LUMEN TRAVO

# ATOUSA BANDEH

Driven by the fascination for demolished buildings and abandoned landscapes, Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi dwells upon the relationship between artificial and natural, raising poetic yet firm reflections over our present. Torn plastic bags caught in the bushes or construction sites with left pipes and tires and electricity poles witnessing what once was. Overwhelmingly deserted landscapes where the traces of human can be seen through all the industrial left overs.

Her drawings, videos and film works are stories delved in the ephemeral layers of her memories. She throws her images almost literally onto the paper -images of objects and portraits that conceal a profusion of symbolic associations. Personal memories tend to pop up not in a clear-cut way, but blurred, vague and deformed. Rather than representing a plain narrative, Her works represent visual poetry. Life, her life is caught in lyrical lines. Expressed in feathery layers of papers and moving images.









Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi, Amsterdam Conservatory, 2018 Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi, Posjesweg, 2018



Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi, Amsterdam, Admiraal de Ruijterweg, 2018



Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi, Iran, Shiraz, 2018



Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi, Clowns, 2016



Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi, Pool, 2015

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Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi, Artemis, 2014 Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi, Back Yard, 2014 Art Rotterdam, 2022 Group show with Otobong Nkanga, Thierry Oussou and Jens Pfeifer Lumen Travo Gallery

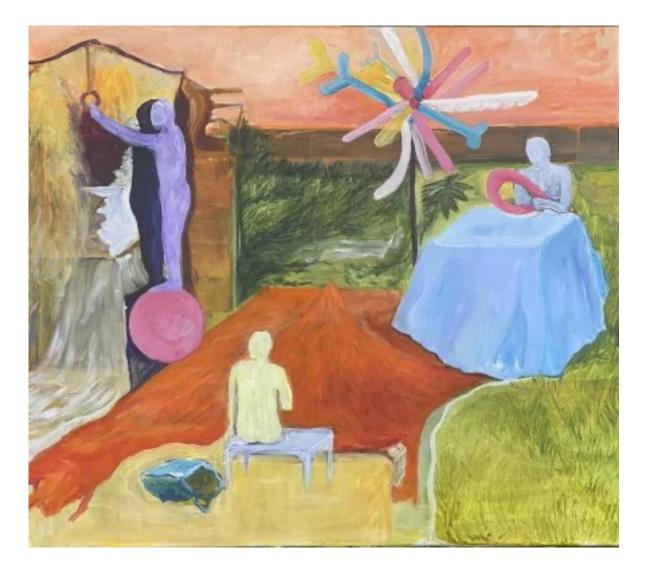
Lumen Travo Gallery participates in the yearly appointment at Art Rotterdam with the following artists: Otobong Nkanga, Atousa Bandeh, Jens Pfeifer and Thierry Oussou, also nominated for the NN Award.

Iranian artist Atousa Bandeh presented a new series going by the title of "Without Reason or Proof". These works result from the quest for ephemeral moments of equilibrium and silence she has initiated during her daily observations.



Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Without reason or proof 1 - Weightless bodies 2, 2022



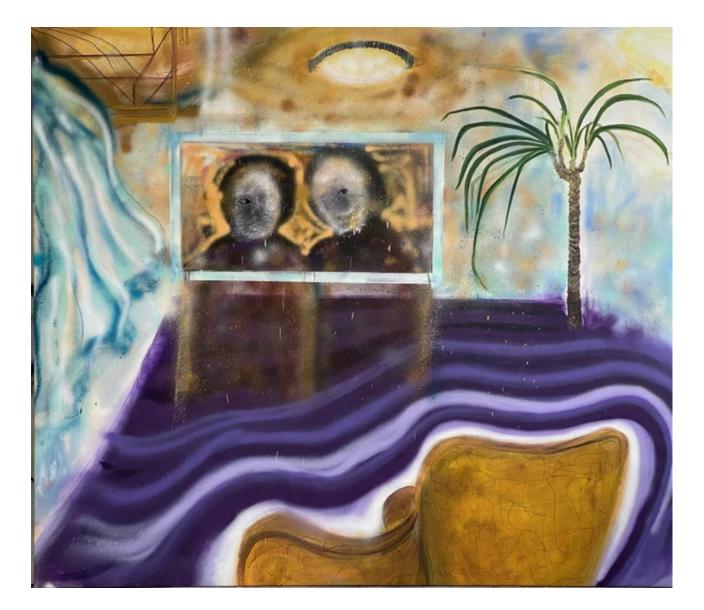




Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Without proof or reason - weightless bodies 5, 2022 Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Without reason or proof 3 - Weightless bodies 2, 2022 **Doubt,** 2021 At Lumen Travo Gallery

"There is nothing more mysterious than a TV set left on in an empty room. It is even stranger than a man talking to himself or a woman standing dreaming. It is as if another planet is communicating with you." - Baudrillard

The solo show "Doubt" by Iranian artist Atousa Bandeh leaves one high and dry in where one might find himself under the news bombardment of unrest and fire and fury. The significant difference from the daily bombardment is in the direction where this exhibition takes the viewer. Surrounded by multi-size and multimedia artworks, instead of de-sensitization proper of the age of horizontalist social media numbing, her works make a new sensation, embedding the daily with the timeless, the mythical with the political, and the far with the objects close by.



Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Doubt can be a bond as powerful as certainty, 2021



Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Apocalypse Now ( love the smell of napalm in the morning ), 2021





Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Dark blue painting of Baghdad, 2020 Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Blue painting of riots, 2020







From left to right: Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi | Lost Groceries 5, 2, 3 - A tribute to the incidental victim | 2020



Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Is This Orange Enough, 2020 **Untitled (Spirit of Changing Times)**, 2020 Group show with Thierry Oussou and Judith Westerveld At Lumen Travo Gallery

**'Untitled (Spirit of Changing Time)'** features the recent body of work of some of the gallery's key artists - Atousa Bandeh, Judith Westervelt and Thierry Oussou.

Developed under these times, the dystopian circumstances we live in, this group show presents different stories from different cultures coming together with the hope of raising awareness in our visitors, while keeping developing a visual conversation about this very moment, unfolding those urgent matters that need to be addressed.

> Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Thirsty paper bird, 2020







Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Screen 6, 2020 Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Screen 2, 2020

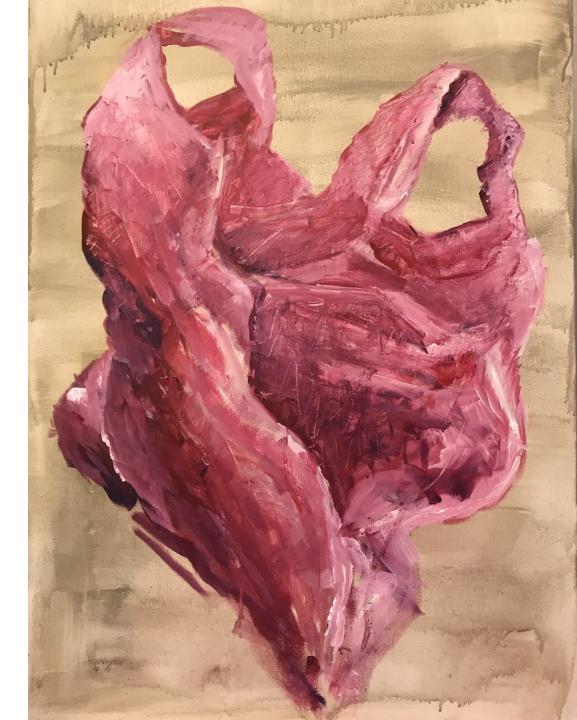
# Reflections on Nature, 2019

Group show with Matea Bakula and Joseph Sassoon Semah At Lumen Travo Gallery

The group show deals with what we consider an urgency that the gallery felt worth to be addressed in this early part of 2019, with the hope it will rise the right awareness in its audience: as the title suggests, all the artworks presented in the exhibition relay on the dualistic controversy between natural and artificial, in order to analyze the presence of Nature in such a man-centered world.

The arisen reflections also lead to a necessary confrontation with the role of animals and their involvement in contemporary society: the gallery would like to begin a provocative visual conversation over Nature, to help rise awareness towards the present and the future history of the world we are living in, while also growing a substantial understanding on the importance of animals and natural sources and materials.

> Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Poly-vessels pink acrylic on canvas, 2018







Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Poly-vessels blue acrylic on canvas, 2019 Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Looking for the miracle lake 4, 2018

Atousa Bandeh Ghiasabadi Looking for the miracle lake 2, 2018 1.7.5

History as a Poem, 2018 at Drents Museum

Atousa Bandeh's History as a Poem features large, richly coloured paintings. Everyday objects often circle around young girls, who look you straight in the eyes. In several videos and a film Atousa Bandeh reports on a journey to or an attempt to buy land in her native country.



