

# 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, Los Angeles

2022 *Behold mother, I make all things new*, Tanya Leighton, Berlin

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

2025 *California*, Timothy Taylor, London

2024 *Overflow, Afterglow: New Work in Chromatic Figuration*, The Jewish Museum, New York

2023 *Elsewheres*, UTA Artist Space, Los Angeles

*Eugenics in the Garden*, Tureen, Dallas

*Coming Across: Expression and Empowerment*, Analog Diary, Beacon, New York

*Think Pinker*, Gavlak, Los Angeles

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 Shores 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

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## 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

## 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

## Permanent Collections

- The Jewish Museum, New York
- The Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
- The University of Chicago Booth School of Business
- The Nasher Collection, Texas