

Afshin Chizari

Born 23 Sep 1988, Tehran, Iran
Based in Berlin since 2023



Bio

Afshin Chizari is a time-based visual artist whose practice is deeply rooted in slowness, craft, and intentional process. Born in Tehran and now based in Berlin, Afshin works across multiple tactile and historically rich mediums— printmaking, painting and Drawing , analog photography, durational sculpture— all of which demand time, patience, and material sensitivity. Their work resists quick consumption; instead, it invites viewers to dwell, to look again, to experience time differently. Whether it's a drawing spanning five meters or a sculpture that slowly melts over hours, Afshin creates conditions that disrupt the pace of contemporary viewing habits.

Alongside their studio practice, Afshin is an active organizer and collaborator, nurturing space for conversation, exchange, and publishing. They are the founder of Nashr, a Berlin-based publication platform dedicated to interactive, limited-edition printed matter shaped through dialogue and shared authorship. Their engagement with the Berlin art scene includes exhibitions, residencies, and events at spaces like SomoS Gallery, while also maintaining strong ties to the Tehran art community. Afshin's work has appeared in festivals (such as Tanzpol, TCS, 48 Stunden Neukölln, NAWA), artist book fairs (Miss Read, KKHB), and numerous exhibitions internationally. Their approach is both rigorous and relational—bridging material process, conceptual depth, and a quiet yet powerful commitment to care, intimacy, and resistance through art.

Education & Training

- 2005 – Graduated, School of Fine Arts, Painting, Tehran
- 2006–2008 – Studied Painting, Art University of Tehran (left 2008)

Residencies & Awards

- 2025 – Artist in Residence, Druckwerkstatt Garbisdorf, Germany
- 2023 – Artist in Residence, Schiesslhaus AIR, Kollnburg, Germany

Exhibitions & Fairs

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 – Room for Doubt, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 – “O” Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

Selected Group Exhibitions & Festivals

- 2024 – Tanzpol Festival; Tehran Contemporary Sounds; 48 Stunden Neukölln (Berlin); NAWA Festival (Vienna)
- 2019 – Building Bridges Art Exchange, California, USA
- 2016 – Fouledi Project Art Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2015 – The Mine Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2012 – Winkelhaak Design Centrum, Antwerp, Belgium

Book & Art Fairs

- 2025 – Miss Read: Berlin Art Book Festival; KKHB Buchmesse Artist Book Fair, Berlin, Germany

Book lunch& artist talk

- 2025 – SomoS Gallery, Berlin, Germany

Professional Projects & Initiatives

- Founder, Nashr Publication (Berlin)
Collaborative, limited-edition printed matter platform built through dialogue and shared authorship.

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