, Toronto; Out of The Back, Earls Court Gallery, Hamilton
- 2017** Dripping' Paint Earls Court Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario; Selected Works Ontario Society of Artists, Joseph D; Carrier Gallery, Toronto; Cedar Ridge Gallery, Toronto; Mosaic Ontario Society of Artists 145th Anniversary; Aurora Cultural Center, Ontario; The Artist project Toronto, Better Living Centre
- 2016** Ontario Society of Artists Members, The Papermill Gallery, Toronto; Toronto Outdoor Art Fair Exhibition, Nathan Philips Square, Toronto; Jalla international Art Biennale 2018; Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum; Earls Court Gallery, Hamilton; Selected Works, Ontario Society of Artists Members, Joseph D. Carrier Gallery, Toronto; The Artist Project Toronto, Better Living Centre, Toronto
- 2015** The Artist Project, Better Living Centre Toronto; Cedar Ridge Gallery, Toronto; Reflected Natures Earl Court Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario; Ontario Society of Artists Members, The Papermill Gallery, Toronto; Out of the Back, Earls Court Gallery, Hamilton; Order in disorder, Ontario Society of Artists Members, John & Aird Gallery, Toronto
- 2014** The Artist Project, Better Living Centre, Toronto; Languages of Life Inc - **group show**, Ottawa; Neilson Park Creative Centre, Etobicoke; Cedar Ridge Gallery - **group show**, Toronto
- 2013** Earls Court Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario; Cedar Ridge Gallery, Toronto; The Artist Project, Better Living Centre, Toronto
- 2012** The Artist Project; Queen Elizabeth Building, Toronto; The Peach Gallery, Toronto
- 2011** Cedar Ridge Gallery, Toronto; Earl Court Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario
- 2010** Kipling Art Gallery - **group show**, Woodbridge, Ontario; Toronto Art Expo, Convention Center; Osaka Museum Japan- **Jaala group show**; Awol Gallery - **Square Foot show**, Toronto

- 2009** Galerie P'Art, Zeist (Hope/Freedom), Netherlands; Cedar Ridge Gallery - Integration, Scarborough; Toronto Art Expo, Convention Centre
- 2008** Toronto Art Expo, Convention Centre; Cedar Ridge Gallery, Toronto; Languages of Life Inc - **group show**, Ottawa; Tokyo Metropolitan Museum - **Jalla group show**, Japan
- 2007** Toronto International Art Fair Convention Centre; Cedar Ridge Gallery, Anfal projet, Toronto
- 2006** Cedar Ridge Gallery, Scarborough, Ontario
- 2005** Streek Museum Gorrwijk - Peace/Environment, Netherlands; Praxis Gallery, Toronto; Park Avenue Gallery, Toronto
- 2004** Bergen Art Cultural Centre - Peace, Norway; Praxis Gallery, Toronto
Arnehimn Art Gallery - **group show**, Netherlands; Steam Whistle Brewing Gallery - **group show**, Toronto; Languages Of Life Inc, Ben Franklin Place, Ottawa
- 2003** L.B Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark; John B. Aird Gallery - The S.C.A. Juried Exhibition, Toronto; Nicola Rukaj Gallery, Toronto
- 2002** Westdale Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario; Tokyo Metropolitan Museum- Jalla Show, Japan; Nicola Rukaj Gallery - **group show**, Toronto
- 2001** Galerie Gora, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; L.B Galleri, Copenhagen, Denmark; Royal Ontario Museum - Toronto The Man's Chapel; Praxis Gallery - **group show**, Toronto; Carrier Art Gallery, Columbus Center - The Man's Chapel, Toronto
- 2000** Tokyo Metropolitan Museum - **group show**, Tokyo, Japan; Galerie d'Arts Contemporaines, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Hummingbird Center - **group show**, Toronto, Ontario; Chilliwack - **group show**, British Columbia, Canada; Galleri Gunnrammet, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1999** Juten Gallery, Toronto; Nicola Rukaj Gallery, Toronto; Praxis Gallery - **group show**, Toronto; Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto; Medborgarhuest Kultur, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1998** Galleri Mowestor, Stockholm, Sweden; ABF Galleri, Stockholm, Sweden; Canadian Opera Company - **group show**, Toronto; Westdale Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario; Praxis Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario
- 1997** Del Bello Gallery - **group show**, Toronto; Praxis Gallery - **group show**, Toronto; K.C.C. London, United Kingdom
- 1996** Praxis Gallery, Toronto; Gallery 101, Ottawa, Ontario; Gallery 306 - **group show**, Toronto; Gallery Space - **group show**, London, United Kingdom; Cedar Ridge Art Gallery, Scarb - **group show**, Ontario; Lebovic Gallery - **group show**, Scarb, Ontario

