



TIGRAN TSITOGHDZIAN

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# PREFACE

To celebrate the beginning of this new year, much awaited after the 2020 events, and to coincide with Singapore Art Week, Opera Gallery is thrilled to open its doors on this very special show.

The work of Tigran Tsitoghdzyan is like no other. So realistic they look like photographs, these exceptional artworks are, in fact, labour-intensive, detail-abundant oil paintings. Tigran's hyper-realism goes beyond reality, and opens doors where we cannot see them. His portraits reflect on our own increasing addiction to self-portrait and self-exposure. The way we show ourselves yet never reveal who we are, as we always distort reality through various filters. Covering one's face with one's hands is the natural gesture to hide oneself. However, in Tigran's works, in a double-exposure effect, features pierce through.

In this exclusive body of work, Tigran also presents his mixed media series, such as his *Reimagined* works. Following the philosophical principle of reflection theorised by Locke (the mind thinking on itself, and creating ideas from these thoughts), Tigran reinterprets former works and turns them into brand-new ones. From oil on canvas, they become mixed media on paper, enhanced by hand drawings.

This selection also features the artist's latest series, titled *Self Isolation*, which evidently finds echo in the profound disruptions of 2020. More than portraits, these paintings feature full bodies in intricate positions. The artist paints figures confined and framed in a hindered freedom of movement. *Self Isolation* exposes this deep desire for freedom as well as the limitation of privacy in our culture.

Opera Gallery Singapore is pleased to open you the door onto this world where inside is out, outside is in, and where unfiltered reality is revealed.

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Opera Gallery Group

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Director Asia Pacific  
Opera Gallery

