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Education:

Award winning graduate of OCAD University, Toronto, Canada, 2003
Bachelor of Art, Allameh Tabatabaie University (Damavand College), Tehran, Iran, 1983
Art work shops with Mr. Harold Klunder, a prominent Canadian visual artist, 2003-2004

Achievements:

2014 **2014 Iranian Canadian Congress (ICC) Achievement Award**, in the category of Excellence in Community Contribution for the Arts field, Toronto

2013, 2011 **RBC Sponsored Iranian Art Community Representative, Tirgan Festival**, Displayed & Autographed selected work used in RBC promotional material, Toronto

2012, 2010 **Recipient of the Ontario Arts Council Grant**

2011 **Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Sponsored Iranian Art Community Representative, Cultura Festival**, Displayed & Autographed selected work used in RBC promotional Material, Toronto

2009 **Second Prize Award**, "Drawing 2009", 10th Annual Juried Drawing Exhibition, John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto

2008 **Jurors' Award of Merit**, 2008 Annual York Region Juried Exhibition, Varley Art Gallery, Unionville, Ontario

2008 **Signature Member Award**, of the Toronto Watercolour Society, Toronto

2007 **Jurors' Merit Award**, 34th Annual Juried Show, Art Gallery of Peel, Brampton, Ontario

2007 **Second Prize Award**, Annual Juried Exhibition, Latcham Gallery, Stouffville, Ontario

2007 **Community Arts Ontario**, selection of work for the cover of spring 2007 issue of Community Arts Matters! (CAM) newspaper, Toronto

2006 **Grand Prize Award**, First Annual Vortex Art Competition, Hosted by Blue Man Group, Toronto

2005 **Juror's Merit Award**, 2005 Juried Exhibition, Thames Art Gallery, Chatham, Ontario

2004 **First Prize Award**, the 6th National Biennial Competition of Art and Paper, Ottawa

2004 **Honorable Mention**, the 6th Tehran Contemporary Painting Biennial, Society of Iranian Painters, Tehran, Iran

2003 **Dorothy Hoover Award** for excellence in originality and innovation, OCAD, Toronto

2003 Live demonstration of newly invented technique, "**Breakfast Television**", "**City TV**", Toronto

Solo Exhibitions:

2012 "Walls of Prejudice", McKary Art Centre, Unionville, Ontario.

2012 "Walls of Prejudice, part 2", Mohawk College community Centre, Hamilton, Ontario

2009 "The Charm of Beauty", McKay Art Centre, Unionville, Ontario.

2009 "Toronto's Multiculturalism", Markham Mayor's Office, Honorable Frank Scarpitti, Markham, Ontario

2007 "Diversity", Loop Gallery, Toronto

1997 "Memory", North York Art Gallery, Toronto

1996 "Treasure of My Past", Pleasant View Community Branch, Toronto

1994 "Joy", Barg Gallery, Tehran, Iran

Juried Exhibitions:

2013	“Annual Spring Juried Show”, Willowdale Group of Artists, Toronto
2011	“50/50 2 nd Annual Juried Art Exhibition”, Queen Gallery, Toronto
2010	“Juried Show”, Beaux-Arts Brampton Gallery, Brampton, Ontario
2010-08	“Annual Spring Juried Show”, Willowdale Group of Artists, Toronto
2009	“Drawing 2009”, 10 th Annual Juried Drawing Exhibition, John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto
2008	“2008 Annual York Region Juried Exhibition”, Varley Art Gallery, Unionville, Ontario
2008	“Aquavision 2008”, Toronto Watercolour Society 24 th Juried Fall Exhibition, Toronto
2008	“Celebrating Tirgan”, Tiragan Festival, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
2008	“2008 Juried Show”, McKay Art Centre, Unionville, Ontario
2008-07	“Annual Juried Exhibition”, Latcham Gallery, Stouffville, Ontario
2007	“34 th Annual Juried Show”, Art Gallery of Peel, Brampton, Ontario
2007	“Canadian Artists without Borders”, Varley Art Gallery of Markham, Unionville, Ontario
2007	“Aquavision 2007”, Toronto Watercolour Society’s 22 nd Spring Juried Show, Thera Gallery, Toronto
2006	“Visual Arts Mississauga”, 29th Annual Juried Show of Fine Arts, Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, Ontario
2006	“Legacy of the Circle: Thornhill Artists Today”, McKay Art Centre, Unionville, Ontario
2006	“Vortex”, Blue Man Group’s Annual Vortex Art Competition, Panasonic Theater, Toronto
2005	“2005 Juried Exhibition”, Thames Art Gallery, Chatham, Ontario
2005	“Transitive: Toronto Artists in St. Petersburg”, Kabat Wrobel Gallery, Toronto
2005	“Aquavision 2005”, Toronto Watercolor Society’s 21 st juried Fall Show, Toronto
2005	“58 th Annual Art Show”, Willowdale Group of Artists, Toronto
2005-02	Etobicoke Civic Centre Art Gallery, Toronto
2004	“Art & Paper VI”, the 6th National Biennial Competition of Art and Paper, Galerie d'Art Jean-Claude Bergeron, Ottawa
2004	“The 6th Tehran Contemporary Painting Biennial”, Contemporary Museum of Arts, Tehran, Iran
2003	“Roots”, OCAD Gallery, Toronto
2003	“Go West”, S.P.I.N Gallery, Toronto
2003-2000	“Spring Show”, Willowdale Group of Artists, Toronto
2002-2000	“Aquavision”, Toronto Watercolor Society’s Annual Fall Show, Toronto
2000	“Red Hot” Show, Toronto Watercolor Society, OCAD Gallery, Toronto
1999	38th Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Nathan Philips Square, Toronto

