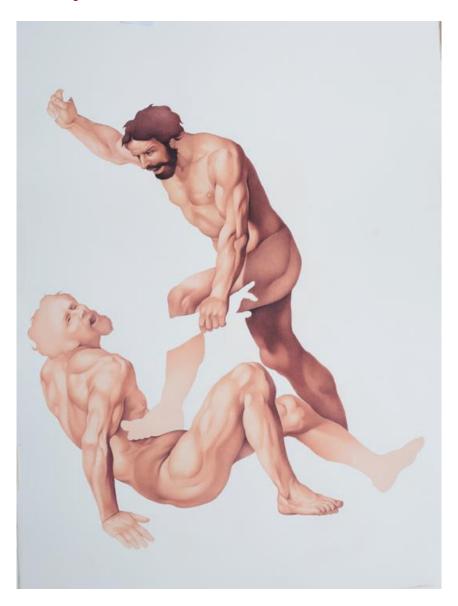


Go Figure

Featuring Komail Aijazuddin, Irfan Hasan, Saba Khan, Saad Qureshi, Hiba Schahbaz, and Salman Toor



Curated by Salman Toor August 11 - September 17, 2016 New York



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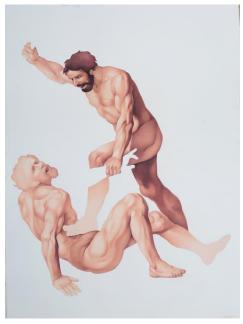
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Aicon Gallery is pleased to present *Go Figure*, an exhibition curated by artist Salman Toor, featuring the work of **Komail Aijazuddin**, **Irfan Hasan**, **Saba Khan**, **Saad Qureshi**, and **Hiba Schahbaz**, as well as the curator's own work.

This is the first gathering of these six artists in a U.S. group show. They are from different provinces, cities and social strata of Pakistan or the Pakistani diaspora in the United States and United Kingdom. Their work shows an impulse toward the illustrative, the graphic and the sensual. Their pictures range from imagined portraits, inner landscapes, female empowerment, quotations from Western Art History, queerness and kitsch. These artists are urban people but they play with pertinent particularities from their personal histories and those of their chosen cities, or homelands.

Irfan Hasan graduated from the National College of Arts in Lahore. Hasan focuses on an internalization, an absorption of European Old Master paintings from various periods of European history into the technical complexities used in traditional miniature painting on handmade paper. While Hasan's pictures point to the



Irfan Hasan, *Kain Zabija Abia*, *After Daniele Crepsi*, 2016, Opaque watercolor on paper, 55 x 40 in.

misleading nature of veneers and the profound way they shape our view of Art History and the world, these are complimented by Saad Qureshi's multimedia images of barren landscapes as inner, spiritual worlds, moving between abstraction and representation.

Hiba Schahbaz, who finished at Pratt Institute and now lives and works in Brooklyn, does nude portraits, challenging perceived ideas about the prescribed role of images and women in Muslim cultures. Komail Aijazuddin, also a graduate of Pratt Institute, uses various traditions of religious art, playing with notions of belief, divinity, and blasphemy. His portraits/altarpieces of virile, sometimes hostile, young men combine the centrality of the idea of martyrdom in the Shia sect of Islam with a Byzantine visual vocabulary to create what he calls "Angry Icons."

Saba Khan, who graduated from the National College of Arts and Boston University, transforms the cheap local Pakistani middle class interior aesthetic into a celebration of over-sweetened bad taste with gleaming decorative materials. Following on his recent solo show at Aicon gallery in October 2015, Salman Toor paints imaginary multiethnic crowds, pointing to the anxieties of our post 9/11 world, and a psychological space where the global and personal concerns intersect.

Please contact Aicon Gallery (NewYork@Aicongallery.com) for more information.



Komail Aijazuddin



Komail Aijazuddin, *Angry Icon*, 2016, Oil and gold leaf on panel, 36 x 24 in.



Komail Aijazuddin



Komail Aijazuddin, *Icon with Arrows*, 2016, Oil and gold leaf on panel, 36 x 24 in.



Komail Aijazuddin



Komail Aijazuddin, Wounded Icon, 2016, Oil and gold leaf on panel, 36 x 24 in.



KOMAIL AIJAZUDDIN

(b. 1984)

Komail Aijazuddin is a visual artist and writer. His practice began as an investigation into what Islamic art might look like had it developed a figurative tradition. Using the Karbala narratives as a starting point, he drew comparisons with Catholic visual traditions. His practice has since expanded to include a larger vocabulary of religious art - illuminations, altar peices, paintings, scrolls, voitce objects - from various traditions. He is interested in the intersecting notions of divinity, belief, blasphemy, the politicisation of religion, statehood and the question of what constitutes personal faith.