Atousa Bandeh Apple Tree, 2013 Atousa Bandeh Hunters, 2013

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Atousa Bandeh (1968, Iran) studied Visual Arts from 1992 to 1995 at the Minerva Art Academy in Groningen and received her MFA in 2002 at the Sandberg Institute in Amsterdam, graduating in video and film. Recent exhibitions include: solo show "Doubt" at Lumen Travo Gallery (2021); group exhibition at Drentse Museum, Assen (2020); group exhibition "Untitled (Spirit of Changing Times) at Lumen Travo Gallery Amsterdam (2020); Sculpture Biennial Tehran (2020); Invisible present tens III AG Gallery Tahran (2019); "History as a Poem" at Drents Museum (2018); "Dialogues" Manifesta office Amsterdam (2017); "Preplexity" Alloy Dazibao Montreal, Canada (2018).



CV

#### Education

1986-1989 Physics Tehran Azad University 1990-1992 Astronomy Physics University of Groningen Netherlands 1992-1995 Visual Art, Painting/drawing Minerva Art Academy Gronigen Netherlands 2000-2002 Video,Film Post Graduate Sandberg institute Amsterdam Netherlands Degree Master of Fine Arts

#### Grants

2012, project grant Mondriaan fund
2010, Project grant Dutch visual Arts Fund
2010, Basic Grant Dutch Visaul Arts Fund
2007-2010 Project Sidewyas Intendant for cultural diversity
Dutch Visual arts Fund Fonds BKVB
2007, Research & development Dutch film fund
2002, Stipentium Dutch Visual arts Fund
1998, Stipentium Dutch Visual arts Fund

#### Occupations

2012, Teacher At Rietveld Academy
2011-2014 Member of selection commitie Mondriaan Fonds
2010, Member of advise committee Live Grants Fonds BKVB
2009, Member of advise committee Cultural Diversity Fund BKVB
2007-2009 Intendant cultural diversity Fund BKVB
2006, One minute video workshops European Cultural Foundation
2005-2007 Member of advise committee Artist residency Townhouse Gallery Cairo
2005-2007 Member of advise committee Artist residency IASPIS Stokholm
2005-2007 Member of advise committee Artist residency Platform Garantie Istanbul
2004-2007 Member of advise committee regular Grabts Fonds BKVB Biography/Filmography

#### Exhibitions

2015, Screening My own 1000 m2 Worm Rotterdam 2015, Art Amsterdam Lumen Travo Gallery 2015, Group Exhibition Lumen Travo Gallery 2014, Art Rotterdam, Lumen Travo Gallery Rotterdam 2014, Solo Exhibition Dynamism of a Dream LumenTravo Gallry Amsterdam 2013, Screening an afternoon in Tehran at IFFR, International Rotterdam ff 2012, Screening The Day I Disappeared at Parking Gallery Tehran Iran 2011, Whats new Meuseum for contemporary art Arnhem Netherlands 2010, Sideways Meuseum for contemporary art Arnhem Netherlands 2008, Sideways in Tehran Azad Gallery Tehran Iran 2007, Hidden women Museum Our Lord on Attic Amsterdam 2006, MediaMatic Le Mepris Amsterdam 2005, Arti e Amitciae Amsterdam 2004, Withe Box new york 2004, Monte video Amsterdam 2003, La nuit American Arti e Amitiae 2003, Outline Amsterdam 2002, Smart Projects Amsterdam 2002, Cinema sculpture De hage 2002, one minute Bienale centraal museum Utrecht 2001, One minute Montevideo 2002, Film museum Amsterdam 2002, Vhs Video festival Wilde weten Rotterdam 2000, Sandberg 2 Hooren 2001, Kunst Vlai Amsterdam 2000, Arti e Amitciae Amsterdam 2000, Kunst Vlai Amsterdam 1999, Doel zonder oorzaak Paradiso 1999, Doel zonder oorzaak W139 1999, uitgelicht Kunst Rai Amsterdam 1999, uitgelicht Kunst Vlai Amsterdam 1999, Gallery Sib helinga Beetsterzwaag 1998, Gallery Fibeiti Amsterdam 1998, gele rijder Arnhem

#### Publications

#### 2015.2015.De volkskrant http://www.volkskrant.nl/beeldende-kunst/geen-gemekker-of-

nostalgische-prietpraat~ 2016.2016.2013. Tekst exhibition Dynamism of the dream by Arturo Desimone <a href="http://www.lumentravo.nl/wp/?p=3223">http://www.lumentravo.nl/wp/?p=3223</a> 2011. Eutopia Magazine 2010. Sideways Publication, reflections on changing contexts in Art 2008, Sidewvas in Tehran Publication 2008, Idfa 2008 Catalogue Biography/Filmography 2008, Women International filmfestiva cologne 2007, Hidden Women Catalogue 2007, Cinema Withouth Borders Digital Journal 2007, Trouw News paper interview 2006, IDFA 2006 catalouge 2006, Coriere del Mezzogiorno 2006, Le Mepris/ contempt 2003, News From Home 2003, La nuit American 2002, Prix de Rome2002 Catalogue 2001, worldOneMinute DVD Catalogue 2000, One minute video LosAngeles 2000, Kunstvlai 1999, Doel Zonder oorzaak catalogue 1999, Uitgelicht 1998, project Leath dept.

