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Location: Tehran, Iran

Capturing light, emotion, and moments, documenting human

narratives from the world around me.

**Title: Sunflower Breeze** 

**Year of Creation: 2021** 

**Location: Sunflower Farm, South Tehran, Iran** 

Camera/Lens:

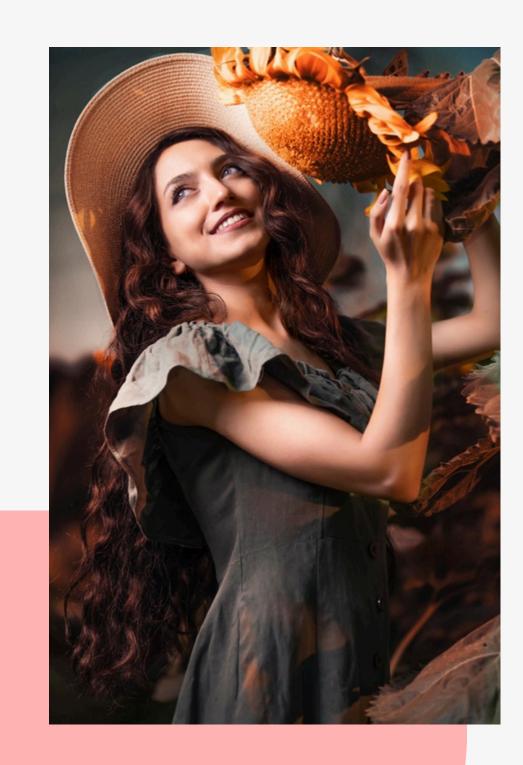
**Canon 5D Mark III** 

Canon 70-200mm f/2.8 IS III USM

**Genre: Everyday Environmental Portrait** 

Capturing a natural moment with ambient light and a 600 Joule portable flash,

focusing on the form and interaction of the subject with the flowerbed environment



# **Artist Statement**

My work is based on careful observation of human experience and the creation of images that communicate the connection between reality and lived experience. In portrait, nature, and everyday moments, I seek to capture instances that reveal a deeper truth beyond appearances—a truth found in a gaze, the movement of hands, the silence of faces, and the simple textures of the world.

For me, photography is a language for storytelling, expressing identity, culture, femininity, human connections, and the aspects of life often overlooked in the rush of daily existence. Whether in an individual portrait or a distant landscape with a scene of daily life, I strive to create a bridge of emotion between the viewer and the subject — a bridge that speaks without words.

I understand the world through light and give meaning to the image through silence. My goal is to create work that not only records a moment but allows the viewer to experience seeing and feeling anew.

Title: Environmental Portrait

**Year of Creation: 2022** 

Location: Medusa Garden, Tehran, Iran

**Camera/Lens:** 

Canon 5D Mark III

Canon 70-200mm f/2.8 IS III USM

**Genre: Everyday Environmental Portrait** 

Recording a natural moment in collaboration with ambient light and a 600 joule flash, focusing on the form and

interaction of the subject in the garden space.





# **Artistic Approach and Career Path**

#### **Artistic Approach**

My photography focuses on the search for light and emotion in human moments. Every image is an opportunity to uncover the story hidden behind a glance, a gesture, or a simple environment. I aim to capture that instant so that the viewer can feel it and imagine themselves present within it.

#### **Career Path**

From individual portraits to natural and documentary landscapes, each genre provides an opportunity to narrate the relationship between humans and their environment. My extensive experience in portrait photography, cultural documentation, occupational studies, and daily life has shaped my approach to not only record reality but also reveal emotional and cultural layers.

#### Vision

My goal is to create images that bridge reality and emotion—images that tell universal stories through light and moment, inviting the viewer to see, feel, and experience.



**Title: Environmental Portrait** 

Year: 2019

Location: Isfahan, Iran

Camera/Lens: Nikon D5300

18-140mm f/3.5-5.6

**Genre: Everyday Environmental Portrait** 

Capturing a natural moment with ambient light, focusing

on human form and movement in an urban space

**Title: Environmental Portrait** 

Year: 2023

Location: India
Camera/Lens:

**Canon 5D Mark III** 

**EF 24-105mm f/4L IS II USM** 

**Genre: Everyday Environmental Portrait** 

Capturing a natural moment with ambient light, focusing

on human activity and interaction in space







Title: Boater Year: 2023

**Location: Persian Gulf, Iran** 

Camera/Lens:

