

# Melissa Desmond Mohammadi

b. 1973, Danbury, CT

works in Oakland, CA

## EDUCATION

MFA Meadows School of the Arts, Southern Methodist University  
BFA Rhode Island College

## SOLO, TWO AND THREE PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2019

*Oscillate*, Two-Person Show with Jenny Phillips, Jen Tough Gallery, Benicia, CA  
*Audrey Heller and Melissa Mohammadi*, Artspan, City Hall, San Francisco, CA

2018

*In the Weeds*, Three-Person Exhibition, Hang Art Gallery, San Francisco

2005

*Faculty Projects 11: Missy Desmond*, Solo Exhibition, Brookhaven College, Dallas, TX  
*Lily and Mrs. Mohammadi Go on a Sea Voyage*, Two-Person Exhibition, Gallery 219, Mesquite, TX

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023

*The Bright Side*, Jen Tough Gallery, Santa Fe, NM  
*Portals*, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA (catalog)  
*EBOS Exhibition*, EBOS, Uptown Station, Oakland, CA

2022

*Roadworks*, Invitational, San Francisco Center for the Book, San Francisco, CA  
*Artists' Annual Exhibition*, Kala Institute Gallery, Berkeley, CA  
*East Bay Open Studios*, Norton Factory Studios, Oakland, CA

2021

*East Bay Open Studios*, Norton Factory Studios, Oakland, CA

2020

*Fragments*, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2019

*Wild Things*, Jen Tough Gallery, San Francisco, CA

*stARTup Art Fair*, The McKinney, Venice, LA

*Pulp*, Jen Tough Gallery, Benicia, CA

*Infinity Building Installation*, Jen Tough Gallery, San Francisco, CA

*SF Open Studios*, Fort Mason General's Residence, San Francisco, CA

*SFOS Exhibition*, SOMArts Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA

2018

*Art San Diego*, Jen Tough Gallery, San Diego, CA

*SF Open Studios*, Sawyer Street Studios, San Francisco, CA

*SFOS Exhibition*, SOMArts Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA

2017

*EIGHT*, Artroom Gallery, Fort Worth, TX (catalog)

*SF Open Studios*, Sawyer Street Studios, San Francisco, CA

*SFOS Exhibition*, SOMArts Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA

*Mapping as Source*, Arts Benicia, Benicia, CA (Curated by Katharine Harmon of Tributary Books, Seattle)

*Little Things*, group invitational, Jen Tough Gallery, Vallejo, CA

*52nd Annual Summer Show*, St. Tammany Art House, Covington, LA (curated by William A. Fagaly, Curator Emeritus for the New Orleans Museum of Art)

*Women in the Abstract*, group invitational, Jen Tough Gallery, Vallejo, CA

*Fortressfest*, Art Tooth, Fort Worth, TX

*Nature Unbound*, Chroma Gallery, Santa Rosa, CA

*Art Attacks Cancer*, Art Attack SF, San Francisco, CA

2016

*Art in the Metroplex*, FWCAC, Fort Worth, TX (Curated by Annette DiMeo Carlozzi, former curator of Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, TX)

*Pop Up Print Project*, Art Tooth and Artspace111, Fort Worth, TX

*Group Exhibition*, Ro2 Art, Dallas, TX

*44th Annual National Works on Paper Exhibition*, Brand Galleries, Glendale, CA (Curated by Laddie John Dill, Artist, NEA and Guggenheim Fellow, Venice, CA) (catalog)

*Rising Star 4*, Turner House, Dallas, TX (nominated by Cheryl Vogel, Curator, Valley House Gallery & Sculpture Garden, Dallas, TX) (catalog)

*FOUR*, Artroom Gallery, Fort Worth, TX (catalog)

*In Good Company*, Eastfield College, Dallas, TX

*Embrace the Period*, One Art Space, NY, NY

*Living Mark Exhibition*, Verum Ultimum Gallery, Portland, OR (catalog)

*Hot n Sweaty*, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX

*A Day in June*, TVAA Downtown Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Minishots*, Shamrock Hotel Studios, Dallas, TX  
*Back to the Garden*, Ciel Gallery, Charlotte, NC

2011

*Shorelines*, Honorable Mention, Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport, TX (Curated by Rene Paul Barilleaux, Chief Curator/Curator of Art after 1945, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX)

2004

*Open Studios and Group Show*, Shamrock Hotel Studios, Dallas, TX  
*Faculty Exhibition*, Brookhaven College, Dallas, TX

2003

*Faculty Exhibition*, Brookhaven College, Dallas, TX

2002

*Faculty Exhibition*, Brookhaven College, Dallas, TX  
*36th Annual National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show*, Purchase Award, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX  
*Masters of Fine Arts Qualifying Exhibition*, Pollock Gallery, TX (catalog)

2001

*Diverse Work*, NRH Gallery, Fort Worth, TX  
*Group Exhibition*, Fort Burgwin, Taos, New Mexico  
*Taos Exhibition*, Doolin Gallery, Dallas, TX

## RECOGNITION

2018

Top Five Studios to Visit, Dasha Matsuura, Dir. of Spoke Art Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2017

Peripheral Vision Arts Publication Fellowship Award

2016

Rising Star Award, Dallas, TX

2002

Del Mar College Permanent Collection Purchase Award  
Rigsby Grant

2001

Cerrino Fellowship

2000  
Meadows Award Full Tuition Scholarship (2000-2002)

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

2022  
*Maake Magazine* Issue 14

2021  
Jen Tough, Artists of the Bay Area, 2021

2018  
Ann Landi, "The Motherhood Report," *Vasari21*, December 3, 2018  
<https://vasari21.com/the-motherhood-report/>  
Ann Landi, "Say It With Flowers, Part One," *Vasari21*, August 13, 2018  
<https://vasari21.com/say-it-with-flowers-part-one/>  
Georgia Erger, "Salon 2017," *Peripheral Vision*, Issue 7, January 31, 2018  
<http://www.peripheralvisionarts.org/>

2017  
Ann Landi, "Open Studios: Part Two," *Vasari21*, June 19, 2017  
<http://vasari21.com/open-studios-part-two/>

2016  
*Studio Visit Magazine* vol. 36

## **RESIDENCIES**

2021-2023  
Kala Art Institute, Berkeley, CA

2022  
In Cahoots Residency, Petaluma, CA (January)

2021  
In Cahoots Residency, Petaluma, CA (May)

2017  
Artist Residency in Motherhood, San Francisco, CA

## RELATED

1997-2018

**Studio Art Instructor**, Private Studio, Boston, MA, Providence, RI, Dallas, TX, San Francisco, CA

2004-5

**Associate Professor**, Collin College, Plano, TX 2D Design, Art Appreciation

2002-5

**Adjunct Professor**, Brookhaven College, Dallas, TX Drawing, Life Drawing, Art Appreciation

2003-5

**Instructor**, Drawing and Painting, Dallas Woman's Club, TX

2004

**Instructor**, Painting, Brookhaven College Community Ed.

2002-4

**Instructor**, Southern Methodist University, Meadows Community Education

2002

Lecture/Presentation, Undergraduate Critiques, Art Academy of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, March 21

**Set Designer**, Caryl Churchill's Cloud 9, Bath House Cultural Center, Dallas, TX

2001-4 **Instructor**, Drawing, Meadows Museum, Dallas, TX

2000-2

**Assistant to Conservator**, Bridwell Library, Conservation Lab, Southern Methodist University Dallas, TX

Books and prints, including medieval manuscripts, Matisse, Picasso, and Durer.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

## COLLECTIONS

Kaiser, Walnut Creek, CA

Dallas College, Dallas, TX

Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX