

# ISKUHI AVAGYAN

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Iskuhi Avagyan was born in Armenia, and grew up in Toronto, where she earned her BFA from OCAD University in 2014. In her third year of studies, she participated in the Florence Off-Campus Studies Program with OCAD University in Florence, Italy. In 2015, Avagyan was featured as an Untapped Emerging Artist at the Artist Project in Toronto. That same year, she completed an internship at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Venice, Italy.

Her most recent body of work features figures twisted into the impossible angles of an asana, realized in thin, translucent layers of oil paint on mylar, and interposed with flat, inorganic geometric forms. Her work has been exhibited in a number of group shows in Canada, USA, and Europe, and is held in private collections in Canada, USA, Europe, and New Zealand.

## EDUCATION

- 2009 - 2014 Bachelor of Fine Arts; Drawing and Painting, English Minor.  
OCAD University, Toronto, ON Canada
- 2011 - 2012 OCAD University Florence Off-Campus Studies Program  
Florence, Italy
- 2012 - 2012 Apprenticeship with Ruben Vartanyan  
Yerevan, Armenia
- 2010 Private Apprenticeship with Mkrtych Mazmanian  
Beirut, Lebanon

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2011 Ontario International Education Opportunity Scholarship  
OCAD University, Toronto, ON Canada

## EXPERIENCE

- 2015 *Intern*, Peggy Guggenheim Collection  
Venice, Italy
- 2013 *Intern*, Art Gallery of Ontario  
Toronto, ON Canada

## COLLECTIONS

Ceramic Art Plate in the Ruben Angaladian Collection.  
Works held in private collections in Canada, USA, Europe, and New Zealand.

## SELECTED ART FAIRS & AUCTIONS

- 2016 *Children's Aid Foundation Gala – Teddy Bear Affair*  
Toronto, ON Canada
- 2016 *Affordable Art Fair New York City*  
New York, NY United States
- 2016 *Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition*, Nathan Philips Square, Toronto, ON Canada
- 2016 *The Big Draw*, OCAD University  
Toronto, ON Canada
- 2015 *Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition*, Nathan Philips Square, Toronto, ON Canada
- 2015 *Untapped Emerging Artist Competition - The Artist Project*, Better Living Centre, Exhibition Place  
Toronto, ON Canada
- 2014 *The Big Draw*, OCAD University  
Toronto, ON Canada

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *In the Round IV*, Graven Feather Gallery  
Toronto, ON Canada
- 2016 *Works on Paper*, Project Gallery  
Toronto, ON Canada
- 2016 *Why the @#&! Do You Paint? : Go Figure*, Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, ON Canada
- 2016 *Reference: Opening*, Reference: Contemporary  
Toronto, ON Canada
- 2016 *Spring Vernissage*, Academia Gallery,  
Yerevan, Armenia
- 2015 *Salon III*, Project Gallery  
Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2015 *The Salon of Inclusiveness II*, The Black Cat Art Space  
Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2014 *Experiencing Perspectives*, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, Mississauga, ON, Canada
- 2014 *OCAD University Graduate Juried Exhibition*, Walnut Contemporary, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2014 *The 99th Annual Graduate Exhibition*, OCAD University, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2014 *The Art of the Figure*, OCAD University  
Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2013 *The Art of the Figure*, OCAD University  
Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2012 *OCAD University 2011/2012 Florence Program Show*, OCAD University, Toronto, ON, Canada

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS CONT'D

- 2012 *Come si dice*, ZOE Café/Bar/Galleria D'Arte  
Florence, Italy
- 2012 *Sojourn*, OCAD University Florence Studio,  
Florence, Italy
- 2011 *Occhi di OCAD*, OCAD University,  
Florence Studio, Florence, Italy

## CRITICAL PUBLICATIONS

- "An Octagon, a Torso and a Hashtag." *Hyperkulturemia Cultural Fanzine*. Issue, Jan- Feb 2016. Web.
- "Taking the Leap: Interview with Vanessa McKernan." *Now What Podcast*. Now What Podcast, 2013. Web.

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- Mercedes-Benz Financial Services. *Experiencing Perspectives: 2014-2015 Art Exhibition*. Mississauga: 2014. Print.
- McArthur, Glenn. *Colour and Two-Dimensional Design*. Toronto: OCAD University, 2014. 77, 128. Print.
- OCAD University. *Surfacing: OCAD University Drawing and Painting Catalogue 2014*. Toronto: 2014. Print.
- Taylor, Claire. "Six New Art Stars Not to Be Missed at the Artist Project 2015." *Design Lines*. 4 Mar. 2014. Web.
- Watchorn, Jessica. "Ep. 005: Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition." Host Jessica Watchorn. *ArtPro Podcast*. ArtPro Podcast, 8 Sept. 2016. MP3 File. Web.