Canon 5D Mark III

EF 24-70mm f/2.8 L II USM

**Genre: Everyday Environmental Portrait** 

Capturing a natural moment with ambient light, focusing on the form and movement of a person in the expanse of water

**Title: Equestrian Club** 

Year: 2023

**Location: Iran** 

Camera/Lens:

Canon 5D Mark III

70-200mm f/2.8 IS III USM

**Genre: Everyday Environmental Portrait** 

Recording movement and stillness with natural

light, focusing on the form and energy of the

club environment





Title: Bakhtiyari Nomad Tend

Year: 2025

**Location: Iran** 

Camera/Lens:

Canon EOS R6

**EF 24–105mm f/4L IS II USM** 

**Genre: Environmental Portraiture /** 

**Business Documentary** 

A natural moment captured with ambient light, focusing on the activities and daily lives of women











Title: Women's Jobs

Year: 2023

**Location: India** 

Camera/Lens:

Canon 5D Mark III

**EF 24-105mm f/4L IS II USM** 

Genre: Environmental Portraiture / Documentary Women's Jobs Recording everyday activity with natural light, focusing on form and human interaction



**Title: Child Portrait** 

**Year of Creation: 2025** 

**Location: Royasho Studio** 

Camera/Lens:

Canon 5D Mark III

EF 24-70mm f/2.8 L II USM

**Genre: Real Child Portrait** 

Capturing the moment, focusing on the child's expression and

details



**Title: Georgian Landscape** 

Year: 2024

**Location: Georgia** 

Camera/Lens:

Canon EOS R6

**EF 24-105mm f/4L IS II USM** 

**Genre: Nature** 

Capturing a natural landscape with ambient light, focusing on the form and

texture of the land and the elements



**Title: Family Portrait** 

**Year of Creation: 2025** 

**Location: Chaharmahal Bakhtiari Province, Iran** 

Camera/Lens:

Canon EOS R6

**EF 24-105mm f/4L IS II USM** 

**Genre: Nomadic Family Portrait** 

Capturing a natural moment, focusing on interaction and family

bonding









**Title: Family Portrait Year of Creation: 2025 Location: Royasho Studio** 

Camera/Lens:

Canon 5D Mark III

EF 24-70mm f/2.8 L II USM

**Genre: Family Portrait** 

**Capturing the moment,** 

focusing on family interaction

and connection



Title: Red Beach

Year: 2023

**Location: Red Beach, Hormoz, Iran** 

Camera/Lens:

Canon 5D Mark III

**EF 24-70mm f/2.8 L II USM** 

**Genre: Nature** 

**Capturing natural landscape with ambient** 

light, focusing on color



Title: Gulf of Oman

Year: 2024

**Location: Gulf of Oman** 

Camera/Lens:

Canon EOS R6

**EF 24-105mm f/4L IS II USM** 

**Genre: Nature** 

**Capturing a natural landscape with ambient** 

light, focusing on the movement of the water

and the expanse of the sea



**Title: Soft Beginning Year of Creation: 2025 Location: Royasho Studio** 

Camera/Lens: Canon 5D Mark III

Canon 70-200mm f/2.8 IS III USM

**Genre: Baby Portrait / Emotional Portrait** 

Capturing details, focusing on the baby's

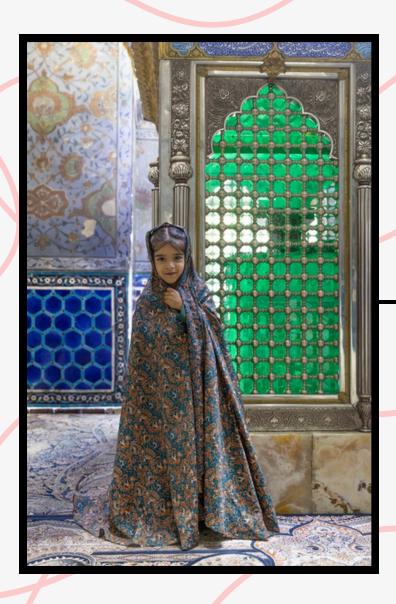
form and posture











Title: Tomb of Bayazid Bastami
Year of Creation: 2025
Location: Shahroud, Iran
Camera/Lens:
Canon EOS R6
EF 24-70mm f/2.8 L II USM
Genre: Historical Environment
Capturing architectural details
with natural light

