

# HANGAMA AMIRI

b. 1989 Kabul, Afghanistan

## Education

2012 NSCAD University, Fine Arts Major, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

2005 Olimov College of Art, Fine Arts Major Dushanbe, Tajikistan

## Research Experience

2015-2016 Yale University, Canada Fulbright. Post-Graduate Fellow at Council of East Asian Studies (CEAS) New Haven. Connecticut

## Solo Exhibitions

2018 *Ocean's Edge*, Laurie Swim Gallery, Lunenburg, NS

2017 *We Rise Again: Portraits of Afghan Women*, Lunenburg School of the Arts, NS

2014 *Pastoral & Industrial*, Hermes, Halifax, NS

*Topophilia*, Corridor Gallery, Halifax, NS

2013 *At the Edge of the Shore*, Laurie Swim Gallery, Lunenburg, NS

2011 *The Wind-Up Dolls of Kabul*, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS

## Selected Screenings & Exhibitions

2017 *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

*RBC Canadian Painting Competition*, Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia

*The 28th Festival Les Instants Vidéo*, Milan Gallery, Marseille, France

2016 *Distant Attachments: Unsettling Contemporary Afghan Diasporic Art*, City Lore Gallery, New York, NY

2015 *The Lost Dhow: A Discovery from the Maritime Silk Route*, Aga Khan Museum, Toronto, ON

*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
- 2012      7th International Arte Laguna Prize , Tese di San Cristoforo, Venice, Italy  
4th Passion For Freedom London Festival, Unit24 Gallery, London, UK

### **Group Exhibitions**

- 2018      *Here & There*, Studio Lab Gallery, New Glasgow, NS  
*Three Artist: Paint, Stitch & Sculpt*, Laurie Swim Gallery, Lunenburg, NS  
*World of CO. Open Studio Residency Exhibition*, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 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  
*A little class goes along way* , EyeLevel Gallery, Halifax, NS
- 2012      *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**

- 2018      Arts Nova Scotia (Professional Development Grant)
- 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
- 2014      Arts Equity Funding & Canada Council for the Arts (Creation Grant)
- 2013      Arts Nova Scotia (Presentation Grant)  
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

### **Selected Bibliography**

Felicia Latour. "Afghan-Canadian artist Hangama Amiri on painting her heroines." CBC Mains Street NS, Aug. 30. 2017

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**

2018 Painting Instructor. "The Magic Landscape", Lunenburg School of the Arts  
2017 Painting Instructor. "Found Object: Painting from Dream to Reality", Lunenburg School of the Arts  
2014 Painting Instructor. "Plein-air Painting in Lunenburg", Lunenburg School of the Arts  
Assistant Gallery. Laurie Swim Gallery. Lunenburg, 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  
2013 White Rabbit Arts. Economy, NS  
NSCAD-Lunenburg Community Residency Program. Lunenburg, NS

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

2016 Room Magazine, Cover Art Contest. Toronto, ON  
2015 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

## **Collections**

Art Gallery of Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Art Bank

RBC Corporate Collection