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Presence/Absence  
2012

Oil on canvas, diptych  
Ø 121.9 cm - 48 in each





Alone  
2015

Oil on canvas  
190.5 x 127 cm - 75 x 50 in



Untitled  
2013

Oil on canvas  
91.4 x 91.4 cm - 36 x 36 in





Mirror C  
2020

Oil on canvas  
213.4 x 152.4 cm - 84 x 60 in



Mirror J  
2020

Oil on canvas  
213.4 x 152.4 cm - 84 x 60 in





Mirror K  
2020

Oil on canvas  
213.4 x 152.4 cm - 84 x 60 in



#artlovers  
2018

Oil on linen  
Ø 203.2 cm - 80 in



Following pages: detail of *#artlovers*, 2018



#artviewers  
2018

Oil on canvas  
Ø 203.2 cm - 80 in





Mirror Metamorphosis Crowded  
2020

Mixed media on paper  
104.1 x 104.1 cm - 41 x 41 in



Mirror Metamorphosis Crowded III  
2020

Mixed media on paper  
104.1 x 104.1 cm - 41 x 41 in



Mirror Reimagined  
2020

Mixed media on paper  
213.4 x 152.4 cm - 84 x 60 in



DS Mirror Reimagined  
2020

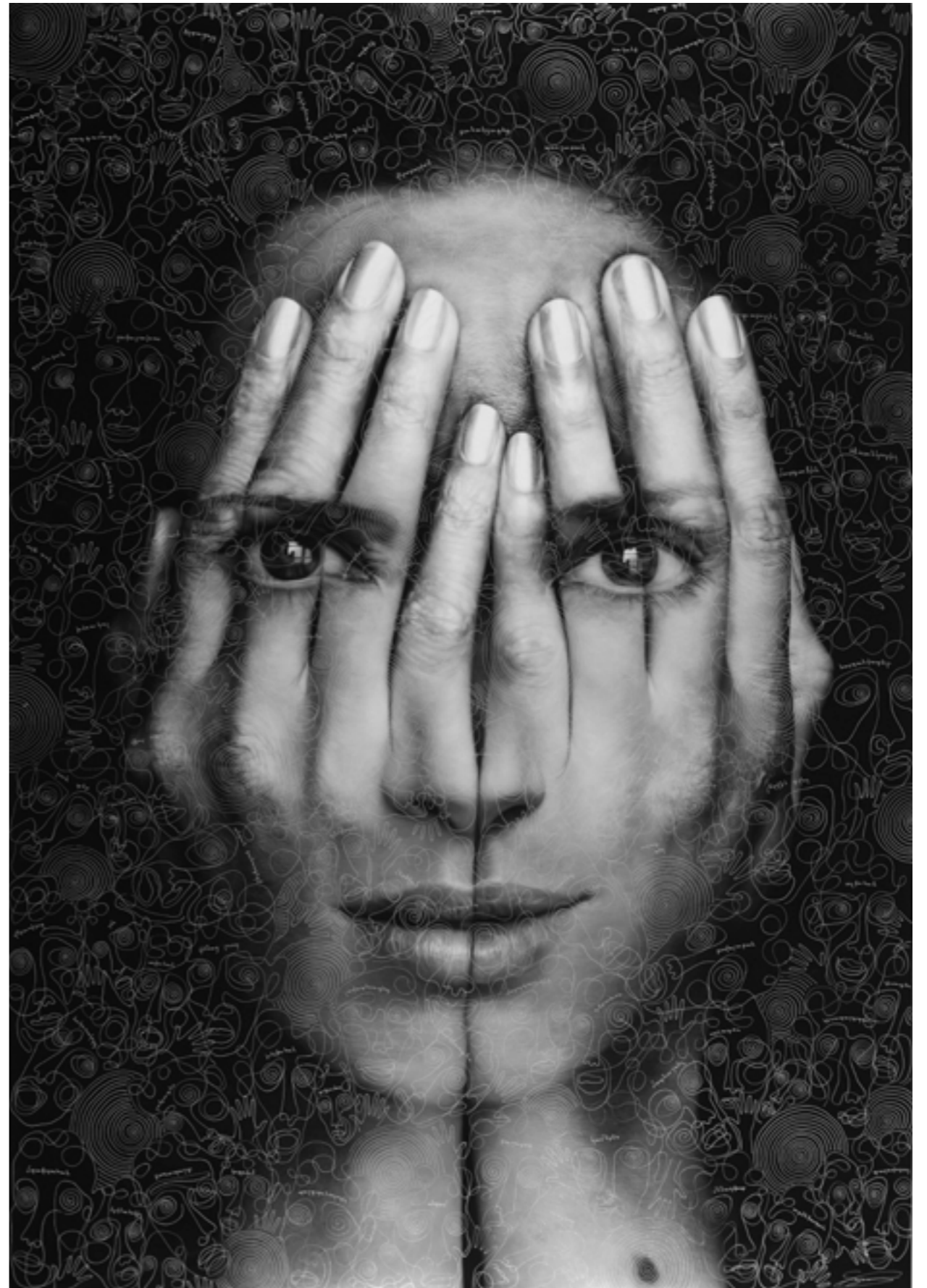
Mixed media on paper  
213.4 x 152.4 cm - 84 x 60 in





