

# Tanya Leighton

SARA ISSAKHARIAN

Born 1983 in Tehran, Iran  
Lives and works between Los Angeles, Berlin and Tehran

## Education

2015 MFA, New York Academy of Art, New York  
2008 BA Social Science, UCLA, Los Angeles

## Solo Exhibitions

2023 Tanya Leighton, Berlin (forthcoming)  
2021 *There's a whole life in that, in knowing that the sun is there*, Tanya Leighton, Los Angeles  
2020 *Open Window*, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin  
2014 University of Science and Culture, Tehran, Iran  
Tarahane Azad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

## Selected Group Exhibitions

2022 *Body Language*, Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York  
*Abstract Now*, Site131, Dallas, Texas  
2019 *Parent Portraits*, Westbeth Gallery, New York  
2018 *By the Lights of Their Eyes*, Shulamit Nazarian, Los Angeles  
2017 *About Face*, New York Academy of Art  
Mana Contemporary, New York  
2015 Leila Heller Gallery, New York  
*MFA Thesis show*, New York Academy of Art, New York  
2014 State Gallery of Fine Arts, Hyderabad, India  
*Take Home A Nude*, New York Academy of Art, New York  
2013 *Art LA Project*, Bergamot Station, Los Angeles  
2010 *The Emerging Iranian Scene*, Running Horse Contemporary Art  
Space, Beirut, Lebanon  
*Under Radar Revelation*, Sixty-Six Gallery, Tehran, Iran  
*1389*, Azad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran  
2009 *Baz In Che Shoresh Ast*, Silk Road Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran  
Art Center, Tehran, Iran  
*Auto Portraits*, Azad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran  
Nar Gallery, Tehran, Iran  
2007 *100 paintings-100 painters*, Golestan Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran  
2004 Tehran Art Expose, Tehran, Iran

## Fellowships and Residencies

2019 Künstlerhaus Bethanien Art Residency, Berlin  
2016 LIA Leipzig Art Residency, Leipzig, Germany  
2015 New York Academy of Art Scholarship, USA  
2014 Russia Residency (sponsored by NYAA), Moscow, Russia  
2006 University of California Los Angeles Scholarship

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## Publications

- 2015 Art Olympia, Tokyo
- 2013 Art LA Magazine, Los Angeles, California
- 2009 Tandis Art Magazine, Tehran

## Selected Bibliography

- 2022 Lauren Smart, "At Site 131, Sara Issakharian's epic 'Storied Cloud' painting astounds", *The Dallas Morning News*, March 2022
- Claudia Ross, "On coping with pain through your imagination", *The Creative Independent*, January 2022
- 2021 Sola Saar Agustsson, "Artists at Work: Sara Issakharian", *east of borneo*, December 2021
- Claudia Ross, "Dance of the Wild Men: Felix Art Fair 202", *east of borneo*, September 2021
- Rachel Denniston, "5 Must-See Artists at Felix Art Fair in Los Angeles This Weekend", *California Art Review*, 1 August 2021