Non-Juried Group Exhibitions:

2014	“Nowruz Festival”, Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, Richmond Hill
2014-2007	“The 2007-2014 Heintzman Invitational Art Show”, Heintzman House, Thornhill, Ontario
2013	“Wall”, Arta Gallery, Toronto
2012	“Iranian Heritage Day”, Royal Ontario Museum (ROM), Toronto
2012	“Norouz 2012”, Queen Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
2011	“The Group Show”, Art & Mind Studio, Oakville, Ontario
2011-08	“Varley Art Instructors Annual Exhibition”, McKay Art Centre, Unionville, Ontario
2010	“Spider In The Gardens”, 2010 Annual Spider Jones Fine Art Auction, Believe To Achieve Organization, Artworld of Sherway Gallery, Toronto
2010	“Norouz Group Show”, Queen Gallery, Toronto
2009	“Unmask Your Passion for Art”, Varley Art Gallery, Unionville, Ontario
2009	“Mayer’s Art Showcase”, Markham Civic Centre, Markham, Ontario
2007	“Iranian artists’ Cultural Reunion”, Six Weeks of Iranian Art Show, Headbones Gallery, Toronto
2007	“The Group Show”, Sole Gallery, Toronto

- 2006 “Silence of Colours”, Persian New Year Festival, “Under the Azure Dome”, Marilyn Brewer Community Space, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
- 2005 “10th Annual Members’ Fundraising Show”, Aspace Gallery, Toronto
- 2005 “Harmony in Nature”, The Richmond Hill Academy of Music and Arts, Richmond Hill
- 2004 Society of Canadian Artists Exhibition, Society of Canadian Artists, Heliconian Hall, Toronto
- 2003 "Autumn Art Show", Society of Canadian Artists, Hummingbird Center, Toronto
- 2003 88th Annual Student Exhibition, OCAD, Toronto
- 2002 "Thought Images", Gallery 401, Toronto
- 2002 "Art Exhibition for International Women's Day", Irena Art Gallery, Toronto
- 2000-1998 OCAD Open house Exhibition, Toronto
- 1996 Iranian's Arts & Culture Centre, Toronto

Charity/Auctions and Donations:

- 2014 Fundraising for Paradise Charity Group, Toronto
- 2012 Fundraising for the survivors of the earthquake in Azarbaijan, Iran, Pariya Centre, Toronto
- 2010 “Spider In The Gardens”, 2010 Annual Spider Jones Fine Art Auction, Believe To Achieve Organization, Artworld of Sherway Gallery, Toronto
- 2009 “Unmask Your Passion for Art”, Varley Art Gallery Fine Art Auction, Unionville, Ontario
- 2008 “If the Shoe Fits”, the 10th Annual Varley Gallery Fine Art Auction, Varley Gallery, Unionville
- 2003 "Salute to Spring", fundraising for “The Rotary Club of Willowdale”, Willowdale Group of Artists, Toronto
- 2001&1999 "The Millennium Artists Art Exhibition", fundraising for the 'Sunny Brook Hospital', Wagner-Rosenbaum Gallery, Toronto

Professional Affiliations:

- 2010 to date Member of Iranian Women’s Organization of Ontario (I.W.O.O)
- 2003 to date Member of Association of Professional Visual Artists (CARFAC), Toronto
- 2003 to date Member of Canadian Artists Representation Copyright Collective Inc (CARCC)
- 2001 to date Member of Willowdale Group of Artists (WGA), Toronto
- 2000 to date Signature Member of Toronto Watercolor Society (TWS), Toronto
- 2007-03, 10 Member of the Aspace Gallery, Toronto
- 2008 Member of Markham Group of Artists (MGA), Markham
- 2007-06 Member of the Loop Gallery, Toronto
- 2007-03 Elected Member of Society of Canadian Artists (SCA), Toronto

Selected Media:

