

## Maryam Safajoo

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## Education

- 2016 MFA, Painting, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2011 BA, Business Administration, Industries Research and Training Center of Iran, Qazvin, Iran
- 2011-2012 Graduation Certificate in Graphics, Jahad Daneshgahi Higher Educational Institute, Tehran, Iran

## Permanent Collections

### [Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA](#)

Nobel Prize Museum, Stockholm, Sweden

Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA

Albany Museum of Art, Albany, GA

NIU Art Museum, IL

Dayton International Peace Museum, Dayton, OH

Crary Art Gallery: A Nonprofit Art Museum, PA

## Publications & Press

- 2025 *"Repetitious Insecurity"* book by Maryam Safajoo (in progress)
- 2024 *"Our Story is One"* book by Maryam Safajoo, Bahai Publishing Trust, Australia (in press)
- 2024 [Iranwire: "Maryam Safajoo; Influenced by several decades of oppression of the Baha'is" of Iran](#)
- 2024 [Baha'i Blog: The Art of Maryam Safajoo](#)
- 2024 [Iran Wire: The hard year of the Bahais in Iran in 2023, 230 abused by the government](#)
- 2023 [BBC feature of the painting of 2023 Nobel Peace Prize Layreate Narges Mohammadi: "A Multitude of Separations"](#)
- 2023 [Voice of America feature of the painting of 2023 Nobel Peace Prize Layreate Narges Mohammadi: "A Multitude of Separations"](#)

2023 Iran International TV frequent feature of the video of the painting “The Most Bitter Farewell”

2023 [Voice of America feature of the painting “The Most Bitter Farewell”](#)

2023 [Tavaana feature of the painting “The Most Bitter Farewell”](#)

2023 [A Conversation with Maryam Safajoo about the Campaign #ourstoryisone by PersianBMS](#)

2023 [BBC featuring the painting “Mothering”](#)

2023 [Times Observer](#)

2023 [Best in Show award recipients announced, NIU Arts Blog](#)

2023 [Mass General Hospital \(MGH\) newsletter, Boston, MA](#)

2022 [Yahoo! News](#)

2022 [Albany Herald](#)

2022 [Albany Museum of Art](#)

2022 [The International Peace Museum](#)

2022 [Downtown Dayton](#)

2022 [WDTN News](#)

2022 [Fox 31 WFXL](#)

2022 [The Oakwood Register](#)

2022 [BBC piece of the persecution of the Bahá’í in Iran, featuring my paintings](#)

2022 [Voice of America feature of the painting “Well”](#)

2022 [Radio Farda feature of the painting “Well”](#)

2022 [Radio Farda Artist New Year Greeting](#)

2022 [ARC Gallery](#)

2021	<a href="#">BBC Video Feature on my art</a>
2021	<a href="#">BBC Video Featuring my painting “Lover’s Migration”</a>
2021	<a href="#">Radio Farda Interview</a>
2021	<a href="#">Nashraasoo</a>
2021	<a href="#">Sharks eat meat review</a>
2021	<a href="#">Art Seen Magazine</a>
2021	<a href="#">Tavaana</a>
2021	<a href="#">Persian BMS Khabarnegar</a>
2020	<a href="#">Radio Farda Picture of the day</a>
2020	<a href="#">Persian BMS</a>
2020	<a href="#">Persian BMS Teaser</a>
2020	<a href="#">Iran Press Watch</a>
2020	<a href="#">Iran Wire</a>
2016	<a href="#">Boston Herald</a>
2016	<a href="#">Artist at War</a>
2016	<a href="#">VOA (Voice of America)</a>
2016	<a href="#">El Mundo</a>
2016	<a href="#">Iran Wire</a>
2016	<a href="#">Center for Human Rights in Iran</a>
2015	<a href="#">Nineteen Months</a>

## **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

- 2024 Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL (forthcoming)
- 2024 Monongalia Arts Center (forthcoming) October 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

- 2023 *Banned*, The Umbrella Arts Center, Concord, MA October 5<sup>th</sup> – November 19<sup>th</sup>
- 2023 *A Cry From the Heart*, Crary Art Gallery, a Nonprofit Art Museum, Warren, PA April, 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>
- 2022 *Forsaking All Comfort and Prosperity*, Albany Museum of Art, GA Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup>
- 2022 *A Cry From the Heart*, Dayton International Peace Museum, Dayton, OH August 19<sup>th</sup> – September 24<sup>th</sup>
- 2022 ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL July 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>
- 2021 Bahá'í House of Worship, Wilmette, IL
- 2015 *"To Light A Candle"* film screening, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2010 *Ceramics Exhibition*, Alborz Ceramic Company, Tehran, Iran

