

A Nation in Miniature

A solo exhibition by Khashayar
Salmanzadeh (VIC).

15 August – 12 September 2026



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For his first solo exhibition, Khashayar Salmanzadeh (b. 2001) presents new oil paintings and a special viewing of an upcoming video project to be shown later in the United Kingdom. The exhibition focuses on the artist's exploration of the human condition and the push and pull of displacement in the family, both culturally and spiritually.

Born in Shiraz, Iran, Salmanzadeh's work is rooted in a deep engagement with his personal experiences of diaspora having moved to Australia as a child because of his family's Bahá'í identity. Growing up as an 'other' in both worlds, his practice reflects a hybridised identity of east and west.

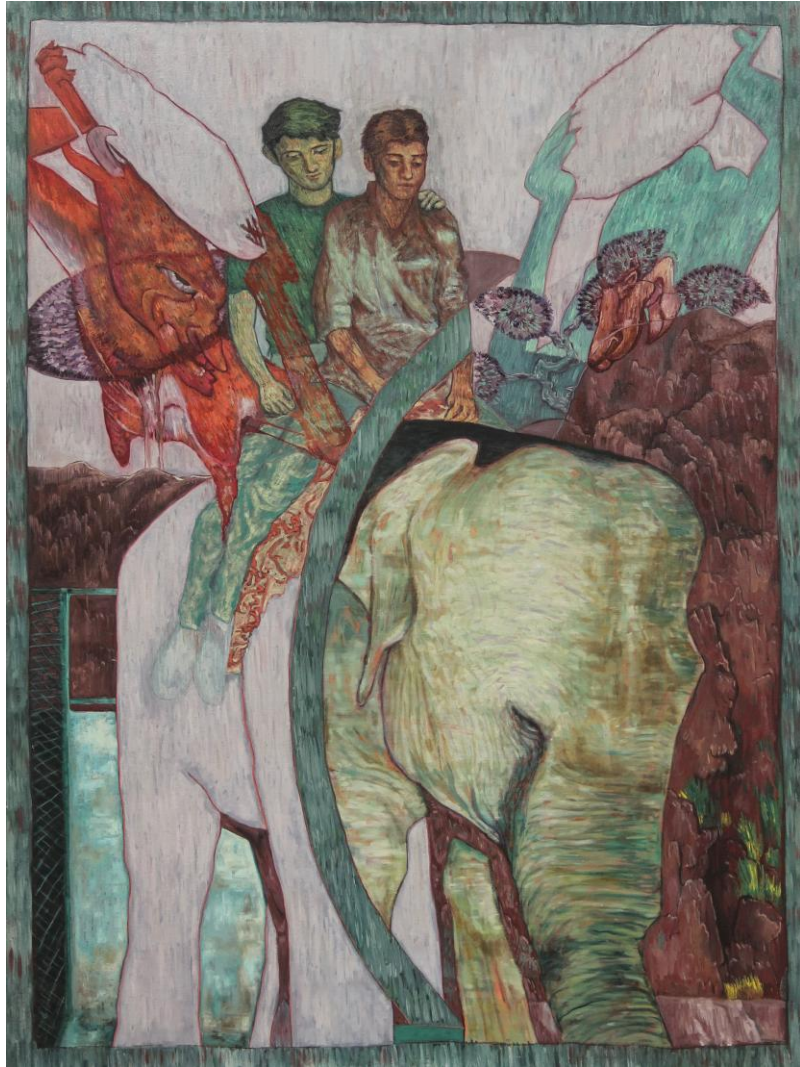
The ten artworks on display draw on an archive of family photographs before and after the 1978 Revolution, and ongoing research into the history of Persian miniature painting. By interweaving and distorting the two, Salmanzadeh invites the audience to empathise and meditate on the current condition of the family unit, recognising that the forces that uplift and degrade the family are the same which ultimately affect the nation as a whole.



KHASHAYAR SALMANZADEH (Artist photo courtesy the artist)



KHASHAYAR SALMANZADEH *Call me Ishmael* 2026 oil and acrylic on canvas 122 x 92 cm \$5200



KHASHAYAR SALMANZADEH *Beast of burden* 2026 oil and acrylic on canvas 122 x 92 cm \$5200