He lives and works in New York City and Lahore.

Education

2010	Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY, Masters in Painting (with Distinction)
2006	New York University, New York, NY (2006), B.A (hons) in History of Art, Journalism
	and Studio Art.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

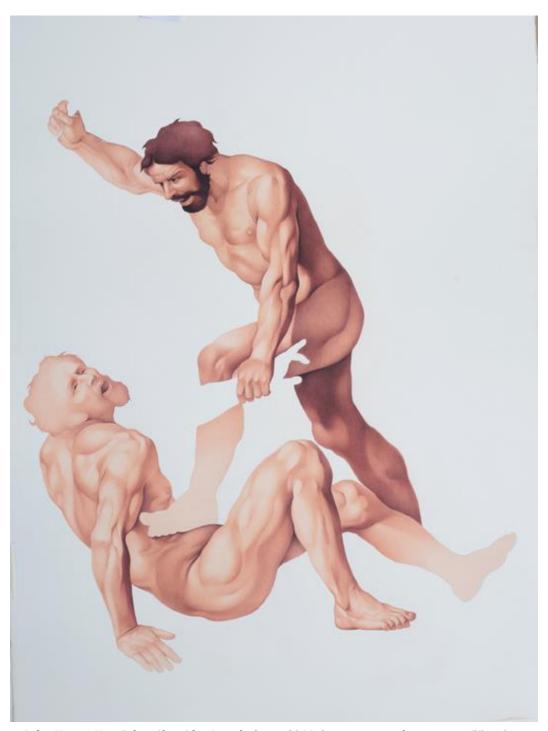
2016	God Particle, 12 Gates Gallery,Philadelphia
2015	Grace in Hand, Khaas Gallery,Islamabad
	Gilt and Conscience, Canvas Gallery,Karachi
2013	Forgetting a Friend, Taseer Art Gallery, Lahore
	Red & Gold, Khaas Gallery, Islamabad
	Pray Tell, Canvas Gallery, Karachi
2011	Altars, Canvas Gallery, Karachi
2010	Art for Gods Sake, Steuben Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
2007	The Other Icons, Iona Gallery, New York

Selected Group Exhibitions

2015	Art 15, Khaas Gallery, London
2013	Contemporary Pakistani Art, Bonhams Auction House, London
	Crossroads, Origine Fine Art, Delhi
2012	Concern Art Auction, Mango House, London
	Band Baja Baraat, Indus Valley School of Art Gallery, Karachi
2011	Bonhams Auction House, Pakistan Rising Charity Auction, London
2009	The Sketchbook, Dock Gallery, Tel Aviv
	Pratt Manhattan, MFA Graduate Exhibition, New York
	Pieces, Laba Gallery, New York
	Symposium, Stueben Gallery, New York
	Body Politik, Rubelle and Norman Schafler Gallery, Brooklyn



Irfan Hasan



Irfan Hasan, *Kain Zabija Abia*, *After Daniele Crepsi*, 2016, Opaque watercolor on paper, 55 x 40 in.



Irfan Hasan



Irfan Hasan, *Mirza Abu'l Hassan*, *After Thomas Lawrence*, 2016, Opaque watercolor on paper, 20×15 in.



Irfan Hasan



Irfan Hasan, *Profile of Moroccan Man, After Josep Tapiró Baró*, 2016, Opaque watercolor on paper, 20 x 15 in.



IRFAN HASAN

b. 1981, Karachi, Pakistan. Lives and works inLahore, Pakistan.

Education

2003 BFA (Distinction)

Specialized in Indo -Persian Miniature Painting National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan

Solo Exhibitions

2014	After, Canvas Gallery Karachi.
2013	The Social"Animals", Koel Gallery Karachi.
2011	Commonwealth Connection International Artist Residency 2010 show ,GCAC Kolkata and Rajya Charukala, Parshad, Department of Information & Cultural Affairs, Kolkata, India
2010	Decoded, The Drawing Room Art Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan.
2008	Coded (Travel Solo Show), IVS gallery Karachi and Alhamra Arts Council, Pakistan
2006	U-Turn Annual Thesis Show, National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan

