

MEHDI DANDI

(b. 1988, Zanjan, Iran)

Mehdi Dandi received his BA in Graphic Design from Tehran University, Iran. As a Persian artist, poetry is an integral and guiding element in his artistic practice. Relying on emotional expression, Dandi empowers the camera's frame to embrace the object and the story that awaits to be told; its poetry to be recited. Dandi's relationship to his works disrupts the harmony between the image and its environment. His works have been included in over twenty-five group exhibitions in Italy, UK, UAE, USA, India and Iran. Mehdi currently lives and works in Toronto, Canada.

EDUCATION

- 2021 Digital Photography Online Course, Cornell University, New York, USA
- 2015 BA, Graphic Design, University of Applied Science and Technology, Tehran, Iran

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 Etemad Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2017 Drawing Museum, Tehran, Iran

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Invictus*, Alsekra, Dubai, UAE
- 2020 *Exh 03*, Floorr Magazine, London, England (virtual)
- 2018 *Multilayered*, IPCNY, New York, USA
- 2017 *One Day One Experience*, Drawing Museum, Tehran, Iran
- Episode 02*, Mohsen Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- Pure Drawing*, DD museum, Izadshahr, Iran
- Pure Drawing*, Spazio Nour, Milan, Italy
- Food*, Contemporary art museum of Isfahan, Isfahan, Iran
- 2016 *Identity*, Jorjani Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- Urban Art House*, Niyavaran Cultural center, Tehran, Iran
- Art in Secret*, Showcase Gallery, Dubai, the UAE
- 2014 *Gaze*, Niyavaran Cultural center, Tehran, Iran
- Target*, Red Crescent Museum, Tehran, Iran
- 2013 *Oxygen*, Iranian Artist Forum Gallery, Tehran, Iran
- 2012 *Drawing Parade*, Drawing House, Tehran, Iran
- 2010 *A4 Paper in Hands*, Drawing House, Tehran, Iran
- Shamsol-emareh*, Golestan palace at Mirror Hall, Tehran, Iran
- Monsters*, Iranian Artist Forum Gallery, Tehran, Iran

AWARDS AND FESTIVALS

- 2016 Nominated for Cheap Festival, Art in street, Bologna, Italy
Nominated for Versus, Niyavaran Cultural Center, Tehran, Iran

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

- 2018 *Unstable Peace*, Invited by Art university of Tehran, In front of the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tehran, Iran
2013 Nominated for Iranian Environmental Art Festival, Feshk, Iran

PERFORMANCES

- 2013 *Blood on Paper*, Zanjan, Iran
Shin Abad school, Tehran, Iran
2012 *On Hands*, Lahijan, Iran

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

- 2019 Rah Residency, Chahbahar, Iran
2018 Kooshk Residency, Baroda, India