

Orkideh Torabi  
orkitorabi@gmail.com  
www.orkidehtorabi.com

### **Education**

MFA, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Post-Baccalaureate, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
MA, The University of Art, Tehran, Iran  
BFA, The University of Art, Tehran, Iran

### **Museum Show**

2021 'Atrium project', Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL

### **SOLO SHOW**

2024 Nino Mier Gallery, Brussels, Belgium  
2022, When Mom's out, Half Gallery, New York, NY  
2021, Once Upon a Time, Nino Mier Gallery, Köln, Germany  
2019 'Heaven on earth' Western Exhibitions Gallery, Chicago, IL  
2019 'Give them all they want' Richard Heller Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
2017 Richard Heller Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
2016 'The Heads' Western Exhibitions gallery, Chicago, IL

### **ART FAIRS**

2025, Armory Show, Solo booth with Sarai Gallery, New York  
2025, Art Dubai, Sarai Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
2024, The Abu Dhabi Art, Sarai Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
2024, The Armory Show, Nino Mier Gallery, New York  
2022 Expo Chicago, Half Gallery, Chicago, IL  
2021 Art Antwerp, Nino Mier Gallery Antwerp, Belgium  
2021 NADA Miami, Nino Mier Gallery, Miami, FL  
2021 Expo Chicago, Richard Heller Gallery, Chicago, IL  
2020 NADA, Sean Horton (Presents), Online platform  
2020 Intersect Aspen, Western Exhibitions Gallery, Online platform  
2019 NADA Miami, Western Exhibitions Gallery, Miami, FL  
2018 Expo Chicago, Richard Heller Gallery, Chicago, IL  
2018 NADA NY, Solo booth with Horton Gallery and Western Exhibitions Gallery, New York, NY  
2016 Untitled Art Fair with Western Exhibition Gallery, Miami, FL  
2016 Expo Chicago with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2023, Beach Show, Nino Mier Gallery, New York, NY  
2022, Chronicles 5, Galerie Droste X KPM Berlin, Berlin, Germany  
2021, Apostolic Succession, Spurs Gallery, Shanghai, China  
2020 'Gest', Nino Mier Gallerys, Los Angeles, CA  
2020 Living Architecture, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL  
2020 'Auguries of Innocence', Fredericks and Freiser, NY  
2019 'It's all there in black and white', Western Exhibitions Gallery, Chicago, IL  
2019 Pure 'Joy', Curated by Invisible Exports Gallery, Western Exhibitions Gallery, Chicago, IL

2018 Living Architecture, 6018 Gallery, Chicago IL  
2018 What have you got to lose?, SLOW, Chicago, IL  
2018 Stacey Beach and Orkideh Torabi, Interface Gallery, Oakland, CA  
2018 'Weight of the world' curated by Nabiha Khan, Alison Ruttan and Orkideh Torabi, Weinberg/Newton Gallery, Chicago, IL  
2017 Council, curated by Robert Burnier, Andrew Rafacz Gallery, Chicago, IL  
2017 EXPANDED, a collective exhibition of 25 Chicago galleries, presented by Gallery Weekend Chicago, Mana Contemporary, Chicago, IL  
2017 Christopher Davison and Orkideh Torabi, Horton Gallery, New York, NY  
2016 Ground Floor, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
2016 MCAC Emerging Illinois Artist, Bloomington, IL  
2015 The Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal U.S.A. Inc 23, Chicago, IL  
2015 The Open Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL  
2014 Sullivan Gallery, Chicago, IL  
2014 The Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal U.S.A. Inc 21, Chicago, IL  
2013 The Salzburger Kunstverein, Salzburg, Austria  
2012 Open Knowledge Foundation Austria (OKFT) on International Women's Day, Tehran, Iran

#### **ARTIST RESIDENCY**

2019 Nino Mier Gallery, Köln, Germany  
2018 Wassaic Project Artist Residency, Wassaic, NY  
2017 Field/Work Residency, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL  
2017 Acre Projects Residency, Steuben, WI  
2017 Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE  
2016 Ox-Bow Artist Residency, Saugatuck, MI  
2013 Salzburg Künstlerhaus Artist residency, Salzburg, Austria

#### **SELECTED PRESS & PUBLICATIONS**

2025, The New York Times, Art Fair Review featuring Orkideh Torabi, Sarai Gallery at The Armory Show, New York.  
2025, AnOther Magazine, "Art Dubai Shines a Light on Art in the Middle East," feature including Orkideh Torabi, Sarai Gallery, Dubai, UAE.  
2021, Vamika Sinha, 'Rocking the Boat', Canvas Magazine, September 22  
2021, Afsaneh Akhoondi, Poking Fun at the Patriarchy: A Review of Orkideh Torabi at the MCA, Newcity, May 17  
2021, Yxta Maya Murray, Gest, The Brooklyn Rail, February 22  
2020, Intersect Aspen Curatorial Selections, Intersect Aspen, July 22.  
2019, Gallerie Editors, Galerie Magazine's inaugural Emerging Artists Issue – 11, New Artists to Discover, Gallery Magazine, September 30.  
2019 Louise Benson 'Toxic Masculinity Gets a Makeover Courtesy of Iranian Artist Orkideh Torabi', Elephant Magazine, November 5.  
2019 David Pagel, 'In her paintings, the glorious awkwardness of men failing to have fun', Los Angeles Times, July 29.  
2019 Orkideh Torabi's Latest Solo Show Laughs at Patriarchy, Juxtapoz magazine, June 19.  
2019 Jody Zellen, Orkideh Torabi: 'Give them all they want' Exploring Issues of Patriarchy', Art Now LA, July 14.  
2019, Annabel Osberg, 'Orkideh Torabi', Artillary Magazine, July 14.  
2018 Sutton, Benjamin, 'Lapping Up NADA New York's Lush Portraits and Giant Tongue Sculptures', Hyperallergic, March 9.  
Roberta Smith on Instagram. "At Horton Gallery/Western Exhibitions chez @newartdealers..." March 11

2018 Molly Elizalde, 'How Iranian painter Orkideh Torabi found her voice', Lenny Letter, April.  
2018 Alamo Costello, Chester. 'Revisiting male dominated narratives', October 21.  
2018 Jeanne Donegan, 'Artist Interview: Orkideh Torabi', Weinberg/Newton Gallery, August 4.  
2017 New American Paintings. Midwest, Issue #131.  
2017 Quinn, Patrick, 'Yes, Please, and Thank You Projects: New Paintings by Orkideh Torabi' Art and Cake Magazine, January 26  
2017 Amadeus Mag. Khatchadourian, Alex. 'Subverting Masculinity: Orkideh Torabi's 'New Paintings'. January 6.  
2017 Annabel Osberg, 'Orkideh Torabi: Yes, Please & Thank You Gallery', Artillery Magazine, March 7.  
2016 Reilly, Allison. "Ground Floor at the Hyde Park Art Center", Chicago Gallery News, September 20.  
2016 Hiba Ali, Colorful, Cartoonish Constructions of Masculinity A Review of Orkideh Torabi at Western Exhibitions', Newcity, July 27.

## **PROJECTS/EVENTS**

2021 'Atrium project', Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL  
2019 'The Land of Mustaches' release, Chicago Art Book Fair, Chicago, IL