Selected Group Exhibitions

2014	Between grotesque and sublime, Art 14 London. England.
2013	DIY, curated by Rashid Rana, Canvas Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
	Stop Look Listen curated by Hajra Haider Karrar Canvas Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
	Seven curated by AdeelaSuleman, Full Circle Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
	Riwayti - One night Stand, Performance Art Show, Amin Gulgee Gallery, Karachi,
	Pakistan
2012	Personal Narrative at Melbourne AAF
	Letters to Taseer II, curated by Umer Butt at The Drawing Room, Lahore, Pakistan
	Meiin - The artist and self, curated by Noor Jehan Bilgrami and Amean J, Koel Art
	Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
2011	Silsila, curated by Studio RM Koel Art Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
2010	Art expo Malaysia 2010 ,Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	Slick Art Fair 2010. Paris, France
	Art Omi Residencies Open House, New York, USA
2009	The Moving Image, curated by Sumbul Khan Poppy Seed Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
2008	International Festival of Miniature and Illumination 2009, Algiers, Algeria

Awards

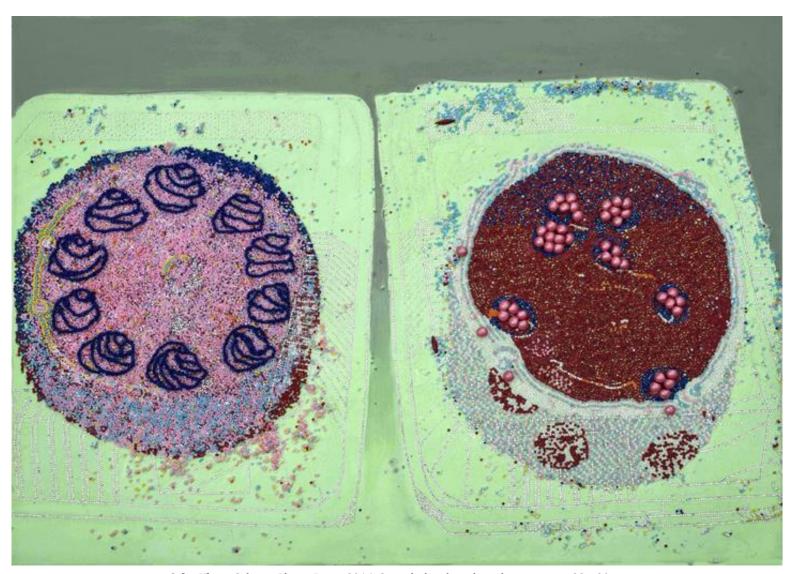
2010	Commonwealth Connection International Artists Residency Award
2007-2008	"Best Young Painter Award", Alhamra Arts Council, Lahore. Pakistan
2006	Distinction Award in Thesis Project





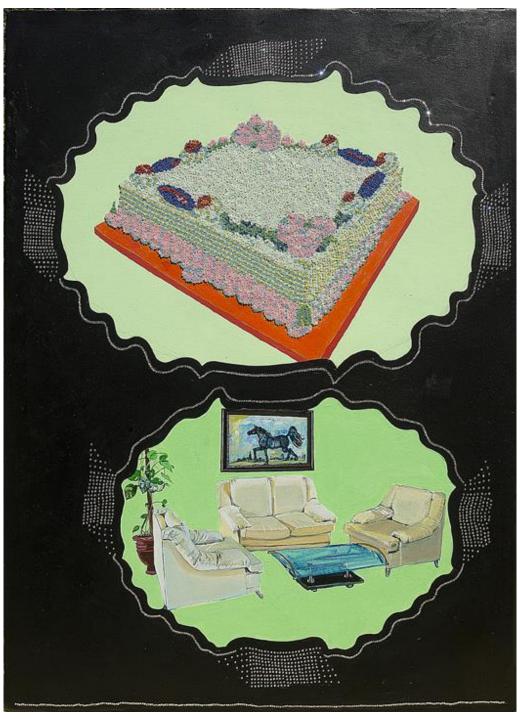
Saba Khan, The Smuggler's Drawing Room, 2016, Crystals, beads and acrylic on canvas, 48 x 96 in.





 $\textbf{Saba Khan}, \textit{Cakes in Plastic Boxes}, 2016, \textit{Crystals}, \textit{beads and acrylic on canvas}, 22 \times 30 \text{ in}.$





Saba Khan, Cake in the Drawing Room with the Bad Painting, 2016, Crystals, beads and acrylic on canvas, 30×22 in.





Saba Khan, *Dream House on a Rainy Day*, 2016, Crystals, beads and acrylic on canvas, 7×9.5 in.



SABA KHAN

Born in Lahore, Pakistan in 1982. Lives and works in Lahore.

