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ALI TAHAYORI

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QUALIFICATIONS

- 2022 Master of Fine Art, (Photo-media), National Art School, Sydney NSW
- 2006 Doctor of Medicine, Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, Iran
- 2003 Graduate Diploma (Photography), Sepid-o-Siyah Art School, Shiraz, Iran

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Archive of Longing, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
- 2024 Kill Me Softly, Counihan Gallery, Melbourne VIC
i will meet you there, First Draft, Sydney NSW
After Everything Has Been Said, Linden New Art Project Space, Melbourne VIC
- 2023 Looking at Me Looking At You, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
Unseen Photo Fair, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Amsterdam NL
The Sky Is The Same, Gosford Regional Gallery, NSW
Impossible Desire, KNULP, Sydney NSW
- 2022 What Comes Afterwards, Gaffa Gallery, Sydney NSW

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Molten Tongues, Incinerator Gallery, Melbourne VIC
PUNCTUATE., THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
- 2025 Last But Not Least, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
rūḥ al-rūḥ – jan-e janān, West Space, Melbourne VIC
A Tear In The Fabric, Bathurst Regional Gallery, Bathurst NSW
Five Acts of Love, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA), Melbourne VIC
Spring 1883 Art Fair, THIS IS NO FANTASY, The Hotel Windsor, Melbourne VIC
On Display, Artbank, Melbourne VIC
Queer Contemporary: Chaosophy, National Art School, Sydney NSW
NOFANTASY25, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
Quarantine Art Fair, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Portsea VIC
- 2024 Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award 2024, HOTA, QLD
Incinerator Art Award for Social Change, Incinerator Gallery, Melbourne VIC
National Photographic Portrait Prize, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra ACT
Burwood Art Prize, Burwood Library and Community Hub, Sydney NSW
National Photography Prize, MAMA Murray Art Museum Albury, Albury VIC
Melbourne Art Fair, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
Photo London, Curated by Roya Khadjavi Projects, London UK
To look each other in the eye, Ideas Platform, Artspace, Sydney NSW
MIA Photo Fair, Curated by Roya Khadjavi Projects, Milan IT
- 2023 From Fire: NC Qin and Ali Tahayori, Casula Powerhouse, Sydney NSW
SPRING 1883 Art Fair, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Hotel Windsor, Melbourne VIC
Photo London, Curated by Roya Khadjavi Projects, London UK
Braving Time: Queer Contemporary, Sydney World Pride, National Art School, Sydney NSW
ORBIT, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
Tracing the Rupture, Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, Katoomba NSW
Emanate, New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale NSW
- 2022 Post-Graduate Show, National Art School, Sydney NSW
Vantage Point Sharjah 10, Al Hamriyah studios, Sharjah, UAE
Plexus, Comber Street Studios, Sydney NSW
Retrograde//Anterograde, Airspace Projects, Sydney NSW

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- 2021 William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne VIC
Blacktown City Art Prize, The Leo Kelly Blacktown Art Centre, Sydney NSW
- 2020 March Arts, RPAH, Sydney NSW
- 2004 Plastic, Vessal Gallery, Shiraz, Iran
- 2003 Graduate Exhibition, Sepid-o-Siyah Gallery, Shiraz, Iran

AWARDS | GRANTS | RESIDENCIES

- 2026 Recipient - Onslow Storrier NAS Residency, La Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris FR
- 2025 Recipient - NSW Visual Arts Fellowship (Emerging), Artspace and Create NSW
Finalist - Olive Cotton Award
Finalist - Mullins Conceptual Photography Prize
Finalist - William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize
- 2024 Winner - Burwood Art Prize, Sydney, NSW
Finalist - Nikon Emerging Photographer Award, Photo London 2024
Finalist - National Photography Prize, MAMA Albury, VIC
Finalist - PhMuseum Photography Grant, Bologna, IT
Finalist - National Photographic Portrait Prize, National Portrait Gallery, ACT
Artist in Residence - Parramatta Artist Studios, Sydney NSW
- 2023 Finalist - Fishers Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown NSW
Finalist - Waverley Art Prize, Sydney NSW
Finalist - Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award, NSW
- 2022 Winner - Prix Yves Hernot Photography Award, National Art School Sydney
Finalist - Blacktown City Art Prize
Finalist - Hornsby Art Prize
Finalist - Gosford Art Prize - Highly commended honorable mention
Finalist - Vantage Point Sharjah 10, Sharjah UAE
- 2021 Finalist - William & Winifred Bowness Photography Prize, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne VIC
Highly Commended Honorable Mention - Bowness Photography Prize, Monash Gallery of Art Melbourne VIC
Winner - Smith and Singer People's Choice Award, William & Winifred Bowness Photography Prize
Finalist - Blacktown City Art Prize, Sydney NSW
- 2020 Winner - March Arts Photography Prize, Sydney NSW
- 2018 March Arts, Sydney Local Health District, Sydney NSW

COLLECTIONS

Artbank Australia
Ipswich Art Gallery, QLD
Burwood Council, NSW
HOTA, Gold Coast, QLD
University of Western Sydney, NSW
Private Collections Australia + overseas

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