

Artist statement

Through a deeply personal process, I explore the meditative power of 'Tasalsul', tracing parallels between Sufi philosophy and the contemplative process they inspire. The paintings emerge through an intuitive process shaped by random collages, physicality of the paint, and persistent mark making.

Memory, belonging and lived experiences create a liminal dialogue with the canvas, inviting the viewers into an interplay of chaos and order, impulse and control, gesture and stillness.

The recent works evoke human and animal forms that hover somewhere between the internal and external existences.

Profile

Shireen Kamran (b. 1954, Lahore, Pakistan) creates lyrical and dramatic works reflecting restless mobility, a sensitivity to cultural displacement, and a memory of people and places. Her abstract layered forms may bring to mind silhouetted architecture, minarets and towers. Kamran's titles point at shared layers and lineages of human experience. Kamran received a BSc. degree from the University of Peshawar and a BFA from Concordia University, Montreal.

Education

- 2000 Bachelor of Fine Arts cum laude, Concordia University, Montreal, QC
1976 Certificate, Abassin Arts Council, Peshawar, Pakistan
1975 Bachelor of Science, Peshawar University, Pakistan

Exhibitions

- 2024 Solo exhibition 'Musings' Canvas Gallery, Karachi
2023 Group show 'Uncharted Waters' Oeno gallery, Ontario 2021 Solo exhibition 'Hiatus' Canvas Gallery, Karachi
2020 Group show 'Winter tonic' Oeno Gallery, Picton, Ontario
2019 Group exhibition, 'Intimate Conversations' Royaat Gallery, Lahore 2019 Solo exhibition, Canvas Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
2016 Solo exhibition, Rohtas Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan
2016 Solo exhibition, Galerie St. Laurent + Hill, Ottawa
2016 Solo exhibition, 'Seeking Nothingness' Canvas Gallery, Karachi
2015 Group exhibition, 'Private Mythologies' Satrang Gallery, Islamabad
2014 Solo exhibition 'Soul Matters' Canvas Gallery, Karachi
2014 Solo exhibition 'Soul Matters' Galerie McClure, Montreal
2013 Group show 'Re-imagining the Tree' Oeno Gallery, Picton, Ontario 2012 Solo exhibition 'Of Totems and Minarets, Canvas Gallery, Karachi 2011 Solo exhibition, Recent works, Galerie St. Laurent + Hill, Ottawa 2010 Solo exhibition, The Primordial Dot, Canvas Gallery, Karachi
2010 Savac group exhibition 'Velocity: the rate of change of position' Function 13 Gallery, Toronto 2010 Solo exhibition, Galerie D'Art, D'Outremont, Montreal
2009 Group exhibition Galerie D'Art, D'Outremont, Montreal 2008 The Nocturnal Song, Group show at Alhamra, Lahore
2008 Recent works, Galerie Sandra Goldie Gallery, Montreal
2008 SAVAC juried group show 'Regeneration', Harbour Front Center, Toronto
2007 Solo exhibition, Recent works, Galerie Saint Laurent + Hill, Ottawa
2007 Solo exhibition, The Illuminated Prayer, Maison de la Culture, Riviere-des-Praires 2006 Group exhibition, Parle-moi D'amour, Montreal
2006 Group exhibition, Artuel, Montreal
2006 Solo exhibition, The Illuminated Prayer, Galerie Renée Blain, Brossard 2004 Exhibition, Galerie Sandra Goldie Gallery, Montreal
2004 Solo exhibition, Vieux-Presbytere de Saint-Bruno
2004 Solo exhibition at Georges Laoun gallery, Montreal
2004 Solo exhibition "Where's the heart? / Où est le Coeur?" at Rohtas 1, Islamabad. 2004 Solo exhibition "Where's the heart? / Où est le Coeur?" at Rohtas 1, Lahore.
2003 Group exhibition at Rohtas 2, Lahore, Pakistan
2003 Exhibition of recent works at Wilder & Davis Gallery, Montreal, QC
2003 Group exhibition for the Thomas Moore Institute at La Galerie Loto-Quebec, Montreal
2003 Juried show "L'Esprit Zen" at Centre d'exposition du Vieux-Presbytere de Saint-Bruno
2003 Group exhibition 'Les Femmeuses', Pratt & Whitney, Montreal, QC
2003 Group exhibition in March at Gallery LUZ, Montreal, QC
2002 - 03 Work on exhibit at Galerie d'art – Musée des Beaux-Arts de Montreal 2002 Solo exhibition at Maison de la Culture, N.D.G
2002 Group exhibition, Sandra Goldie Gallery, Montreal
2001 Group exhibition, Gallery Les Modernes, Montreal, QC
2001 Group exhibition, Gallery LUZ, Montreal, QC
2001 'Les Femmeuses', Pratt & Whitney, Montreal, QC
2001 Solo exhibition, 'One Thousand Days/Un Mille jours', Gallery McClure, Montreal, QC
2000 Artwork for 'Denim Dreams' at Musée d'art Contemporain de Montreal, QC
1999 Group exhibition 'Women and Painting', at the Vav Gallery, Montreal, QC
1999 Juried Fiber Show at Edifice Belgo, Montreal, QC
1999 Juried exhibition at the Vav Gallery, Montreal, QC
1999 Awarded the Louis Muhlstock Prize for drawing
1998 Juried exhibition, Gallery Vav, Montreal, QC

Grants & Awards

- 2004 Canada Council of Arts, Travel Grant
1998 Louis Muhlstock Award

Galleries

- Galerie Saint Laurent + Hill, Ottawa
Oeno Gallery, Prince Edward County, Kingston
Canvas Gallery, Karachi