

# HANGAMA AMIRI

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## Education

- 2015-2016 Post-Graduate Fellow. Yale University School of Art & Sciences  
Council of East Asian Studies (CEAS)  
New Haven, Connecticut
- 2012 Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University  
Fine Arts Major  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2017 *We Rise Again: Portraits of Afghan Women*, Lunenburg School of the Arts, NS
- 2015 *Cliff of the Bay*, Lion & Bright Gallery, Halifax, NS
- 2014 *Pastoral & Industrial*, Hermes Gallery, Halifax, NS
- 2013 *Topophilia*, Corridor Gallery, Halifax, NS  
*At the Edge of the Shore*, Art Gallery of the Atlantic, Lunenburg, NS
- 2011 *The Wind-Up Dolls of Kabul*, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS

## Selected Screenings & Exhibitions

- 2017 *My Motherland*, Instants Video Film Festival, FRAC Marseille (Regional Contemporary Arts Fund), France
- 2016 *Women Voices Now*, Rolling Hill States, California  
*Video Art Festival of Casablanca*, Morocco  
*The Art of the Burqa: Film, performance, Art & Dialogue*, Pen + Brush Gallery, New York, NY
- 2015 *RBC Canadian Painting Competition*, Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia  
*My Motherland*, *The 28th Festival Les Instants Vidéo*, Milan Gallery, Marseille, France  
*My Motherland*, *Distant Attachments: Unsettling Contemporary Afghan Diasporic Art*, City Lore Gallery, New York, NY  
*My Motherland*, *The Lost Dhow: A Discovery from the Maritime Silk Route*, Aga Khan Museum, Toronto, Ontario  
*My Motherland*, *Where We Now, Women Body & Space*, Reel Women Hong Kong Film Festival, Hong Kong
- 2014 *Nova Scotia Art Bank*, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS
- 2013 *5th Passion For Freedom London Festival*, Embassy Tea Gallery, London, UK  
*Original Species (Art. Official. Selection) Creative Art Nova Scotia*, Museum of Natural History, Halifax NS
- 2012 *7th International Arte Laguna Prize*, Tese di San Cristoforo, Venice, Italy  
*4th Passion For Freedom London Festival*, Unit24 Gallery, London, UK

## Group Exhibitions

- 2017 *Pause, a Break*, Project Space Gallery, Banff Centre for Arts & Creativity, Banff, Alberta
- 2013 *This is the Canadian Earth*, Teichert Gallery, Halifax, NS  
*My Feminism*: NSCAD Feminist Collective Group Show, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS  
*Spring Show*, Lunenburg Art Gallery, Lunenburg, NS  
*A little class goes along way*, EyeLevel Gallery, Halifax, NS
- 2012 *Atlantic Craft Trade Show*, World Trade Convention Centre, Halifax, NS  
*Celebrations of Light*, Lunenburg Art Gallery, Lunenburg, NS  
*NSCAD Graduation Exhibition*, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS
- 2011 *Forever in Flux: Feminism in Dialogue*, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS  
*SoapBox Exhibition*, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS

## **Awards**

- 2017 Toronto Arts Council (Individual Grant)  
Arts Equity Funding (Special Travel Grant)
- 2016 Arts Equity Funding & Canada Council for the Arts (Creation Grant)
- 2015 RBC Canadian Painting Competition (Honorable mention)  
Canada Fulbright Traditional Student Award  
Arts Equity Funding & Canada Council for the Arts (Creation Grant)
- 2014 Arts Nova Scotia (Presentation Grant)
- 2013 Portia White Prize Protege  
Creative Nova Scotia Grant
- 2012 Arts Nova Scotia Funding, Grants to Individuals  
Robert Pope Foundation Painting Scholarship  
Alexander J. McDonald Memorial Award
- 2011 Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteerism Award  
NSCAD Former Student Bursary
- 2010 Newcomer Achievement Award

## **Selected Bibliography**

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- Pary Shuaib. "Art Can Afghan Women Express our Unique Selves." Free Women Writers, Aug. 15. 2017
- Charles Mandel. "Afghan Heroines." LightHouse Now, pg. 16, June. 28. 2017
- Zheela Nori. "Meet Hangama Amiri." Voice of America Dari, Voice of America Dari, May. 10. 2017
- Stacy Parker Le Melle. "Whenever I call friend." The Huffington Post, June. 17. 2016
- Celesta Hamilton Dennis. "Art of the burqa: exploring the many narratives of the women under the veil." Ivoh, New York, April. 18. 2016
- Noah Hurowitz. "Burqa Exhibit Coming to Flatiron Gallery This Weekend." DNAinfo, New York, March. 3. 2016
- Diane Christine Ciociou. "TheSixClass, Hangama Amiri." March. 3. 2016
- NotableCa. "Hangama Amiri: Today's Young Notable Young Professional." Dec. 21. 2015
- Suzanne Russell. "Secrets and Desires." OF NOTE Magazine, The Burqa Issue, Dec. 7. 2015
- Evan Bower. "Local artist recognized with two national awards." Lighthouse Now, Nov. 22. 2015
- Elissa Barnard. "Halifax Artist receives RBC award." The Chronicle Herald, Halifax, Nov. 19. 2015
- Kevin C. Griffin. "RBC Painting winner to help foster Canadian-Filipino dialogue on art.", The Vancouver Sun, Nov. 19. 2015
- "Guelph Artist Wins \$25K RBC Canadian Painting Competition." Canadian Art, Nov. 18. 2015
- James Adams. "Patrick Cruz wins \$25,000 RBC Canadian Painting Competition." The Globe And Mail, Nov. 18. 2015
- Lisa Paterson. "Hangama Amiri, Fulbright grant winner, headed to Yale University." CBC News NS, Nov. 14. 2015
- Lizzy Hill. "Five art exhibit to see this summer." The Coast, June. 19. 2014
- Elissa Barnard. "The world is her inspiration." The Chronicle Herald Arts & Life, pg. 3, May. 30. 2014
- Elissa Barnard. "Landscape-inspired visions featured in This Is The Canadian Earth." The Chronicle Herald Arts & Life, Feb. 13. 2014
- Robert Hirtle. "Lunenburg artist wins Portia White Prize 2013.", Oct. 30. 2013

Elissa Barnard. "Higgins shocked to win Masterworks Award." The Chronicle Herald, Oct. 26. 2013

Robert Hirtle. "Artist Hangama Amiri opens new Lunenburg studio." Progress Bulletin, Sept. 17. 2013

Robert Hirtle. "At the Edge of the Shore." Progress Bulletin, June. 18. 2013

Heather Wood Rudolph. "Feminism Through Art: Meet Hangama Amiri." Sexy Feminist, May. 3. 2013

Robert Hirtle. "Artist Focuses on human rights-themed works." South Shore Now, Jan. 9. 2013, pg. 1-3

"Interview with Phlis McGregor." CBC Radio, Jan. 01. 2013

Greta McClain. "Afghan Canadian artist brings plight of Afghan Women to the world." Digital Journal, Dec. 10. 2012, pg.1-4

Colleen Jones. "Art with a Message." CBC News, Dec. 6. 2012

Beverley Ware. "Artist dedicates work to Afghan birthplace." The Chronicle Herald, Nov. 25. 2012, pg. 1-3

Tahir Qadiry. "Passion for Freedom Exhibition in London." BBC Persian News, Nov. 15. 2012

Marilyn Smulders. "Confronting The Male Gaze." NSCAD University, Nov. 16. 2012

Nick Cohen. "My life as a connoisseur." The Spectator, Nov. 4 2012, pg. 1-7

Marilyn Smulders. "Grads named to NSCAD's community residencies." NSCAD University, June. 7. 2012

Marilyn Smulders. "Sisters from Kabul." NSCAD University, Sept. 28. 2011

### **Professional Experiences**

2017 Painting Instructor. "Found Object: Painting from Dream to Reality", Lunenburg School of the Arts

2016 Painting Instructor. "Plein-air Painting in Lunenburg" , Lunenburg School of the Arts

2014 Assistant Director. The Graig Gallery. Dartmouth, NS

### **Residencies**

2018 World of Co. Residency Program, Sofia Bulgaria

2017 JOYA: AiR, Arte + Ecologia Residency, Andalusia, Spain  
The Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. Banff, Alberta  
Lunenburg School of the Arts. Lunenburg, NS

2013 White Rabbit Arts. Economy, NS

2012 NSCAD-Lunenburg Community Residency Program. Lunenburg, NS

### **Juries/Panels/Artist Talks**

2017 Artist Talk: *Middle East Studies*. Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, USA

2016 *Room Magazine*, Cover Art Contest. Toronto, ON  
*Artist Talk at Brown Bag Seminar Lecture*, Yale South Asian Studies.  
Yale University, New Haven, CT  
*The Art of the Burqa: Film, performance, Art & Dialogue* , Pen and Brush Gallery. New York, NY

2013 Talking Art: *A panel discussion on art practice*, Arts Nova Scotia. Wolfville, NS  
Arts Equity Funding

### **Collections**

2015 RBC Bank

2014 Nova Scotia Art Bank, Halifax, NS

2013 ShootsBamboo. Saskatoon, SK