Print

- 2014 “Recognition of Iranian Community contributors in the annual Iranian Canadian Congress’s Gala”, by Nasrin Almasi, Shahrvand Publication, Vol. 23 No 1488 May 01, 2014
- 2014 “Recognition of Shamsi Shahrokhi’s artistic success”, Salam Toronto, Weekly Newspaper, Vol.14 No. 672 Thursday May 01, 2014
- 2013 “Shamsi Shahrokhi, An Innovative Artist Woman”, by Farah Arya, Iranstar, Toronto’s Weekly News and Entertainment, Vol.19- No.958, April 25, 2013
- 2012 “Iranian Heritage Day at the Royal Ontario Museum”, ROM Newsletter, May 26, 2012
- 2012 “Iranian Heritage Day”, by Mashoud Nasserri, Salam Toronto, Weekly Newspaper, Vol. 12 No. 576 Thursday May 24, 2012

- 2009 "Thornhill Artist Awarded at Varley Art Gallery", Snap Markham, Vol.2 No.6
January 2009
- 2008 "Shamsi Shahrokhi an Innovative Artist", Salam Toronto, Weekly Newspaper, Vol. 9
No. 402 Thursday November 27, 2008
- 2008 "Award Winner ", Iranjavan magazine, Vol. 14 Issue 726, 20 November 2008
- 2008 Interview by Iran javan magazine, Vol. 14 Issue 715, 4 September 2008
- 2007 "Displaying the coexistence of cultures through my artworks", by Niaz Salimi,
Shahrvand, Persian Weekly Newspaper, Vol.16- No.1124, May 3, 2007
- 2007 "Iranian Artists in Canadian Artists without Borders Exhibition", by Farah Taheri,
Shahrvand, Persian Weekly Newspaper, Vol.16- No.1111, 1 February 2007
- 2006 Distinguished Women, by Golzar Yaghobpour, Salam Toronto Newspaper. Vol.6,
No. 268, 9 March 2006
- 2006 Metro, Free Daily News, Weekend Issue, March 3-5, 2006
- 2006 News and Notes, Art line, Toronto Water Colour Society Newsletter, February 2006 Issue
- 2006 Successful Persian Women in Canada, by Farah Taheri, Shahrvand, Persian Weekly
Newspaper, Vol.15- No.1064, 10 March 2006
- 2006 Getting to Know our WGA Members, Willowdale Group of Artists Newsletter,
February 2006 Issue
- 2005 Shahrvand, Persian Weekly Newspaper. Volume 15- No 1041, 9 December 2005
- 2005 Iran Star, Persian Weekly Newspaper. Volume 12, No.593, 16 December 2005
- 2004 Dispatch, the Newsletter of Canadian Artists' Representation Ontario. Volume10,
11 June 2004
- 2004 Peykrooz, Persian Newspaper. Volume2, No.85, July 2004 Issue
- 2003 New Art Form Heats Up, Art line, Toronto Water Colour
September 2003 Issue

Television /Radio

- 2012 Radio Interview by Ahad Mahmoudian, Radio Roya, 26 December 2012
http://www.radoroya.com/program-142-Shamsi_Shahrokhi_Interview#.UTaeOff_6os
- 2012 "Darichehaye Robrro", T. V. Interview by Amir Mahim, ITC TV, June 2012
- 2008 Radio Interview by Shahnaz Hashemi, Radio Sedayeh Iran, 27 April 2008
- 2007 "York Region Living", Rogers Television Interview by Sameen Amin, Channel 10,
April 2007
- 2007 Radio Interview by Maryam Aghvami, Radio Farda, February 2007
- 2006 "Daytime Toronto", Rogers Television Interview, Segment 3, Blue Man Group,
Channel 10, April 2006
- 2006 "Chehreha", T.V. Interview by Lili Nabavi, AFN TV, March 2006
- 2006-05 Radio Interview by Maryam Aghvami, Radio Farda, May & December 05, February 06

Online

- 2007 "A New Take on TTC Transfers", Blog TO, Posted by Tim Shore, March 9,
<http://www.blogto.com/author/tim/2>
- 2007 "Canadian Artists without Borders", International Art Treasures Web Magazine,
http://www.iatwm.com/200702/Without_Borders/index.html
- 2007 "Time Lost to Immigrant Artists", Radio Zamaneh Interview by Pooyan Tabatabaei,
http://www.radiozamaneh.org/morenews/2007/02/post_519.html
<http://pnpv.com/weblog/archives/197>
- 2007 "February 2006 – Blue Man Group – VORTEX", Bee-Dee Bloggin and Archives,
Posted by Bryen Dunn, July 2007

Collections:

2011 Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto
2004 National Bank of Canada, Ottawa
2003 Acknowledgment and collection of work by former Mayor of Toronto,
Mr. David Miller.
Private collections in Canada, Iran, Australia, Austria, Colombia & England

Professional Experience:

2013 Volunteer Art Instructor for Iranian Women's Organization of Ontario (I.W.O.O)
2012 to date Art Article Contributor/Columnist to the 'Persian Tribune' Magazine
2007-2011 School Program Instructor Varley Art Gallery, Markham
2008 Volunteer Art Instructor for Iranian Seniors Centre
2000-01 Art Instructor at the Kaveh Educational Center, Toronto
1998 to date Private Instruction- Adults and children, Toronto