
Maryam Fardinfard

AWARDS, EXHIBITIONS, PUBLICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Signature Member, Society of Animal Artists (SAA), USA (2026–Present)
- Signature Member, Artists for Conservation (AFC), Canada (2026–Present)

MAJOR AWARDS & HONORS

- Third Place, Animal/Wildlife Category, 5th Annual Artists to Watch Competition, Artists Magazine, USA (2026)
- First Place, Faces that Speak: Portraits, Blue Koi Gallery, USA (2025) — Awarded for Artistic Excellence
- Reserve Best in Show, UK Colour Pencil Society (UKCPS) Annual Open Exhibition, United Kingdom (2025)
- Honorable Mention, International FiKVA Award for Painters, Belgium (2026)
- Honorable Mention, Dakota Pastels Quarterly Competition (Emerging Artists), USA (2025) — Selected for the Grand Final
- Overall Honorable Mention, Masters of Wildlife Art, Wild Heart Gallery, USA (2025)
- Top 100 and Honorable Mention, Pastel 100 Competition, Animal & Wildlife Category, USA (2025)

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS & FINALISTS

- Finalist, 18th International ARC Salon Competition, USA (2025–2026)
- Finalist, Tartget Prize 2026, Spain
- Selected Artist, YICCA International Contest 2026 — Final Exhibition, Italy
- Selected Artist, ArtPrize 2025, selected by LaFontsee Galleries and exhibited at Palaz Tower, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA
- Selected Artist, Artists for Conservation Virtual Exhibit 2026 — two artworks selected, Canada
- Selected Artist, For Pastels Only 2025, Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod, USA
- Selected Artist, UKCPS Annual Open Exhibition, United Kingdom (2025)

PUBLICATIONS & FEATURES

- Featured Artist, International Artist Magazine (2026) — commissioned full demonstration article
- Published Artist, Art Renewal Center (ARC) Salon 18 Catalogue (2026)
- Published Artist, Artists for Conservation 2026 Companion Book
- Published Artist, YICCA International Contest Exhibition Catalogue (2026)
- Artwork Featured on the Cover, International FiKVA Award for Painters 2026 Top 100 Catalogue

GRANTS & RESIDENCIES

- Denis Diderot Grant Recipient, Château d'Orquevaux Artist Residency, France (2026)
- Accepted Artist, La Macina di San Cresci Artist Residency, Tuscany, Italy (2025)

ADDITIONAL AWARDS, RECOGNITION & EXHIBITIONS

- Merit Award, Geometry Juried Exhibition, UPWARD Gallery, USA (2025)
- Special Merit, Summer 5 for \$10 Art Exhibition, Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery, USA (2025)
- Exhibition Finalist, Still Life 2025 Exhibition, Fusion Art, USA (2025)
- Honorable Selection, Exhibizone Grand Prize (2025)
- Selected Artist, ModPortrait 2025 Special Catalogue, Spain (2025)
- Selected Artist, Studio Texas Annual Online Juried Competition, USA (2025)
- Group Exhibition, FCPS Members' Show, St. Augustine Art Association, Florida, USA (2025) — two pastel paintings exhibited
- Group Exhibition, The Holy Art Gallery, New York, USA (2025)