Education

2010	MFA, Boston University, Boston, USA
2005	BFA, National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan

Solo Exhibitions

2012	The Encorachment, Rohtas 2 Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan, September 12-22
2011	Culture Shock, Canvas Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan, January
2010	When in Boston, Rohtas 2, Lahore, Pakistan, December
2009	Ajaib-ul-Mukhloqaat (Odd Beings), Drawing Room Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan, March

Group Exhibitions

2015 2014	White Turban Notebook Launch, X2, Lahore Waxing Lyrical, Chawkandi Art Gallery, Karachi Murree Museum Artists' Residency Show, Resource Center, Murree Islamabad Literature Festival, Islamabad. Curator: Lavinia Filippi Lahore Literary Festival, Lahore. Curator: Qudsia Rahim, Amra Khan
2012	Seven, Full Circle Gallery, Karachi, November. Curator: Adeela Suleman Stop, Pause, Play, Repeat, LawrieShabibi, Dubai, UAE. Curator: Nafisa Rizvi The Colour of the Narrative, Bangkok Art and Culture Centre, Bangkok, Thailand. Curator: Salima Hashmi (cat.)
	In Praise of Red, Royat Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan, February. Curator: Quddus Mirza
	Mein, Koel Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan, February. Curator: Amean J. (cat.)
	<i>Letters to Taseer</i> , Drawing Room Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan, January. Curator: Salima Hashmi
2011	Zero Hour, Drawing Room Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan, November. Curator: Asad
2011	Hayee (Rohtas 2 and Reprieve)
	Pakistan Rising, Mica Gallery, London, UK, November
	6x3, Koel Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan, August. Curator: Ussman Ghauri
	<i>Urban Condition,</i> Poppy Seed Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan, May. Curator: Sumbal Khan
	Silsila, Koel Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan, February (cat.)
2010	MFA Degree Show, 808 Gallery, Boston, USA, April
	Strange Days: The Uncanny in Pakistani Contemporary Art, Drawing Room Gallery,
2009	Lahore, Pakistan, March. Curator: Dr. Atteqa Ali (cat.) Boston Days", Commonwealth Gallery, Boston University, Boston, USA, December
2007	International Art Festival, Kathmandu, Nepal, September (cat.)
	Separating Myth from Reality, Status of Women, Rohtas 2, Lahore, Pakistan,
	September
2008	Monitor 4, South Asian Film Festival, SAVAC, Toronto, Canada, March
2007	SAARC Artists, Lalit Kala Akademy, Delhi, India

	7th Karafilm Festival, Karachi, Pakistan, November (cat.)
2006	Visions of the Future, Al-Hamra Arts Council, Lahore, Pakistan, February (cat.)
	Emerging Talent, V.M. Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan, January
2005	BFA Degree Show, National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan, December
2003	Exploration, Co-opera Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan, September

Awards and Residencies

2014	Residency, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT, USA
	Juror, Textiles Thesis show, Beaconhouse University, Lahore, Pakistan
2012	Nominated for The Future Generation Art Prize, Victor Pinchuk Foundation
2011	Juror, UNESCO Aschberg Bursary, Civitella Ranieri Foundation, Umbertide, Italy
2009 - 2010	Scholarship, Boston University
2008 - 2010	Fulbright/USAID, Master's Degree
2007	Fellowship, UNESCO Aschberg Bursary, Civitella Ranieri Foundation, Umbertide,
	Italy
	Residency, SAARC Artists' Camp, Seher Foundation, Jaisalmer, India
2006	Best Painting Award, 'Vision of the Future', Al-Hamra Arts Council, Lahore, Pakistan
2005	Distinction in Final Thesis, National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan
2003-2004	Merit Scholarship, National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan



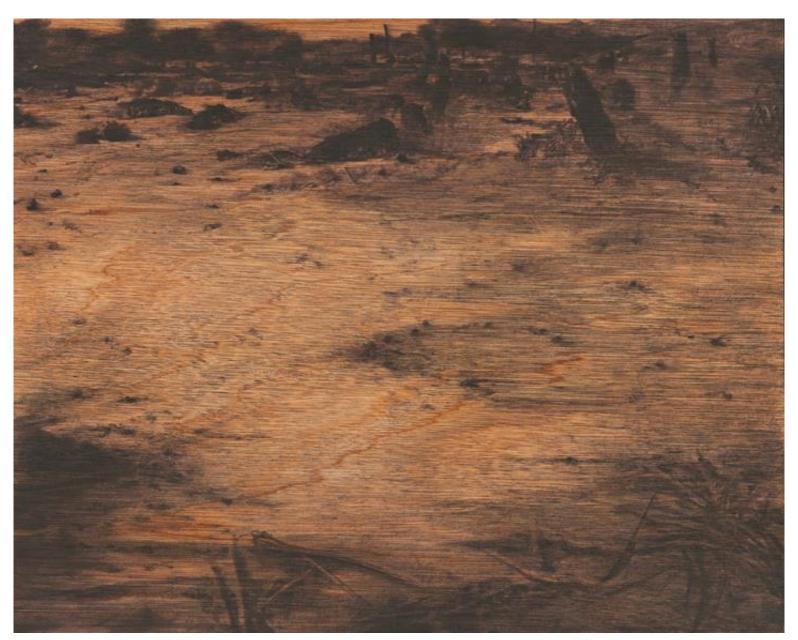
Saad Qureshi



 $\textbf{Saad Qureshi}, \textit{All our Yesterdays}, 2014, \textit{Charcoal, pastel, Indian ink on gaboon plywood, 47} \\ x 67 in.$



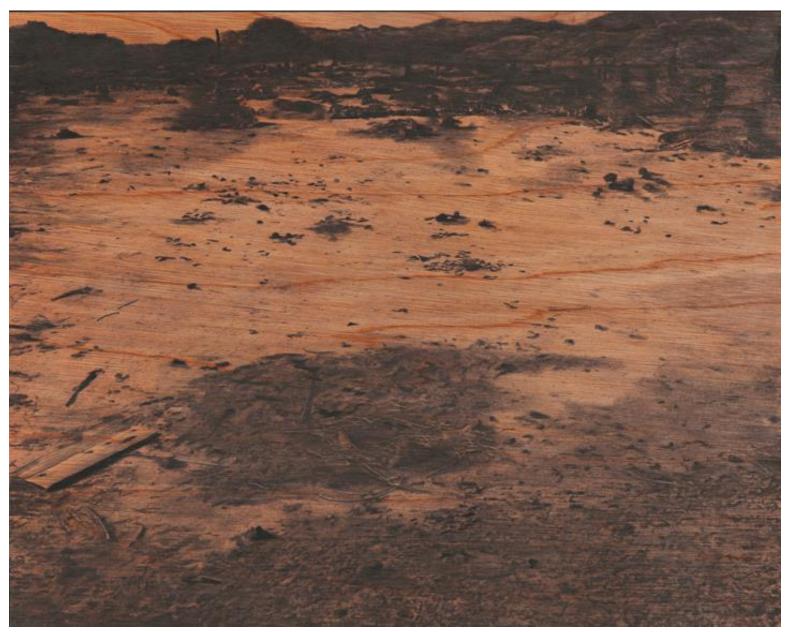
Saad Qureshi



Saad Qureshi, Honorable Wounds, 2014, Charcoal, pastel, Indian ink on gaboon plywood, 20 x 25 in.



Saad Qureshi



Saad Qureshi, To the Last Drop, 2014, Charcoal, pastel, Indian ink on gaboon plywood, 20 x 25 in.



SAAD QURESHI

Born in 1986.

Lives and works in London.

Education

The Slade School of Fine Art, UCL. MFA, Painting

Solo Exhibitions

2014	Congregation, Gazelli Art House, London
2013	In the Remains, Aicon Gallery, New York
2012	Other Crescents, other moons, Gazelli Art House, London

Group Exhibitions

2014	Threads, Museum voor Moderne Kunst, Arnheim
	Légère Inquiétude, Curated by Pascale Krief, White Project Gallery, Paris
2013	Art Basel Hong Kong, Gazelli Art House
	Artissima, Gazelli Art House, Torino
	Tectonic, Moving Museum, Dubai
	Ruins, ArtEco Gallery, London
2012	Celeste Prize Show, Cetrale Montemartini,
	Bursary Show, Royal British Society of Sculptors, London
	Breeder, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London
	20/12 London Art Now, National Trust Lodge Park, Gloucestershire
	Viennafair 2012, Gazelli Art House, London
	Creative Cities Collection London in 2012, Barbican Exhibition Hall.
	This is London, Shizaru Mayfair
	HK12 Hong Kong, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art
	the open west, Gloucester Cathedral
2011	Landscape and Memory, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, Amsterdam
2011	Down to Earth, Gazelli Art House London
2010	Gift, 10 Vyner Street, London.
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	Disappearing in Yesterday, Aicon Gallery, London. Between, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London
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	Deceit, Hackney Wicked Festival, London
2000	Red Mansion Foundation Art Prize Show, London
2009	Wound, Aicon Gallery, London
	Don't Raise The Bridge, Lower The River!, Saatchi Gallery, London
2000	Systems and Patterns, Westbourne Studios, London
2008	Obsessions, Modern Art Oxford
2007	thirst*, Beldam Gallery, Brunel University, Uxbridge
	Spark, Fireplace Gallery, Oxford
	University Degree Show, Oxford Brookes
2006	Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, London