#### Festivals

- 2013, Different Screen Seoul SouthKorea The Day I disappeared 2013, Different Screen Clear well UK The Day I disappeared
- 2012, Taiwan International Documentary filmfestival Taiwan
- 2012, International Frauenfilmfestival Cologne/ Dortmund Germany
- 2012, International Fraueninmestival Cologne/ Dortmund Germany
- 2011, Cinemanila international filmfestival Philipins internaltional Competition
- 2011, DocLeipzig young Talent Competition Germany
- 2011, The Netherlands Filmfestival
- 2011, Femina International Women Filmfestival Rio de Janero , Competition
- 2011, International Filmfestival Rotterdam Bright future The Day I Disappeared
- 2009, European Short filmfestival Cologne Germany 12 days of waiting
- 2008, International documentaryfestival Amsterdam 12 days of waiting
- 2008, Beging Olympic One minutes China No way out
- 2008, Jakson Hights Film Festival New Yoyrk US My own 1000 m2
- 2008, international Womens filmfestival Dortmund My own 1000 m2meters
- 2008, Media wave international festival hungary My own 1000 square

2007, Jihalva International Documentary Festival CZECH REPUBLIC 2007, Dutch Film festival Utrecht the Netherlands My own 1000sg m2 2007, AGH International Film& Video Festival Hamilton Ontario Canada, 2007, Scanners New York Video Festival My own 1000sg metres 2007, EMAF European Media Art Fetsival Osnabruk Germany My own 100 2007, Courtisane Festival Gent Belgium My own 1000sg metres 2007, International Film Festival Rotterdam IFFR My own 1000m2 2006, IDFA 2006 My own 1000 m2 2006, Pietreche cantano Festival Puglia Italy 2006, Short Film Corner Cannes Film festival 2005, Zemos98Film Festival Sevillia Spain Almost a stilllife 2002, Gorcum film festival Ant's I view 2002, Film by the see Flissingen Ant's I view 2001, Short film festival SHORTS 2001, One minute video Awards Amsterdam Paradiso (Nomination) 2000, One minute videofestival Los Angeles USA

#### Biography/Filmography

2000, One minute video Kunst Vlaai Amsterdam the Netherlands Theatrical& Tv Screening 2013, Different Screen Seoul Korea The Day I Disappeared 2013, Different Screen, Clearwel UK 2008, FilmBank TV My own 1000 m2 2007, Verkadefabriek Den Bosch My own 1000sg metres 2007, Lux Nijmegen My own 1000sg metres 2007, Focus Filmtheater Arnhem My own 1000sg metres 2007, Hooat Utrecht My own 1000sa metres 2007, Plaza Futura Eindhoven My own 1000sg metres 2007, Lantaren/Venster Rotterdam My own 1000sg metres 2007, Cinema de Balie Amsterdam My own 1000sg metres 2007, Filmhuis Delft My own 1000sg metres 2007, Vera Zienema Groningen My own 1000sg metres 2007, Filmhuis Den Haag My own 1000sg metres 2006, New Arrivals 2004, One minute program 2003, One minute program 2002, One minute program 2000, Ketelhuis Amsterdam Biography

#### Awards

2011, Netpac award International Filmfestival Rotterdam for best asian film, 2011( The Day I Disappeared)

## Filmography

2013. an afternoon in Tehran 14min experimantal documentary
2011. The Day I Disappeared 63min/DocuFition
2008, 12 days of waiting 22min documentary
2006, My own 1000 square meters 14 min Documentary
2002, Ant's I view 20min video
2001, Almost a still life 10min
2000, Table Oneminute video
1999, BioGraphy Oneminute video

## lectures & Teaching

2015. Geust Lecture at Master Film Academi 2012, Guest Teacher Iranian cinema, Netherlands Film Academi 2011, Poduiom Mozaik Pannel Discution Iranian Artist In Netherlands 2010, Geust Teacher Academi Artez Lecture 2008, Lecture, Red lines NP3 Gronigen 2008, Lecture, Iran re dGlienmesak De hage

# Biography/Filmography

2008, Ageust Teacher cademy of design end architectre Groningen 2008, Lecture Intendant Cultural Diversity Felix meritus Amsterdam 2008, Geuust Teacher Willem de koning Academy



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