## **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2023-2025 Tender Loving Care: Contemporary Art from the Collection, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2025 Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, Chicago, IL (forthcoming)
- 2025 Foreman Gallery, NY (forthcoming)
- 2023 Anonymously انج Iran, Culture Lab LIC, NYC February 9<sup>th</sup> -March 26<sup>th</sup>
- 2023 Fondamenta Gallery, Rome, Italy April 1<sup>st</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>
- 2022 *Stories from my Childhood*, NIU Art Museum November 29<sup>th</sup> – February 17<sup>th</sup> 2023
- 2021 *'Abdu'l-Bahá: Champion of Justice, Promoter of Unity, Exemplar of Service*, Green Acre A Bahá'í Center of Learning, Eliot, ME
- 2016 *MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Cyclorama, Boston, MA
- 2015 *Violence Transformed*, The Resnikoff Gallery, Roxbury Community College, Boston, MA
- 2015 *Body of work*, Massachusetts State House, Boston, MA
- 2015 *Students Curate Students*, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2015 *First Year MFA Exhibition*, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2015 *SMFA Medici and MFA Museum Council Mission Hill Open Studios*, Boston, MA

- 2014 *Art Sale*, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2014 *New Student Show*, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

## **Awards/Fellowships/Residencies**

- 2024 International Program at International Studio and Curatorial Program residency, Brookline, NYC (forthcoming) summer
- 2023 Renumeration from Mass General Hospital (MGH) for Use of my paintings in their newsletter, Boston, MA
- 2022 Merit award from the Pinacothèque Art Museum in Luxembourg
- 2022 “Stories From My Childhood” best in show award
- 2022 BBC renumeration for use of my paintings
- 2021 Merit award from the Pinacothèque Art Museum in Luxembourg
- 2021 Finalist Prisma art prize 2021
- 2016 The Romero Award, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2014 MFA Scholarship, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

## **Artist Talk/Presentation/Panel Discussion**

- 2024 [Spotlight talk by Michelle Millar Fisher, Ronald C. and Anita L. Wornick Curator of Contemporary Decorative Arts, Museum of Fine Arts Boston on Maryam Safajoo and Painting as Resistance](#)
- 2024 [Invited book release talk at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#)
- 2023 [Artist Talk at The Umbrella Art Center, Concord, MA](#)
- 2023 Invited Artist Talk by The Committee of Wisdom and Action via Zoom
- 2023 [Invited Artist Talk, Bahai Center of Scottsdale, AZ](#)
- 2023 Invited Artist Talk by Friends of Seysan, Iran via Zoom
- 2023 [Artist Talk at Crary Art Gallery, a Nonprofit Art Museum, Warren, PA](#)
- 2023 [Invited Artist Talk by Dr. Laleh Mehrad, Instagram Live](#)

- 2022 [Artist Talk at Albany Museum of Art, GA](#)
- 2022 [Artist Talk at Dayton International Peace Museum, Dayton, OH](#)
- 2022 [Artist Talk at Green Acre A Bahá'í Center of Learning, Eliot, ME](#)
- 2022 Invited Artist Talk by “Elevated Conversation” on Zoom
- 2022 Discussion of my work at Art Class, Eton School, Mexico City, Federal District, Mexico City, Federal District, Mexico
- 2021 Artist Talk at The Bahá'í House of Worship, Wilmette, IL
- 2016 Presentation of my art and panel discussion following the screening of the film “To Light the Candle” at The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2016 Remarks at AJC Boston Diplomats Sedar, Boston, MA
- 2016 Graduation Speech at the Masters SMFA graduation ceremony, MFA Boston, MA

## **Professional Experience**

- 2021-present Online instruction on painting and drawing
- 2021-present Online instruction on Portrait and Figures
- 2021-present Online instruction on Foundational of Virtual Art
- 2016 Teacher assistant of Charles Goss (The Bridge DRW 1002 01) at SMFA, Boston, MA
- 2015 Graduate Teacher Assistant of Magdalena Campos-Pons (Painting & Drawing Practicum) at SMFA, Boston, MA
- 2014 Assisting Art Installation, The Drawing Center, New York City, NY
- 2012 Graphic Designer, Bahá'í Academy, Panchgani, India
- 2011 Graphic Designer, The Gardener of Art Studio, Tehran, Iran
- 2010-11 Accountant, Rafooneh Company, Tehran, Iran
- 2010 Assistant Planning Manager, Rafooneh Company, Tehran, Iran