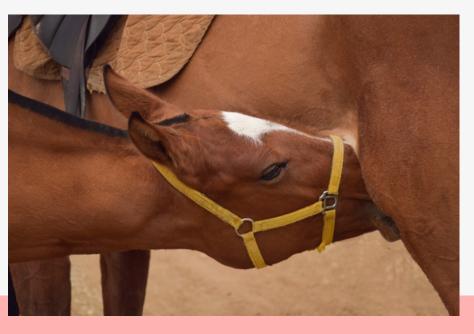


Title: Baraghan Equestrian Club
Year: 2023
Location: Baraghan Road, Iran
Camera/Lens:
Canon 5D Mark III
Canon 70-200mm f/2.8 IS III USM
Genre: Environmental Portrait
Capturing a natural moment with
ambient light, focusing on the form
and movement of the subject in the
club environment

Title: Maison Diwani Kids
Year of Creation: 2020
Location: Royasho Atelier, Iran
Camera/Lens:
Canon 5D Mark III
EF 24-105mm f/4L IS II USM
Genre: Advertising Photography /
Children's Fashion
Capturing natural moments with studio flash lighting, focusing on the details of the models' clothing and posture







**Title: Sohanak Wildlife** 

Year: 2019

**Location: Sohanak Forest Park, Iran** 

Camera/Lens:

Nikon D5300

18-140mm f/3.5-5.6

Genre: Wildlife

Documenting wildlife with natural light, focusing on

the behavior and form of animals in their

environment



**Title: Fountain Square** 

Year: 2019

**Location: Baku, Azerbaijan** 

Camera/Lens:

Nikon D5300

18-140mm f/3.5-5.6

**Genre: Everyday Environmental Portrait** 

Capturing a natural moment with ambient light,

focusing on the interaction between humans and

urban space



**Title: Urban Landscape** 

Year: 2022

**Location: Dubai, UAE** 

Camera/Lens:

Canon 5D Mark III

EF 24-70mm f/2.8 L II USM

**Genre: Urban Landscape** 

Capturing a natural moment, focusing on form



Title: Niavaran Palace

Year: 2019

**Location: Niavaran Palace, Iran** 

Camera/Lens:

Nikon D5300

18-140mm f/3.5-5.6

**Genre: Conceptual Photography** 

Capturing a scene with natural light, focusing on the

composition and conceptual expression of the image



# **Photography Approaches and Styles**

- Portrait: Classic, environmental, emotional, emphasizing gaze and human emotions
- Documentary / Social: Capturing everyday life, culture, customs, and professions
- Nature and Landscape: Natural light, sunrise and sunset, textures and details
- Wildlife: Key moments, natural animal movements, poetic composition
- Commercial / Fashion: Studio lighting, brand and clothing photography

#### **Lighting Styles:**

- Split Lighting
- Loop Lighting
- Rembrandt Lighting
- Butterfly Lighting
- Short Lighting



#### **Technical Skills**

#### **Cameras:**

Canon 5D Mark IV, Canon R6, Nikon D5300

#### Lenses:

24–105mm, 24–70mm, 70–200mm f/2.8, Sigma 85mm f/1.4, 16mm mirrorless ultra wide f2/8

#### Lighting:

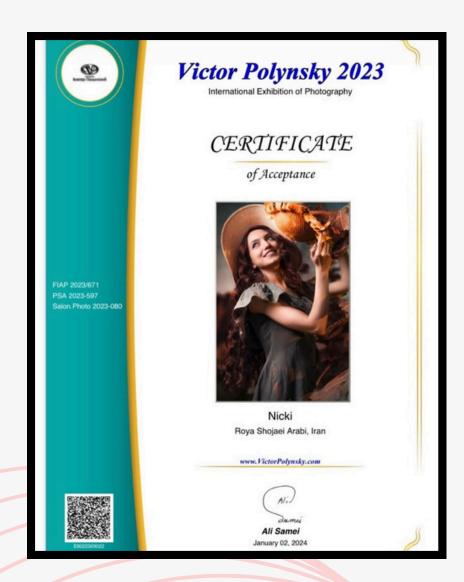
Studio flash Godox 300J, AD600, Softboxes,
Octabox, Diffuser, Umbrellas
Scene tools: backdrops for children and
adults, complete props and set design

#### **Software:**

**Adobe Photoshop** 

# **Exhibitions**

Group Exhibition: "The Eye of My Camera" – Andisheh Cultural Center, Tehran – February 2024 Participated with 6 works; one selected work printed in the 2024 calendar



Victor Polynsky International Photography

Festival / 2023 - Kyrgyzstan

**Author: Nicki** 

Organizer: FIAP

Registration number:

FIAP 2023/671 - PSA 2023-597 - Salon.Photo

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Manas International Photography Festival / 2023

Kyrgyzstan

Work: Upset

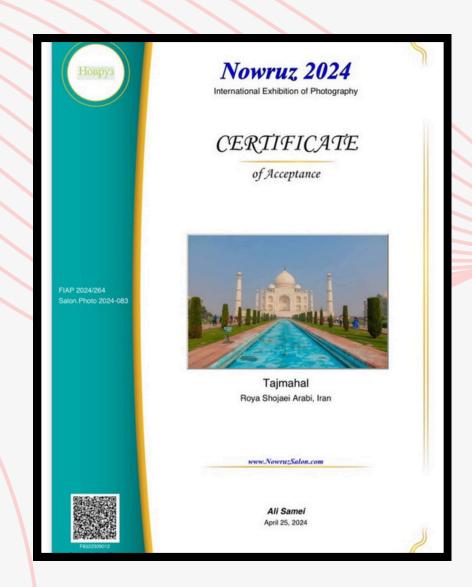
Organizer: FIAP

Registration number:

FIAP 2023/658 - PSA 2023-537 - Salon.Photo

2023-077





Manas International Photography Festival /

2023 – Tajikistan

Work: Upset

**Organizer: FIAP** 

**Registration number:** 

FIAP 2023/658 - PSA 2023-537 - Salon.Photo

2023-077







# **Exhibitions**



Title: Landscape of Khansar

Year of Creation: 2019

Location: Khansar, Iran

Camera/Lens:

Nikon D5300

18-140mm f/3.5-5.6

Genre: Nature

Title: Taj Mahal Year: 2023

Location: Taj Mahal, India

Camera/Lens:
Canon 5D Mark III

**EF 24-105mm f/4L IS II USM** 

**Genre: Architecture** 

Title: Hormuz Mountains
Year of Creation: 2023
Location: Hormuz, Iran

Camera/Lens:
Canon 5D Mark III

EF 24-70mm f/2.8 L II USM

Genre: Nature





Title: Khansar

Year of Creation: 2019

Location: Khansar, Iran

Camera/Lens:

Nikon D5300

18-140mm f/3.5-5.6

**Genre: Nature** 

# **Exhibitions**



Title: Badab Surt Springs

Year: 2019

Location: Badab Surt, Iran

Camera/Lens:

Nikon D530018-140mm f/3.5-

5.6

**Genre: Nature** 



Selected photos from the exhibition "My Camera's View" printed in the 1403 wall calendar



Title: Hormuz Turtle Beach

Year: 2023

**Location: Hormuz, Iran** 

Camera/Lens:

Canon 5D Mark III

**EF 24-70mm f/2.8 L II USM** 

**Genre: Nature** 



# **Education and Specialized Courses**

Online Photography Courses – Kadri No Institute – Instructor: Mohsen Kheirkhah (2021–2022)

- 1.0–100 Photography (26 hours)
- 2. Studio Lighting (26 hours)
- 3. Photoshop for Photographers (32 hours)
- 4. Pose and Composition (14 hours)
- 5. Commercial Photography (26 hours)
- 6. Newborn and Child Photography Course Didnegar Academy (2021, 10 hours)
- 7. Portrait Lighting Course Instructor: Mohammad Ghafouri Mah o Mehr Academy (2019)
- 8. Photography Photoshop Course Instructor: Mohammad Shahbazi (2019)
- 9. Outdoor Photography Workshop Instructor: Mohsen Kheirkhah Filband, Mazandaran (2020)
- 10. Night Sky and Meteor Shower Photography Workshops Instructor: Vafa Damavand and Garmsar (2021–2022)

Title of work: Chaleshtar
Castle

Year of creation: 2025

**Location: Chaleshtar Castle,** 

Chaharmahal Bakhtiari, Iran

Camera/Lens:

**Canon EOS R6** 

**EF 24-105mm f/4L IS II USM** 

**Genre: Architecture /** 

**Environmental Portraiture** 





# **Professional Experience and Projects**

- Founder and Manager of Personal Studio Tehran (2019 present)
- Portrait Photography: Children, Family, and Modeling
- Studio Management: Lighting, Equipment, and Post-Production
- Design and Execution of Themed Sets: Nowruz, Yalda, Christmas, Valentine's Day, etc.
- Execution of Classic and Artistic Lighting Styles: Split, Butterfly, Rembrandt, Loop
- Freelance Photographer Nature and Social Photography (2011 present) Documenting natural landscapes, historical sites, and urban architecture during travels in Iran
- Focused on visual storytelling and a poetic perspective on everyday life