Awards

2012	Celeste Prize, Rome. Sculpture Shortlist
	Royal British Society of Sculptors Bursary Award
2011	Lecturis Award, Amsterdam. Shortlist
2009	The Red Mansion Foundation Prize
2008	Arts and Humanities Research Council. Postgraduate Award
2004	Oxford Brookes University Scholarship
	Spellman Walker Art Prize

Residency

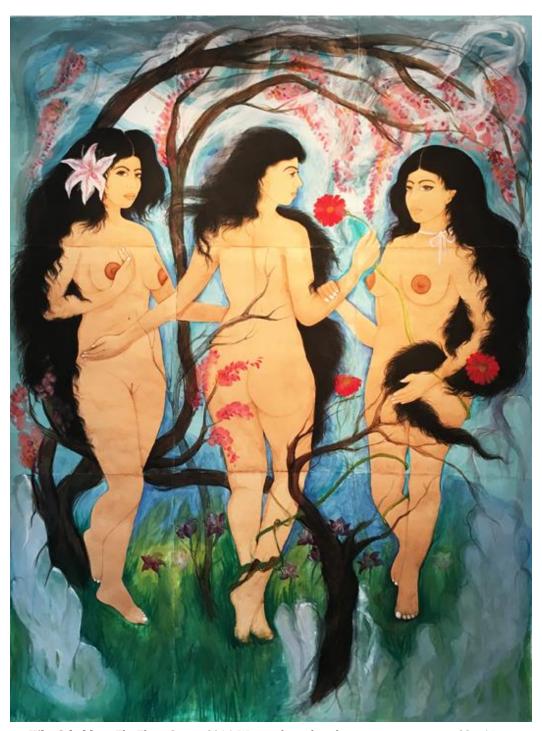
2009 BBC 2, School of Saatchi, London The International Art Zone, Beijing

Collections

Dipti Mathur Collection, California The Farjam Foundation Collection, Dubai Creative Cities Collection, Beijing Boston Consulting Group Almarkhiya Gallery, Qatar Various Private Collections



Hiba Schahbaz



Hiba Schahbaz, *The Three Graces*, 2016, Watercolor, ink and poster paint on paper, 82×64 in.



Hiba Schahbaz



Hiba Schahbaz, Self-Portrait after The Grande Odalisque, 2016, Tea and watercolor on paper, 22.5 x 31.5 in.



Hiba Schahbaz



Hiba Schahbaz, Untitled, 2016, Tea and watercolor on paper, 22.5×31.5 in.



HIBA SCHAHBAZ

Hiba Schahbaz is a Brooklyn-based artist who works in the centuries-old art form of miniature painting. She trained in miniature painting at the National College of Arts in Lahore, Pakistan and received an MFA in Painting from Pratt Institute in New York City. In addition to exhibiting her work internationally in galleries and fairs including the Vienna Art Fair and Scope NYC, Schahbaz has curated exhibitions of miniature paintings in Pakistan and India. She was an artist-in residence at the Vermont Studio Center and The Wassaic Project and has taught miniature painting as part of the Alfred Z. Solomon Residency at the Tang Museum. She is a teaching artist at the Art Students League of New York.

Education

2012	Pratt Institute, New York Master of Fine Arts in Painting Museum Studies
2003	National College of Arts, Lahore Bachelor of Fine Arts in Miniature Painting Minors
	in Printmaking, Sculpture, Product Design
1999	Karachi Grammar School, Karachi A-levels in 4 subjects
1997	Karachi Grammar School, Karachi O-levels in 10 subjects

