

# Mehrdad Mirzaie

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## Bio

Mehrdad Mirzaie is a multidisciplinary artist from Iran, whose work predominantly revolves around the lens-based medium. Currently pursuing an MFA in photography at Arizona State University, Mehrdad is dedicated to honing his craft and further exploring his artistic vision. Born and raised in Tehran, Mehrdad received his BFA in photography from the esteemed Tehran Art University in 2012, where he established a strong foundation in the medium.

With a keen interest in archives, image studies, and alternative processes, Mehrdad's work often delves into the intersection of past and present. Over the past decade, he has contributed to several archive projects, both individually and as part of a team. His interdisciplinary approach to art and culture is evident in his works, where he seamlessly combines politics, society, and culture, creating pieces that spark critical conversations.

Mehrdad's passion for the medium shines through his work, where he continually pushes the boundaries and explores new techniques to create evocative and thought-provoking art.

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## Education

### MFA Candidate in Photography

Arizona State University • Tempe, AZ

07/2025

### Bachelor of Photography

Tehran Art University • Tehran, Select one

12/2012

### Pre-University degree in Art

Tehran Fine Arts School • Tehran, Select one

06/2008

### High School Diploma in Painting

Tehran Fine Arts School • Tehran, Select one

06/2007

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## Honors & Awards

2023

- Fellowship for a VSC residency, Vermont Studio Center Residency, Vermont, USA
- Honorable Mention, Ephemerality, Strata Gallery, New Mexico, USA
- Professional Development Funding Award Spring 2023, Arizona State University, USA
- Special Talent Award Spring 2023, Arizona State University, USA

2022

- Special Talent Award Fall 2022, Arizona State University, USA

2015

- Selected in the FotoFilmic'16 Summer Short List Festival: <https://fotofilmic.com/portfolio/mehrdad-mirzaie-tehraniran/>

2013

- Honorable Mention, Photo Festival of Tehran University of Art, Tehran, Iran.

2012

- Member of Photography Association in Photography Department, Tehran University of Art, Tehran, Iran.

2008

- Ranked 102 among +30.000 undergraduate art applicants for the National University Admission Entrance Examination (NUAEE), Iran.

2007

- Nominated for the Kharazmi Contest in Art (Photography area), Tehran, Iran.

2004-2008

- Ranked as a top student for high school & pre-university years in Tehran Fine Art School, Tehran, Iran
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## Solo Exhibition

2016

- The Republic, Curated by Neda Mohamdi, Knack Gallery, Tehran, Iran
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## Group Exhibition

2023

- Ephemerality, Strata Gallery, New Mexico, USA
- 10th Annual Art d'Core Gala, Phoenix, AZ, USA
- Galbut Prize Exhibition, Harry Wood Gallery, Tempe, AZ, USA
- Home.com.ing, 11th Annual 2023 Combined Caucus Exhibition, juried by Jess T. Dugan, RMCAD Rocky Mountain University of Art and Design, Denver, USA
- Filter Photo | Context 2023, Chicago, IL, USA
- 60th Annual Juried Competition exhibition, Masur Museum, Monroe, LA, USA
- 17th Edition of Arte Laguna Pr Laguna Prize Exhibition, Arsenale, Venice, Italy
- New Wave (Travel Exhibition), Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Colorado, USA (Future)
- New Wave (Travel Exhibition), Red Rocks College of Art and Design, Denver, USA
- Of Fervorous Bodies, Harry Wood Gallery, Tempe, AZ, USA (February)
- New Wave (Travel Exhibition), Solano Community College, California, USA
- New Wave (Travel Exhibition), New Mexico State University, New Mexico, USA

2022

- [Migration, Online group Exhibition, www.analogforevermagazine.com](http://www.analogforevermagazine.com)
- TEN X TEN - SMALL WORKS EXHIBITION, Midwest Center for Photography, Wichita, KS, USA
- Darkness Falls, Decode Gallery, Tucson, AZ, USA
- New Graduate Exhibition, Harry Wood Gallery, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA.

2021

- TAG (The Art Grads), Step Gallery, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, USA.
- New Graduate Exhibition, Harry Wood Gallery, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA.
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2019

- Iran: Berührungspunkte, Kunsthalle, Curated by Ms. Maryam Mohammadi & Mr. Joachim Hainzl, Graz, Austria.
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2018

- Ebgha-va-Elgha, Pars Building, Curated by Mr. Mahoor Tousi & Mr. Aidin Bagheri, Tehran, Iran.

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2017

- Museum of Patriotism, Mehrava Gallery, Curated by Mr. Hoofar Haghighi, Tehran, Iran.

2016

- Running Toward Dreams, Negar Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran (A collaborative exhibition between the University of Arkansas & Iranian artists based in Iran).
- The Art of Humanity, Pratt Institute Rubella & Norman Schafler Gallery, Imago Mundi Art Collection, NY, USA.
- Limited access 6, Vista Gallery, Curated by Mr. Amirali Ghasemi, Tehran, Iran.

2015

- Map of the New Art, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Island of San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice, Italy.
- Iranian Artists under 30, Boras Museum of Modern Art, Curated by Ms. Varesch Darvish, Boras, Sweden.
- Tehran Mon Amour, Royal Gallery, Curated by Mr. Christoph Sehl, In cooperation with Aaran Gallery (based in Tehran), Munich, Germany

2013

- Untitled, Aaran Gallery, Selected by Mr. Behrang Samadzadegan & Aaran Gallery, Tehran, Iran.
- Second Annual Festival of Portraiture, Sadrang Gallery, Tehran, Iran.
- Photo Festival of Tehran University of Art, Saba Art-Cultural Institute, Tehran, Iran.

2012

- Saba Photo (Iranian Photographers Artworks Collection), Saba Art-Cultural Institute, Tehran, Iran.
- Group Exhibition, Honar Gallery, Tehran University of Art, Tehran, Iran.
- Post Pop, Mahe Mehr Gallery, Curated by Mr. Behrang Samadzadegan, Tehran, Iran.

2007

- Image of the Year, Iranian Artists' Forum, Tehran, Iran.

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## Residency

Vermont Studio Center Residency, Vermont, 2023

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## Artist Talk & Screening

2023

- Artist Talk, Organized by the Photo Association at Arizona State University, Harry Wood Gallery, Arizona State University, Tempe, USA

2018

- Artist Talk, The 2nd annual photo Exhibition of the University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran. Feb.

2013

- Inertia, Slideshow Screening, Charsoo Honar, Tehran, Iran. Jan.

2012

- Inertia, Slideshow Screening, Tehran University of Art, Tehran, Iran.
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## Publication

2019

- Meta-Text, Kaarnaama Art E Magazine, NY., USA.
- Iran: Berührungspunkte book (Limited Version), Graz, Austria.

2018

- The Republic (Artist Book), Published by Knack Publication, Tehran, Iran.

2014

- Iranomutomorphosis.net - Contemporary Iranian Artists, Participated in "iranomutomorphosis.net", a book consisting of artworks created by contemporary Iranian artists, published by Fabrica (Communication Research Centre for the Benetton Group, Italy. The presented artwork is part of Luciano Benetton's private collection.)

2013

- Second Annual Festival of Portraiture, Published by Sadrang Gallery, Tehran, Iran.

2012

- Saba Photo, Photobook of the Selected Exhibition on Iranian Photographers Artworks Collection, Published by Saba Art-Cultural Institute, Tehran, Iran.

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## Job Experience

2022 – Now

Assistant Curator at Solari Foundation Collection • Arizona State University • Tempe, USA

2022 – Now

Assistant Curator and Gallery Assistant at North Light Gallery • Arizona State University • Tempe, USA

2022 – Now

Teacher Assistant • Arizona State University • Tempe, USA

2021– 2022

Magazine Director of Darz Art • [www.darz.art](http://www.darz.art) • Tehran, Iran

The editor-in-chief and internal manager of the magazine: Management and planning, checking the magazine's content, photography, writing, etc.

2019 – 2021

Photographer & Content Specialist • [www.darz.art](http://www.darz.art) • Tehran, Iran

Writer, photographer, and department manager of the exhibition section.

2015 – 2019

Artist Assistant • Mr. Barbad Golshiri • Tehran, Iran

Assistant to the artist in various fields, specifically in the field of photo printing, photo editing, and finally installation and arrangement of artworks in

the exhibition in galleries and museums.

**2016- 2018**

**Assistant Curator • Ms. Neda Mohamadi • Tehran, Iran**

Assistant curator in the arrangement and installation of artworks.

**2016-2019**

**Commercial Photographer • Modiseh Company • Tehran, Iran**

Photography and editing photos (specifically industrial photography)

**2015**

**Photo Editor • Kento Photo Studio • Tehran, Iran**

Editing industrial photos.

**2013-2015**

**Photo Printmaker • Sepia Office • Tehran, Iran**

Editing and printing photos.

**2008-2011**

**Teaching photography, Painting & Drawing • Fine Arts Institute • Tehran,**

**Iran**

Teaching