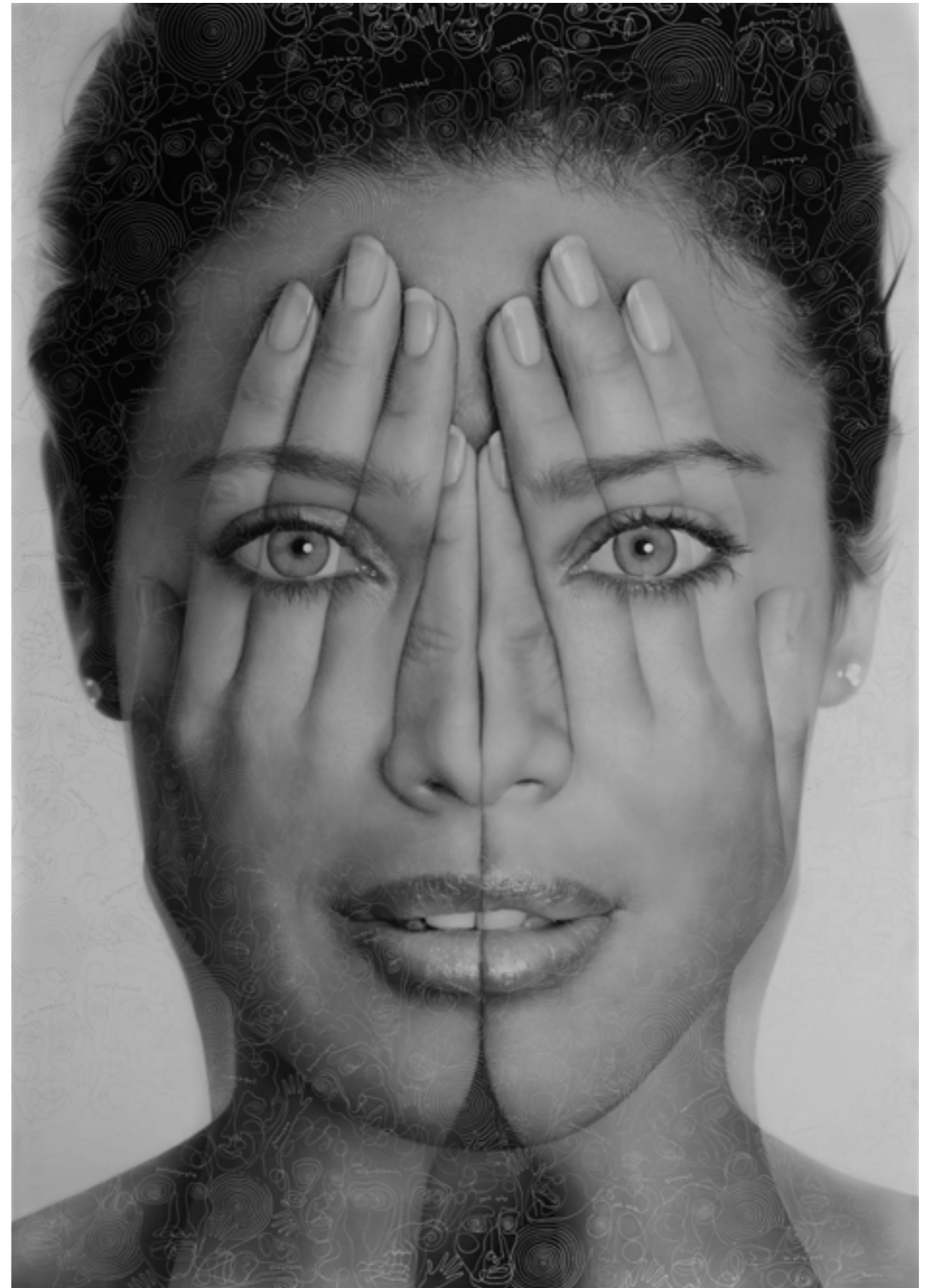
Mirror II Reimagined  
2020

Mixed media on paper  
213.4 x 152.4 cm - 84 x 60 in



Mirror Reimagined  
2020

Mixed media on paper  
213.4 x 152.4 cm - 84 x 60 in



Vanity Mirror Reimagined  
2020

Mixed media on paper  
213.4 x 152.4 cm - 84 x 60 in

Following pages: detail of *Vanity Mirror Reimagined*, 2020





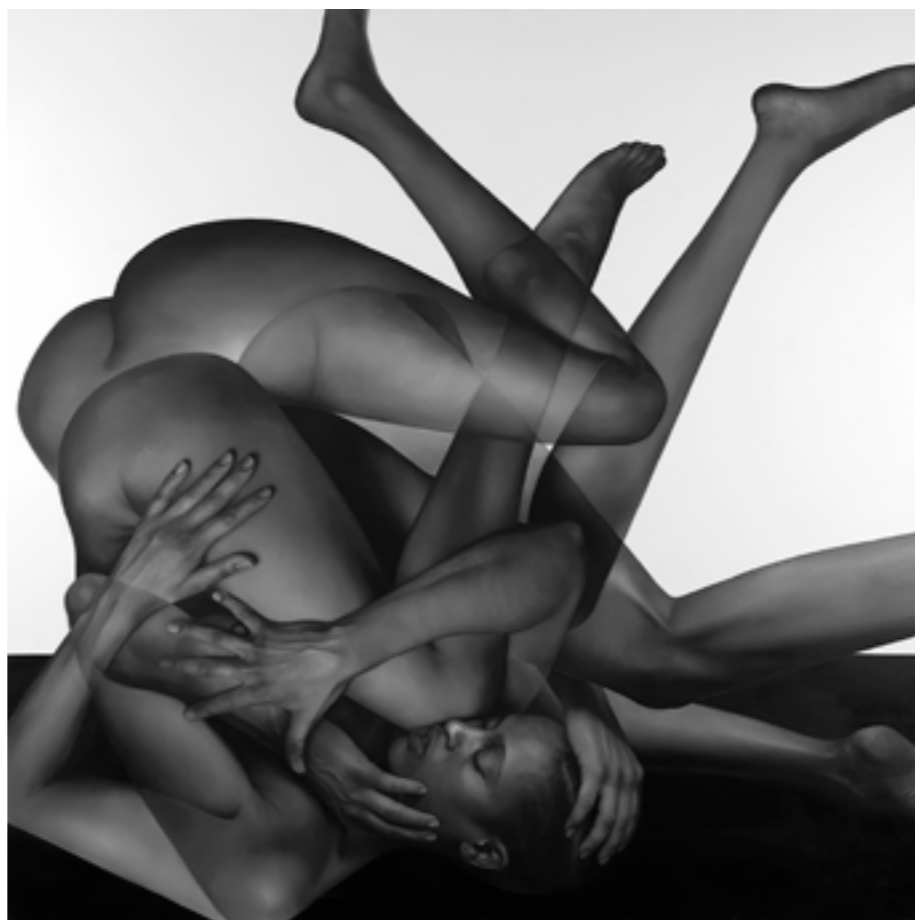






Self Isolation  
2019

Oil on canvas  
203,2 x 203,2 cm - 80 x 80 in



Self Isolation II  
2020

Oil on canvas  
203,2 x 203,2 cm - 80 x 80 in



Self Isolation III  
2020

Oil on canvas  
203,2 x 203,2 cm - 80 x 80 in



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## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019