Exhibitions

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2015	Solo show, Thierry Goldberg Gallery, New York, NY Touch of Remembrance, Curated by Grace Noh, 103 Allen Street, NY
	On-Lined Paper, Works on paper exhibit for launch of bfpcreative, Brooklyn, NY
	Hang Together: Collaborative Work & Practices, Pratt Institue Library, Brooklyn,NY
2014	Sugarlift Volume 001, The Yard, Brooklyn, NY
	Grab Bag, Trestle Project Space Brooklyn, NY
	Hrönir: Un-Lost Things, Temporary Storage Gallery at BFP, Brooklyn, NY
	Sugartlift Editions Launch Party , Sugarlift, Brooklyn, NY
	Large & Small, Kentler International Drawing Space, Brooklyn, NY
	Playdate, BCS Gallery,ARPNY, NY
	By Invitation Only , Curated by Renee Ricardo, Mickalene Thomas, Andrew Gori &
	Ambre Kelly at Kinz + Tillou Fine Art, Brooklyn, NY
	American Beauty, A solo exhibit at Twelve Gates Arts, Philadelphia
	The New Originals, Gallery HO. New York
2013	WAH bridges Bushwick, Williamsburg Art and Historical Center, Brooklyn, NY
	The Emo Show, The Elizabeth Foundation, New York
	Voyage Autour de Ma Chambre, An exhibition by Noire Gallery at Villa Flor,
	Switzerland
	Salaam Bombay: Beauty & Chaos in the Urban Environment curated by Jasmine Wahi
	Twelve Gates Arts, Philadelphia
2012	<i>In Memory</i> , Noire Gallery, Torino Italy
	Two Person Exhibition, Twelve Gates Arts, Philadelphia
	Thesis Exhibition , Dekalb Gallery, Pratt Institute, NY

Re-Imagine: Ourselves , Ukrainian Institute of America in New York.

Excavation/Memory, Ed Varie, NY

2011	14th annual Postcards From the Edge, Cheim and Read.
2011	Curate NYC, Online exhibition at curatenyc.org.
	Curate NYC, Rush Arts Gallery, Manhattan, NY.
2010	Fracture, Steuben South Gallery, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn NY
2010	In Search of the Exquisite: Contemporary Pakistani Miniature, Ganges Art, Calcutta
	Hutheesing Art Centre, Ahmedabad
2009	Miniature Art Show, Revivers Galleria, Lahore
	<i>Khalq-e-Khuda</i> , Chawkandi Gallery, Karachi
	Then and Now ,Ahmad Pervaiz Gallery, Karachi
	Redo Pakistan, Gulrang Gallery, Karachi , Alhamra Arts Council, Lahore ,Depford
	Project Space, London , Watermans Arts Centre, London
	Line Drawing in Contemporary Art, The Workshop Gallery, Bailystock
	Faculty art 4, Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture Gallery, Karachi
2008	Interlinked, Ejaz Art Gallery, Lahore
	International Exhibition Jamshoro
2007	National College of Arts Alumni Show, Zahoor ul Akhlaq Gallery, Lahore
2005	Solo Exhibit, The Art Gallery, Karachi
2004	Artfest'04, Sheraton, Karachi
2003	Implosions, National College of Arts, Lahore
2003	Drawn, Royaat Gallery, Lahore
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Honors and Awards

2015	The Ruth Katzman Scholarship, The League Residency at VYT
	The Alfred Z. Solomon Residency, The Tang Museum & Skidmore College
2014	Artist fellowship, Wassaic Artist Residency
2013	Artist grant, Vermont Studio Center
2012	Honorarium: STARTALK, University of Pennsylvania
	Excellence in Academic Achievement Award, Pratt Institute
	Izchak Friedman Endowed Scholarship, Pratt Institute
2011	Graduate Scholarship, Pratt Institute
	Senior Internship Award, Pratt Institute
2004	Graduated with Honors, National College of Arts
1999	The Saeed Haroon Memorial Prize for Journalism, Karachi Grammar School





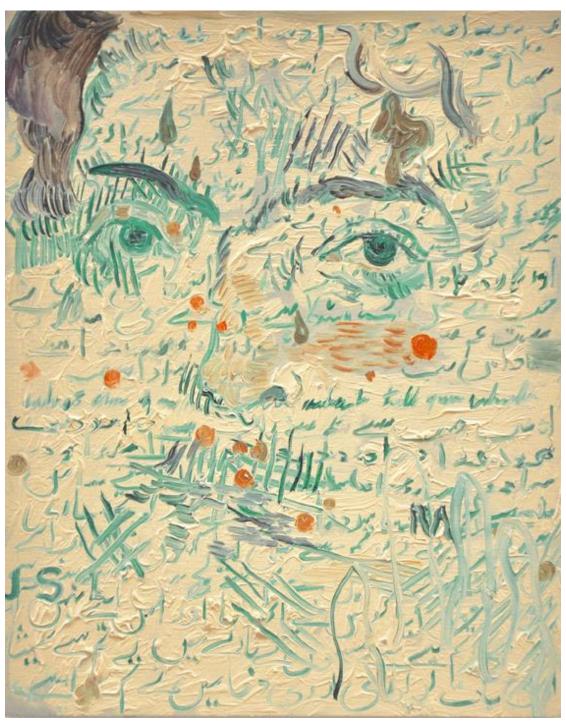
Salman Toor, Imagined Multicultural Audience, 2016, Oil on panel, 24×30 in.





