

Ramak Bamzar

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Ramak Bamzar (b. 1980, Tehran) is a Naarm (Melbourne)-based artist whose photography weaves together personal and societal narratives. Her work explores how environmental and psychological forces shape self-concept and individuality, using her expert command of colour, texture, and lighting to capture these themes in visually compelling images. Drawing on art history, Bamzar strikes a balance between innocence and resilience, evoking emotion while encouraging deep reflection.

Education

2022 Master of Fine Arts – The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University
2024 AE40122 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment – CBD College Melbourne
2005 Bachelor of Photography – Azad University of Art and Architecture – Tehran Iran

Solo Exhibitions

2024 Moustachioed Women and Rhinoplastic Girls, Manningham Art Gallery, Melbourne
2023 Moustachioed Women and Rhinoplastic Girls, Seventh Gallery, Melbourne Australia
2022 Moustachioed Women and Rhinoplastic Girls, Head On International Photo Festival Sydney
2017 Iranian Wedding – Windowspace Gallery, Beeac, VIC Australia
2016 In Pain, Off the Kerb Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
2015 Iranian Wedding, Sydney Town Hall & Head On Photo Festival Australia

Group Exhibitions

2024 Medieval to metal, Art Gallery of Ballarat, Australia
2024 William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize, Museum of Australian photography
2024 Head On Exposure Awards, Sydney Australia
2024 Make it Real, Temu House & Kuala Lumpur International Photo awards Malaysia
2024 DER GREIF, Guest Room: Renée Mussai & Belinda Kazeem-Kamiński, Munich Germany
2023 Your 501® Story: The Exhibition, Photo VOGUE
2023 Anonymous from Iran – Culture Lab LIC. New York USA
2023 DEBUT XIX, Blindside Gallery. Melbourne Australia
2023 DER GREIF, Guest Room: David Company & Taous Dahmani, Munich Germany
2023 RED, Sol Gallery. Melbourne, Australia
2022 RMIT University, Graduation Show. Melbourne, Australia
2022 Break Away, Abbotsford Convent. Melbourne, Australia
2022 William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize, Monash Gallery of Art Melbourne
2022 Woman, Life, Freedom - Black Cat Gallery. Melbourne Australia
2019 ALCHEMY, Sherbrooke Art Gallery. Melbourne Australia
2019 Women, Kapi Art Space. Melbourne Australia
2019 Emerald Arts Society. Melbourne Australia
2015 IPF Photo Prize, The Good Copy. Melbourne Australia
2004 Bam Earthquake. Dresden, Germany
2003 Fajr International Theatre Festival (students). Tehran Iran

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Publications

- 2024 Art Collector Magazine, Australia
- 2023 De Morgen, Brussels Belgian
- 2023 Australian Arts Review: On the Couch with Ramak Bamzar
- 2023 Art Guide Australia: The strength and struggle of Iranian women
- 2023 Arts Weekly, 3MBS
- 2023 3RRR Radio, Listen to Friendly Neighbours, Tedious Lines & Lunch Woes
- 2023 Ballarat foto biennale, 3BA Ballarat Radio
- 2023 Pro Femina with Ramak Bamzar, 3CR Radical Radio
- 2023 Capture Magazine: Q&A: Ramak Bamzar – Empowering Change Through Photography
- 2023 The Guardian Australia: Ballarat International Foto Biennale
- 2023 SBS Australia, Hope is what drives us
- 2023 ARTS hub Voices of Resistance
- 2023 Art Edit Magazine, 'I AM WOMAN', No. 35
- 2023 Head On Foundation, Women looking at women
- 2022 ARTS hub, more than a singular image: Womanhood through the work of four photographers
- 2022 The Guardian Australia: From camel woes to sperm smugglers – in pictures
- 2021 SBS Persian, Confronting a religion that has become a patriarchal culture
- 2017 'Extreme Theatre' WINDOWSPACE-BEEAC
- 2016 Dodho Magazine. Storytelling: Things that are Important.' Barcelona, Italy
- 2016 Edge of Humanity Magazine, Homosexuals in Iran
- 2015 EZRA magazine, Ramak Bamzar | Interview. Adelaide Australia
- 2015 The Sydney Morning Herald, Art Column

Professional Talks and Discussions

- 2024 *Unjustly Condemned*, Monash University, Melbourne Australia
- 2024 *Small acts of resistance*, Museum of Australian photography
- 2024 Kuala Lumpur International Photo awards, Temu House. Malaysia
- 2023 *In conversation: Ramak Bamzar with Julie McLaren*, Art Gallery of Ballarat
- 2023 *Interrupting the Photographic Gaze*. Centre for Contemporary Photography Melbourne Australia
- 2023 *Stories that Stir: Self-Reflection*. Head On Photo Festival, Sydney Australia
- 2022 BRIGHTSPACER Gallery, Melbourne Australia
- 2019 *Being an Artist is a Job*, Burrinja Cultural Centre, Melbourne Australia
- 2015 *Imagining Iran: contemporary Iranian image-makers*, Australian Centre for Photography, Sydney

Awards

- 2024 Kuala Lumpur International Photoawards (Winner)
- 2024 William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize (Finalist)
- 2024 Head On International Photo Festival, Exposure award (finalist)
- 2023 Art Edit Magazine Self-Represented Artist prize (Winner)
- 2023 Your 501® Story: The Exhibition, Photo VOGUE (Finalist)
- 2022 William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize (Finalist)
- 2022 Maggie Diaz Photography Prize for Women VIC (Highly commended)
- 2019 TOKYO International Foto awards (Honourable Mention)
- 2003 Fajr International Festival (Honourable Mention)