*Mirrors Re-imagined*, Fremin Gallery,  
New York, NY, USA

2018

*Uncanny*, Allouche Gallery, New York,  
NY, USA

2017

*Mirror Metamorphosis*, 77 Gallery,  
Contemporary Istanbul, Turkey

2015

*Mirrors Cafesjian*, Museum of Modern  
Art, Yerevan, Armenia  
*Armenian Cultural Days*, Carlton,  
Cannes, France

2014

*Millenium*, Gallery Valentine, East  
Hamptons, NY, USA

2013

*Reflections*, Arcature Fine Art, Palm  
Beach, FL, USA

2011

*Sencored*, Fondation Valette, Martigny,  
Switzerland

2007

*Reflections*, Cultural Center Vidondee,  
Riddes, Switzerland

2006

*Crowd Landscapes*, Artefiz Kunsthalle,  
Zurich, Switzerland

2005

*Secondo*, Forum d'Art Contemporain,  
Sierre, Switzerland

2003

*Unfinished*, Fabienne B. Gallery, Sion,  
Switzerland

2001

*Untitled*, Underground Gallery, Dijon,  
France

1999

*Two Dimentions*, Verbie International  
Music Festival, Verbier, Switzerland

1998

Modern Art Museum, Yerevan, Armenia

1991

St Vartan Exposition Hall, New York,  
NY, USA

1990

Youth Palace, Moscow, Russia

1989

Palace of Culture of Gaza, Saint  
Petersburg, Russia

1987

Children Art Museum, Yerevan, Armenia

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020

Art Wynwood, Sponder Gallery, Miami, FL, USA  
Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary, West Palm Beach, FL, USA

2019

Art Miami, Opera Gallery, Miami, FL, USA  
Art on Paper, Sponder Gallery, New York, NY, USA  
Art Wynwood, Sponder Gallery, Miami, FL, USA  
Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary, West Palm Beach, FL, USA  
*Significance of Scale*, Pamela Walsh gallery, Palo Alto, CA, USA  
*Modern Portraiture*, Pamela Walsh gallery, Palo Alto, CA, USA

2018

Art Miami, Opera Gallery, Miami, FL, USA  
Art Miami, Sponder Gallery, Miami, FL, USA  
Contemporary Istanbul, 77 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey  
*Go Figure*, Sponder Gallery, Boca Raton, FL, USA  
Seattle Art Fair, Sponder Gallery, Seattle, WA, USA  
Art on Paper, Sponder Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2017

Art Miami, Arcature Fine Art, Miami, FL, USA  
LA Contemporary, Ararat Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
Palm Beach Modern and Contemporary, Arcature Gallery, Palm Beach, FL, USA  
Scope Miami, Vogelsang Gallery, Miami, FL, USA

Contemporary Istanbul, 77 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey  
Art Palm Springs, Sponder Gallery, Palm Springs, FL, USA

2016

*Hirs-Lachapelle-Stella-Tigran*, Vogelsang Gallery, Brussels, Belgium  
Art Miami, Arcature Fine Art, Miami, FL, USA  
Scope Miami, Vogelsang Gallery, Miami, FL, USA

2015

*New Now*, Phillips New York  
Roots, Bel Air Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland  
Art Miami, Arcature Fine Art, Miami, FL, USA  
Scope Miami, Vogelsang Gallery, Miami, FL, USA  
Gallery Valentine, East Hampton, NY, USA

2014

*Under the Influence*, Phillips, New York, NY, USA  
Art Miami, Arcature Fine Art, Miami, FL, USA  
Scope Miami, Vogelsang Gallery, Miami, FL, USA

2013

Art Miami, Arcature Fine Art, Miami, FL, USA  
Gallery Valentine, East Hamptons, NY, USA

2012

Art Miami, Arcature Fine Art, Miami, FL, USA  
Gallery Valentine, East Hamptons, NY, USA

2010

Municipal Gallery, Limassol, Cyprus

2007

*Armenian Landscapes*, EWZ - Unterwerk  
Selnau Kultur und Eventhaus, Zurich

2004

Gordart Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

1997

*Selected*, Tumanian Museum, Yerevan, Armenia

1994

*Existencial*, Center of Experimental & Contemporary Art, Yerevan, Armenia

## PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

National Gallery of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia  
Modern Art Museum, Yerevan, Armenia  
Children Art Museum, Yerevan, Armenia  
Forum of Contemporary Art, Sion, Switzerland  
Valette Fondation, Martigny, Switzerland  
Vidondée Fondation, Riddes, Switzerland

## DOCUMENTARIES

2018

*American Mirror*, Optimum Films, New York, NY, USA

1990

*Bless him Virgin Mary*, Yerevan Films, Yerevan, Armenia

1989

*Tigran*, Armenfilm, Yerevan, Armenia

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