Salman Toor, *Humiliated Ancestor* #1, 2016, Oil on panel, 24 x 12 in.





Salman Toor, *Humiliated Ancestor #2*, 2016, Oil on panel, 10×8 in.





Salman Toor, *Humiliated Ancestor #3*, 2016, Oil on panel, 14 x 14 in.





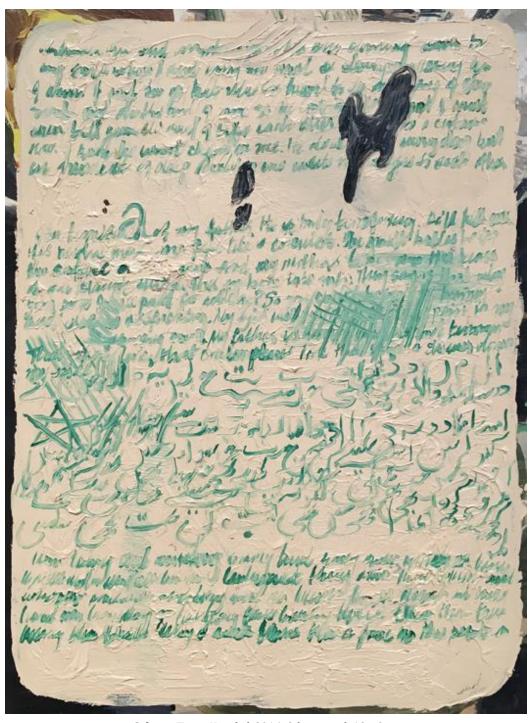
Salman Toor, *Humiliated Ancestor #4*, 2016, Oil on panel, 14 x11 in.





Salman Toor, *Humiliated Ancestor* #5, 2016, Oil on panel, 10×8 in.





Salman Toor, *Untitled*, 2016, Oil on panel, 12 x 9 in.



SALMAN TOOR

Born in Lahore, Pakistan in 1983 and living and working in Brooklyn, New York, Toor received his Masters of Fine Art (Painting) at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn in 2009. Toor's works have ranged in style from meticulously executed nineteenth century-style history painting to loosely painted and abstracted figuration employing design elements and visual language from both Eastern and Western pop culture. He has had several solo exhibitions in the U.S. and Pakistan and has been featured both as an artist and a writer in publications such as ArtAsiaPacific, Wall Street International, The Express Tribune, and The Friday Times.

Education

2009	Masters of Fine Art (Painting), The Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York
2006	Bachelors of Fine Art (Painting and Drawing), with Honors, Ohio Wesleyan
	University, Delaware, OH

Select Solo Exhibitions

2015	Resident Alien, Aicon Gallery, New York
	Salman Toor: Drawings from 'The Electrician', Honey Ramka, New York
2014	Close Quarters, Canvas Gallery, Karachi
2013	The Happy Servant, Aicon Gallery, New York
2011	<i>I ♥Kitsch</i> , Rohtas II Gallery, Lahore
2010	New Paintings, Canvas Gallery Karachi
2009	Three Paintings, The Cultural Center, Kahlo Gallery, Hampshire College,
	Amherst Massachusetts
2008	Look See, Studio O, Lahore
2005	The Return of the Real, Alhambra Arts Council Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan

Select Group Exhibitions

2015	Eat Pray Thug, Aicon Gallery, New York
2014	Wretch, Honey Ramka, New York
2013	Cinephiliac: Art Transcending Technology and Motion, Twelve 'Gates Art
	Gallery', Philadelphia
2013	Return of The Native, Rohtas II Gallery, Lahore
2012	Stop, Play, Pause, Repeat, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai
2010	All about Us, Canvas Gallery, Karachi
2009	Wounds, Aicon Gallery, London
	Purdah: Body Matters, The Halvai Gallery, New York
	Exchange Show, Montclair University MFA Gallery, Montclair, New Jersey
	Pratt MFA Thesis Show, Stueben Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
	I Think The Word Is Dignity, Lumenhouse Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
	Skin Deep, Kips Gallery, New York
2008	Pratt in Lucca, Piazza del Anfiteatro, Lucca, Italy