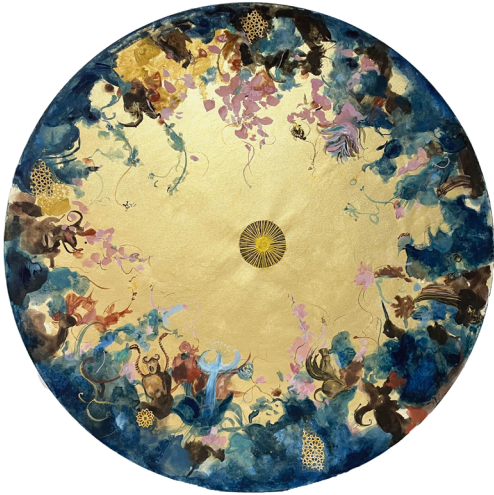


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*Anahita*  
Saya Behnam

Saffron threads, mica,  
minerals, and pigments  
30" diameter



*Another Realm*  
Maryam Rassapour

Acrylic, calligraphy, gold  
leaf, and charcoal  
48" x 60"

## Persian Perspectives: Celebrating Iranian Women Artists of DC

May 31- July 2, 2023

Washington, DC—Touchstone Gallery, in collaboration with Touchstone Foundation for the Arts, announces the exhibition *Persian Perspectives: Celebrating Iranian Women Artists of DC*, opening on May 31, 2023. The exhibition will remain on view through July 2, 2023.

This survey exhibition features works from artists Parinaz Ziai Bahadori, Saya Behnam, Katty Biglari, Roya Chadab, Setareh Pourrajabi, and Maryam Rassapour. Viewers are invited to experience selections from the vibrant and diverse world of contemporary Iranian artists working in the Washington, DC area—honoring the powerful voices and narratives of these women.

Through their work, participating artists reveal how their heritage, experiences, and cultural background have shaped their artistic careers. Selected works explore themes of identity, gender, tradition, nature, resilience, and empowerment.

The exhibition will be complemented by a series of events, including a panel discussion on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30 pm, moderated by Washington Post reporter Miriam Berger, who covers international news and the Middle East. An Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, June 3 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Meet the Artist days will also be scheduled to allow for engaged viewers to gain a deeper understanding of the creative process and the artistic visions.

Founded in 1976, Touchstone Gallery is an award-winning contemporary art gallery located in downtown Washington, DC. In 2012, Touchstone formed the nonprofit Touchstone Foundation for the Arts to continue a long standing commitment to community involvement and artistic development.

### Gallery Hours:

Wednesday through Sunday 12 - 5 pm. Closed Monday & Tuesday.

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