

# AVA MAKEN ALI

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## EDUCATION

- 2019-2021**    **M.F.A. Fine Arts** Columbia College Chicago. Chicago, IL
- 2016**        **Certificate of Engineering, Metropolitan Architecture.** Polytechnic University of Milan. Milan (Lombardy), Italy
- 2013-2018**   **B.A. Art and Architecture** Islamic Azad University Central Tehran Branch. Tehran, Iran

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2021**        **CHAUTAUQUA Group Show.** Fowler Kellogg Art Center. Chautauqua, NY  
Curated by Judy Barie and Sharon Loudon
- 2021**        **MFA Thesis Show.** Glass Curtain Gallery. Chicago, IL
- 2021**        **Artist Salon.** Columbia College Chicago. Chicago, IL  
Organized by Columbia College Chicago, Art and Art History Department
- 2021**        **Hyperlink.** C33 Gallery. Chicago, IL  
Curated by Darby Jack Gustafson
- 2020**        **In These Times...2020.** Columbia College Chicago. Chicago, IL  
Curated by Eric Salgado
- 2019**        **Dead Chickens.** Columbia College Chicago. Chicago, IL  
Organized by Columbia College Chicago, Art and Art History Department
- 2018**        **Talking Camel.** Yasamin Art Gallery. Tehran, Iran

Curated by Vahid Sheykhyian and Ava Makenali

## GRANTS/AWARDS/PUBLICATIONS

- Fall 2021**      **Albert P. Weisman Award.** Columbia College Chicago. Chicago, IL  
Funded creative endeavors for Columbia College Chicago students
- June 2020**      **ArtSeen. Brooklyn Rail Magazine.** Brooklyn, NY  
Cow Bag drawings were selected by Dr. Debra Parr
- 2019-2021**      **M.F.A. Program Admission Scholarship.** Columbia College Chicago. Chicago, IL
- February 2018** **Picture of The Day. Financial Tribune Newspaper.** Tehran, Iran  
The Talking Camel Exhibition was selected by the international newspaper. Photo  
Credit by Ali Shirdelian

## RESIDENCIES

- 2021**              **Chautauqua School of Art.** Chautauqua, NY  
Selected as an exceptional artist with full scholarship
- 2021**              **Haystack Mountain School of Crafts.** Deer Isle, Maine  
Fellowship awardee in Mentorship & Collaboration with Lenka Clayton and Phillip  
Lewis

## PUBLIC LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2021**              **Guest Lecturer. Drawing 1.** Columbia College Chicago. Chicago, IL  
Organized by Chelsea Fetherlin
- 2020**              **Enter Ava's World. @Covidtv**  
Curated by Rebecca Hill

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 2021**              **Artistic Programs Manager,** South Asia Institute, Chicago, IL

Managing logistics of artistic programs including musical, dance, film and literary Programs

Working collaboratively with staff, artists, and curators in executing programs & events

Coordination with vendors and contractors

Tracking of budgets and timelines

Managing documentation of programs & events

Prepare promotional materials for programs & events

**2020** **Social Media Assistant.** Columbia College Chicago. Chicago, IL

Coordinated and designed social media assets

Interviewed with graduate, undergraduate students and/or alumni

Collected and managed student projects

Interviewed responses and portraits

**2019** **3D Print Teaching Assistant.** Columbia College Chicago. Chicago, IL

Taught Tinker cad and Mesh mixer software

Worked with 3D printers

Developed creativity

Taught composition and color techniques

**2018** **Curator Assistant.** Yasamin Art Gallery. Tehran, Iran

Prepared exhibition events

Support artists network

**2015-2016** **Art Director Assistant and Illustrator.** Contrast TV show. Tehran, Iran

Illustrated comic strip

Directed teaser trailer

Narrator

Announcer

**2012-2014** **Children Art and English Teacher.** Community Center. Alborz, Iran

Taught English, drawing and painting to kids

## **LANGUAGE**

**Farsi/ Persian** Native

**English** Fluent