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EDUCATION

MFA, 2003, Columbia University, New York, NY

BFA, 2001, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore

SELECTED ONE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Infrequencies*, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
Kamrooz Aram: *Fragment and Division*, Nature Morte, Mumbai, India
- 2025 *Domestic Compositions*, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Kamrooz Aram: *The Turquoise Agenda*, Anton Kern Gallery WINDOW, New York, NY
- 2022 Kamrooz Aram: *Elusive Ornament*, Peter Blum Gallery, New York, NY
Kamrooz Aram: *Privacy, An Exhibition*, The Arts Club of Chicago, IL
- 2021 *Un objet, un geste*, Galerie Mitterand | Temple, Paris, France
The New Arabesque, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India
- 2019 *Arabesque*, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2018 Kamrooz Aram: *An Object, A Gesture, A Décor*, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY
FOCUS: Kamrooz Aram, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, TX
Kamrooz Aram: *Ancient Blue Ornament*, Atlanta Contemporary, GA
- 2017 Kamrooz Aram: *Ornament for Indifferent Architecture*, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, Deurle, Belgium
- 2016 *Recollection for a Room*, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Kamrooz Aram, "New Work," James Harris Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2014 *Palimpsest: Unstable Paintings for Anxious Interiors*, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2012 *Further Negotiations*, Battat Contemporary, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 2011 *Negotiations*, Perry Rubenstein Gallery, New York, NY

- 2010 *Kamrooz Aram: Generation after Generation, Revolution after Revelation*, LAXART, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 *Of Flame and Splendour*, Perry Rubenstein Gallery, New York, NY
- 2007 *Night Visions and Revolutionary Dreams*, Oliver Kamm/5BE Gallery, New York, NY
- 2006 *Lightning, Thunder, Brimstone and Fire*, Anthony Wilkinson Gallery, London, United Kingdom
Kamrooz Aram: Realms and Reveries, Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, North Adams
- 2004 *Beyond the Borders, Between the Trees*, Oliver Kamm/5BE Gallery, New York, NY

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *In a Free State*, Luhning Augustine, Tribeca, New York, NY
724 Days, Dastan:Outside, Los Angeles, CA
Cross Scripts, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Precious: The Value of Ornament, Portland Museum of Art, ME
Whitney Biennial 2026, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Analog, Anton Kern Gallery, New York, NY
- 2025 *Angel of History*, Schneider Museum of Art, Ashland, OR
Painting Energy: The Alex Katz Foundation Collection at the Portland Museum of Art, Portland Museum of Art, ME
- 2024 *Tessellations*, Nicelle Beauchene Gallery, New York, NY
EXPODEMIC: Festival of Foreign Academies and Cultural Institutes, Palazzo Esposizioni Roma, Italy
The Apple Stretching, Helena Anrather, New York, NY
- 2023 *Paraventi: Folding Screens from the 17th to 21st Centuries*, Fondazione Prada, Milan
- 2022 *The Grid and the Curve*, JTT, New York, NY
- 2021 *Matisse Alive*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Field of Vision, Peter Blum Gallery, New York, NY
Lives of Forms: Kamrooz Aram and Iman Issa, Z33 House for Contemporary Art, Design, and Architecture, Hasselt, Belgium
- 2020 *RELATIONS: Diaspora and Painting*, PHI Foundation for Contemporary Art, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Art on the Grid, Public Art Fund, New York, NY
Some mysterious process: 50 years of collecting international art, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia (online)
Desorientalismos, Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporáneo, Sevilla, Spain
Group Show, Green Art Gallery in collaboration with Jhaveri Contemporary, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

- 2019 *Fragile Frontiers – Visions on Iran's In/Visible Borders*, YARAT Contemporary Art Space, Baku, Azerbaijan
Gateway: Fragments, Yesterday and Today, Abu Dhabi Art 2019, Gallery M, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Jameel Prize 5, Jameel Arts Center, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
The Crime of Mr Adolf Loos, Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Wijnegem, Belgium
- 2018 *Jameel Prize 5*, The Victoria and Albert Museum South Kensington, London, United Kingdom
Le Musée Imaginaire, Jaou Tunis 2018 - Trab Pavillion, La Zaouïa de Sidi Boukhrissane, Tunis, Tunisia
Opening Remarks, ATHR Gallery, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Kamrooz Aram, Anwar Jalal Shemza, Hales Gallery Project Room, New York, NY
- 2017 *Others Hours*, 601Artspace, New York, NY
Lack of Location Is My Location, Koenig & Clinton, Brooklyn, NY
The Intimate Enemy, Pelagica, Milan, Italy
- 2016 *a verdant summer*, Taymour Grahne Projects, New York, NY
The Arch of My Eye's Orbit, Brooklyn Academy of Music, NY
- 2015 *The Worlds Turned Upside Down*, Bâtiment Provincial Solvay, n°22 du boulevard Solvay, Brussels, Belgium
Russian Doll, M+B, Los Angeles, CA
Influence, The Kleinert/James Center for the Arts, Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild, NY
Geometries of Difference: New Approaches to Ornament and Abstraction, Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at State University of New York at New Paltz
Beauty Reigns: A Baroque Sensibility in Recent Painting, Karl and Bertl Arnstein Galleries, Akron Art Museum, OH
- 2014 *The Botanica*, Presented by AA Bronson & Michael Bühler-Rose, Invisible-Exports, New York, NY
fixed unknowns, Taylor Grahne Projects, New York, NY
Beauty Reigns: A Baroque Sensibility in Recent Painting, McNay Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX
Past Tradition, Exhibit320, New Delhi, India
Garden and Spring, The Abraaj Group Art Prize 2014, Art Dubai, Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2013 *The Pink Panther Imitates Nothing*, Memorial Hall Painting Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence
MICA: THEN/NOW, Ethan Cohen Gallery at the Kunsthalle Beacon Art Center, NY
TEN YEARS, Wallspace, New York, NY
Earthy Delights, Laleh June Galerie, Basel, Switzerland
Julie Weitz / Kamrooz Aram, The Suburban, Oak Park, IL
- 2012 *Referencing History*, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Brute Ornament: Kamrooz Aram and Seher Shah, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

