Zahra Motallebi

Years of experience: Since 2016

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Education

- MA in Photography, Iran University of Art, 2021–2024
- BA in Photography, Iran University of Art, 2017–2021
- Diploma in Graphic Design, Fazili Art School, 2014–2017

Awards and Achievements

- Direct admission to the full-time MA program without the entrance exam, as an exceptional talent, 2021
- Selected for the photography talent-development program between Dortmund University of Applied Sciences and Arts (Dortmund, Germany) and the University of Art (Tehran, Iran), 2019–2021
- Selected in the side section of the 6th Annual Photo Exhibition, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran, 2021

Solo Exhibitions

- *Mana* (portrait show), Zürcher Fenster, Bern, Switzerland, 2025
- *Cognizant Parrots*, Darmanegar Projects Space, Tehran, Iran, 2025

Group Exhibitions

- *Female Focus*, Freelens Gallery, Hamburg, Germany, 2026
- *Photo_Role_Playing*, Northlight Gallery, Arizona, USA, 2026
- *Iran PhotoFest* (street exhibition), Arles, France, and Barcelona, Spain, 2026
- *Iran PhotoFest* (photo exhibition), RooBeRoo Mansion Gallery, Tehran, Iran, 2026
- *Card Catalog No.2* , Didar Gallery, Tehran, Iran, 2025
- *Image of the Year 21*, Iranian Artists Forum, Tehran, Iran, 2024
- *Sanobaran*, Mehr Gallery, Tehran, Iran, 2024
- *Hampeymani (Aliance)*, Didar Gallery (Bazaar), Tehran, Iran, 2024
- *Tehran Street Photography Festival*, Iranian Artists Forum, Momayez Gallery, Tehran, Iran, 2024
- *Image Archive*, Northlight Gallery, Arizona, USA, 2024
- *Resonance*, O Gallery, Tehran, Iran, 2022
- *Tehran, Dortmund*, Dortmund University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Dortmund, Germany, 2021
- *Tehran, Dortmund*, University of Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran, 2021
- *Parash (Diffraction)*, Zero/One Gallery, Isfahan, Iran, 2021
- *Mana Collection* (documentary photography), University of Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran, 2018
- *Silver Photo Festival*, University of Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran, 2017
- *Platform 101*, RooBeRoo Mansion Gallery, Tehran, Iran, 2017

Interviews

- Aperture magazine, “What Photography Means to Young Artists in Iran,” London, UK, 2023
- Scientific Association of the University of Tehran, as a selected artist of the 6th Annual Photo Exhibition, Tehran, Iran, 2021

Publications

- *Two Cities* (Tehran–Dortmund), photobook, DAAD, 2021

Teaching Experience

- University photography courses, 2024–present: General Photography, Basic Photography, Night Photography Workshop, Fashion Photography Workshop, Studio Photography Workshop, Portrait Photography Workshop, and Conceptual Photography Workshop