- 1995** Akademiya Kurdi, Dusseldorf, Germany; Uptown Gallery, North York, Ontario; Art Gallery International - **group show**, Toronto, Ontario; Forbes Community Center, Ottawa, Ontario
- 1994** A Space Gallery, Toronto; Kitchener City Hall, Kitchener, Ontario; Canadian Stage Company, Toronto; Workscene Gallery - **group show**, Toronto; Gallery 306, Toronto
- 1993** Cedar Ridge Gallery - **group show**, Scarb., Ontario; A Space Members' Wall, Toronto; Consilium Place - **group show**, Scarb., Ontario; Gallery 306, Toronto; B.E.S.L. Art Gallery, Toronto
- 1992** Harbour Gallery - **group show**, Mississauga, Ontario; Etobicoke Board of Education, Etobicoke, Ontario; Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, Mississauga, Ontario; International Artists, Gallery Hittite - **group show**, Toronto
- 1991** City Hall Toronto, Ontario; Chinaman Art Gallery, Toronto; Gallery 306 - **group show**, Toronto
- 1990** B.E.S.L. Art Gallery, Toronto
- 1988** Russian Cultural Center, Damascus, Syria
- 1985** Sulaymaniyah Museum, Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan
- 1982-1985** Sulaymaniyah Institute Festival of Art - **group show**, Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan

COLLECTIONS

Sweden; Italy; Kurdistan; Syria; Germany; Hawaii, The United States; Japan; Denmark & Canada

Media Coverage

- 2015** Mirror Paper
- 2011** The Hamilton Spectator by Regina Haggio; Scarborough Mirror by Danielle Millery
- 2009** Mystic Horizon, by Eric Heino & phil Lameira in Mirror Paper
- 2007** Anfal, by Mike Adle in Mirror Paper
- 2002** The Hamilton Spectator by Regina Haggio
- 2000** Mirror Paper by Olga B Herrmann
- 1999** Mirror Paper by Kim Champion, Toronto; Surface&Symbol Paper by Kalli Paakspuu, Toronto
- 1998** The Hamilton Spectator by Susan Clairmont
- 1997** The Hamilton Spectator by Jeff Mahoney
- 1996** Hangow Magazine, United Kingdom; Sharawnd Paper, Mix Magazine Toronto, Ontario

- 1995** Yakgrtan Magazine, Denmark; Al Miraat Paper Montreal; Ozgur Politika Paper, Germany
- 1994** Parallelogramma in Toronto & Surface & Symbol Paper, Scarb, Ontario
- 1988** Al Teshrin Paper, Syria

INTERVIEWS

- 2001** Rogers TV, Toronto, Canada; K TV, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2000** CFMT TV, Toronto, Canada
- 1998** Hangow Radio and MTV, Stockholm, Sweden; Shaw TV, Scarborough, Ontario
- 1996** Rogers TV, Toronto
- 1995** Med TV, Belgium

AFFILIATION

Ontario Society of Artists, 2018 - present
A Space Gallery Toronto - former member of Program Committee
Visual Arts Ontario
Scarborough Arts Council - former Member of Board of Director
Cedar Ridge Art Gallery

AWARDS, GRANTS

- 2015** Ontario Society Of Artists 142nd, Open Juried Exhibition
- 2015** Short Grant, Ontario Arts Council
- 2014** Artists in Education, Ontario Arts Council
- 2013** Short Grant, Ontario Arts Council
- 2011** Artists Project, Ontario Arts Council; Short Grant, Ontario Arts Council
- 2010** Artists Project, Ontario Arts Council
- 2009** Short Grant, Ontario Arts Council
- 2008** Artists in Education, Ontario Arts Council (Special Project)
- 2007** Short Grant, Ontario Arts Council
- 2006** Artists in Education, Ontario Arts Council
- 2003** Artists in Education, Ontario Arts Council
- 2002** Artists in Education, Ontario Arts Council
- 2000** Artists in Education, Ontario Arts Council
- 1999** Mid-Career Artist's Grant, Ontario Arts Council; Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Canada
- 1997** Visual Arts Individual Grant, Ontario Arts Council; Artists in Education, Ontario Arts Council
- 1994** Artists in Education, Ontario Arts Council; Visual Arts Short Grant, Ontario Arts Council