- The Elephant in the Dark*, Devi Art Foundation, New Delhi, India
- The End*, Johannes Vogt, New York, NY
- 2011 *Emergent New York*, The Granary, Sharon, CT
- Roundabout: Face to Face*, Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Pavilion Paulson Family Foundation Building, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Israel
- 30: A Brooklyn Salon Exhibition*, BRIC Rotunda Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
- MENASA Studio Dispatches*, Art Dubai, Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Painted Pictures*, Blackston Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 *Contemporary Notes*, Assar Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- Run and Tell That! New Work from New York*, Syracuse University Art Galleries, NY
- Love in Vein: Editions Fawbush projects and artists 2005-2010*, Sandra Gehrig Inc, New York, NY
- Roundabout°*, City Gallery Wellington, New Zealand
- Big Picture*, Priska C. Juschka Fine Art, New York, NY
- Pictures and Statues*, Country Club Cincinnati, OH
- Self-Consciousness*, curated by Peter Doig and Hilton Als, VeneKlasen / Werner, Berlin, Germany
- natural renditions*, Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
- Accented*, BRIC Rotunda Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- Fresh From Chelsea: 21 Young NYC Artists*, University of Central Florida Art Gallery, Orlando
- 2009 *WALL ROCKETS: Contemporary Artists and Ed Ruscha*, Buffalo AKG Art Museum, NY
- NEWAGERIOT*, Country Club Los Angeles, CA
- New Prints 2009 / Spring*, Print Center, New York, NY
- State of Mind*, Pinacoteca Agnelli, Turin, Italy
- 2008 *Empire and Its Discontents*, Tisch Family Gallery, Tufts University Art Gallery at Aidekman Arts Center, Medford, MA
- WALL ROCKETS: Contemporary Artists and Ed Ruscha*, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY
- A Sorry Kind of Wisdom*, Perry Rubenstein Gallery, New York, NY
- microwave, six*, Bienvenu Steinburg & C, New York, NY
- WARLORD*, Smith-Stewart, New York, NY
- 2007 *Collector's Choice III: Audacity in Art: Selected Works from Central Florida Collections*, Orlando Museum of Art, FL
- Dream of Today*, Steve Turner, Los Angeles, CA
- Kamrooz Aram/Takahiko Iimura*, Transmission Gallery, Glasgow, Scotland
- I will be alright*, Country Club Cincinnati, OH
- Merging Influence: Eastern Elements in New American Art*, Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Beverly, MA
- Cosmologies*, James Cohan Gallery, New York, NY
- 2006 *A Tale of Two Cities: Busan/Seoul, Seoul/Busin*, Busan Biennale 2006: Contemporary Art Exhibition, Busan Yachting Center, South Korea

- Bricks in the Hood*, Oliver Kamm/5BE Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 *The Most Splendid Apocalypse*, P.P.O.W Gallery, New York, NY
The Common Room, Anthony Wilkinson Gallery, London, United Kingdom
Greater New York 2005, Museum of Modern Art PS1, Queens, NY
KA/VH:RA/AG, Oliver Kamm/5BE Gallery, New York, NY
Time's Arrow, Twelve Random Thoughts on Beauty, BRIC Rotunda Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2003 *Group Show*, Oliver Kamm/5BE Gallery, New York, NY
Lazarus Effect, Prague Biennale 1 2003: Peripheries Become the Center, Trade Fair Palace, National Gallery Prague, Czech Republic
MFA Thesis Exhibition, The Studebaker Building, Columbia University, New York, NY
The Broken Mirror: The Midnight's Children Exhibition, LeRoy Nieman Gallery, LeRoy Nieman Center for Print Studies at the Columbia University School of the Arts, New York, NY
- 2002 *Process/ion*, LeRoy Nieman Gallery, LeRoy Newman Center for Print Studies at the Columbia University School of the Arts, New York, NY
Multitude, Artists Space, New York, NY
- 2000 *November*, The H. Lewis Gallery, Baltimore, MD
Mirror of the Invisible, Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art, San Bernardino, CA

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

The Alford Collection of Contemporary Art, Rollins Museum of Art, Winter Park, FL
 Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
 Art Jameel Collection, Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 Cincinnati Art Museum, OH
 The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY
 Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
 Honart Museum, Tehran, Iran
 The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
 Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, TX
 M+ Museum, Hong Kong
 Portland Museum of Art, ME
 Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
 Sharjah Art Foundation, United Arab Emirates

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2025 Trellis Art Fund Stepping Stone Grant
 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship
- 2024 Carla Fendi Rome Prize Fellowship, American Academy in Rome
- 2014 Abraaj Group Art Prize
 Art Matters Grant

2004 New York State Council on the Arts/New York Foundation of the Arts Artist Fellowship
2001 Jacob K. Javitz Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education

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