Year 2025
Location: Royasho Studio
Camera:
CANON 5D MARK III
Lens
EF24-70mm f:2.8 L II USM

Divani – Advertising photography, children's clothing, 2019







**Promotional projects** 

Momentom Brand – Advertising Photography, Women's Apparel, 2021

Zara Brand –
Advertising
Photography,
Clothing, 2024







# **Advanced Technical Skills and Equipment**

#### **Photography Equipment**

Cameras:

Canon 5D Mark IV, Canon R6, Nikon D5300

Lenses:

24-105mm

24-70mm

70-200mm f/2.8

Sigma 85mm f/1.4

16mm superwide

#### Lighting

Studio Flash: Godox 300J. Portable AD600

**Complete Lighting Equipment:** 

Softboxes, Octabox, Diffuser Umbrellas, Speedlights, Strip boxes, two Soft boxes, three 300 joule Flashes, White and Black Umbrellas, Photography Tent

#### **Lighting Styles and Techniques**

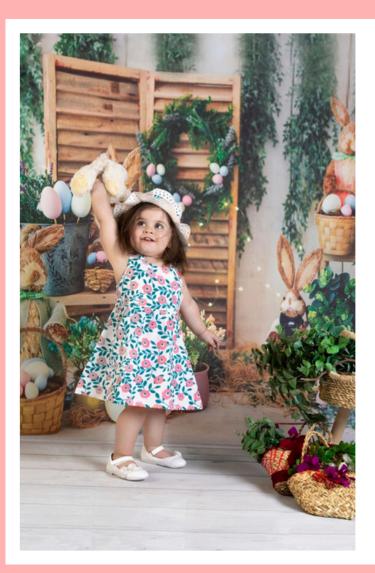
- Rembrandt, Split, Butterfly
- Natural and Environmental Light

#### **Scene Tools and Set Design**

- Backdrops for Children and Adults
- Complete Props and Set Design for Portrait and Commercial Photography

#### **Software and Digital Skills**

- Advanced Editing, Color Grading, Retouching
- Adobe Photoshop





**Studio Decor** 

Year Created: 2023

**Location: Royasho Studio, Iran** 

Camera/Lens:

**Canon 5D Mark III** 

EF 24-70mm f/2.8 L II USM

**Genre: Event Photography / Easter** 

Studio Decor

Year Created: 2023

**Location: Royasho Studio, Iran** 

Camera/Lens:

Canon 5D Mark III

EF 24-70mm f/2.8 L II USM

**Genre: Event Photography / Easter** 

# Languages and skills

- Azerbaijani Turkish Native
- Persian Native
- English Upper Intermediate

#### Intercultural skills:

- Experience working with international projects and FIAP festivals
- Ability to communicate with multicultural subjects and teams
- Sensitivity to local culture and traditions in documentary and cultural photography



Title: Park of Heroes
Year of Creation: 2019
Location: Baku, Azerbaijan
Camera/Lens:

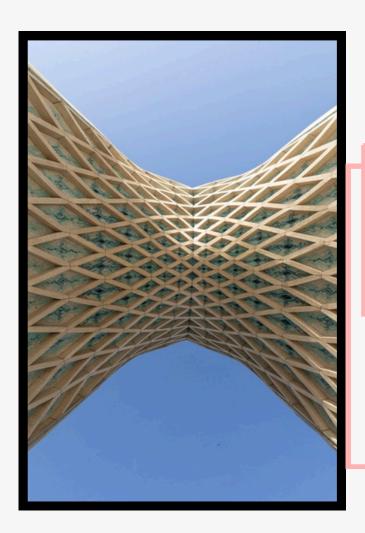
Nikon D5300

18-140mm f/3.5-5.6

**Genre: Urban Documentary / Travel** 

A visual narrative of a historical monument

with natural light



Title of work: Passing through Freedom

Year of creation: 2022

Location: Azadi Square, Tehran – Iran

Camera/Lens:
Canon 5D Mark III

EF 24-70mm f/2.8L II USM

Genre: Urban Documentary / Architecture
A study of the form and rhythm of the Azadi
structure in interaction with ambient light



Location: Opera House, Yerevan – Armenia

Camera/Lens:
Canon EOS R6

**EF 24-105mm f/4L IS II USM** 

Genre: Urban Documentary / Architecture
A view of urban space and flow relying on

natural light





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