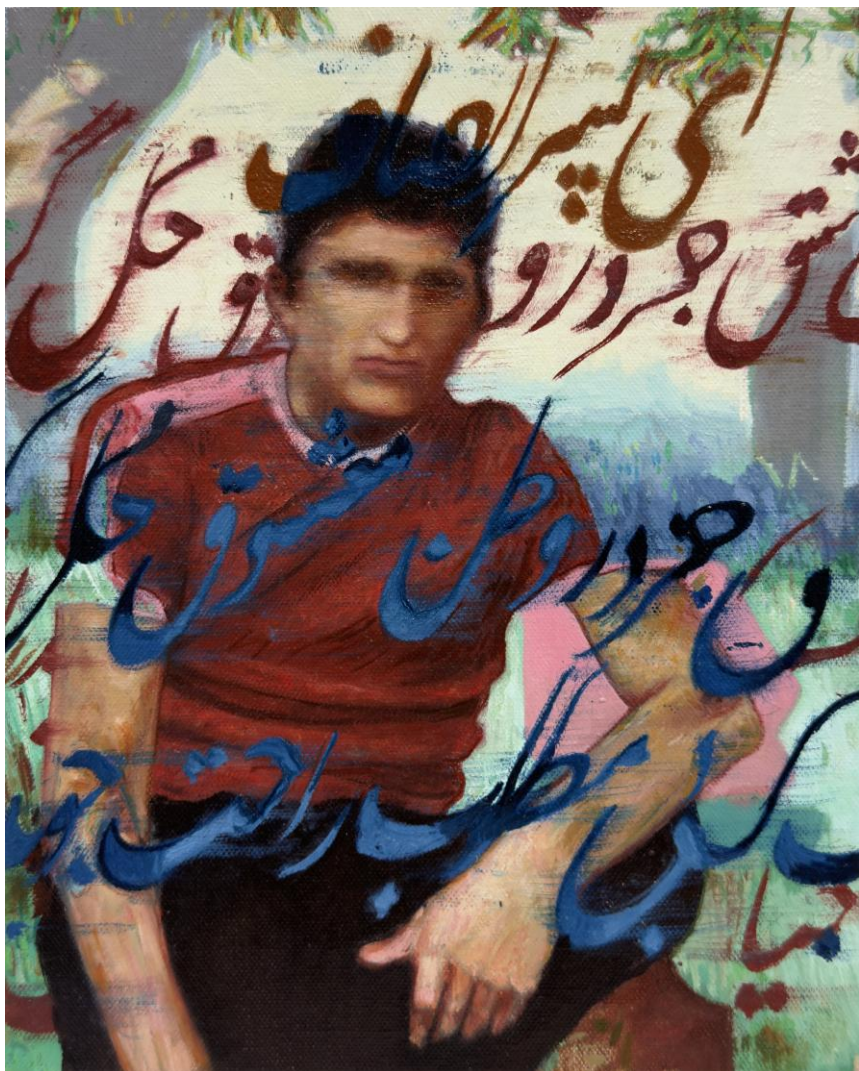
KHASHAYAR SALMANZADEH *Joey 2026* oil and acrylic on canvas 92 x 61 cm \$3000



KHASHAYAR SALMANZADEH *Your strong divine* 2026 oil and acrylic on canvas 92 x 61cm \$3000



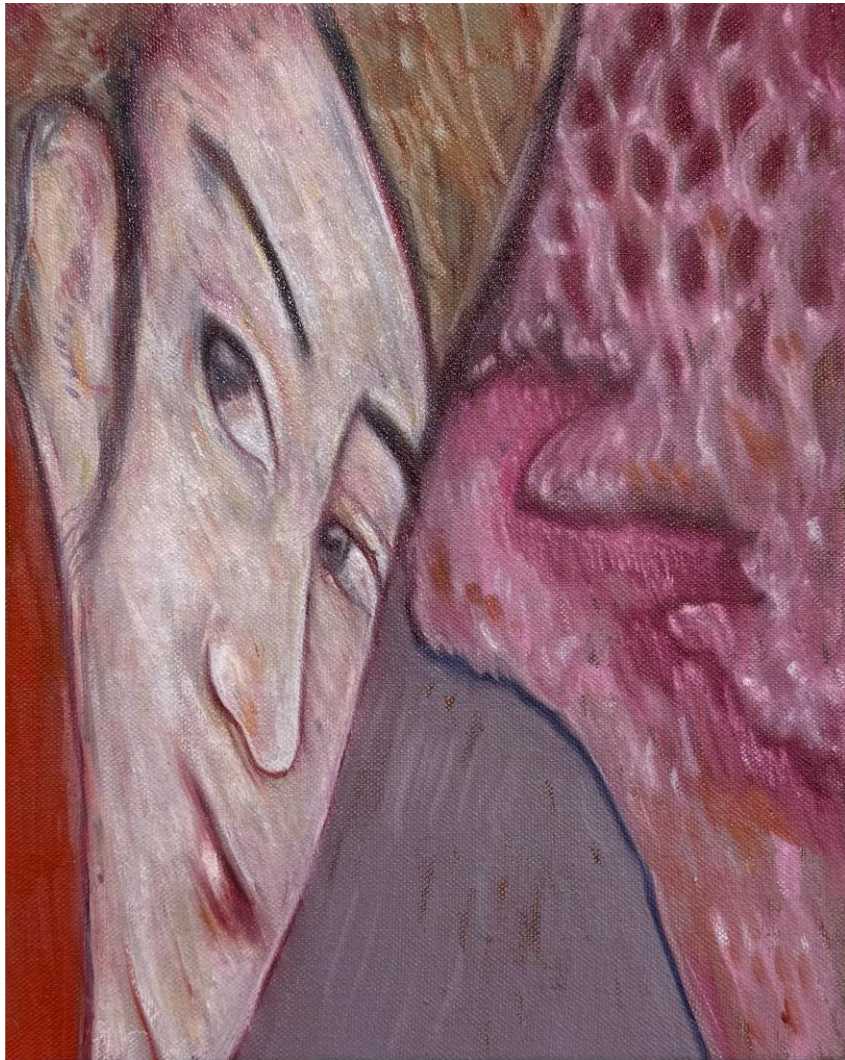
KHASHAYAR SALMANZADEH *Little prince* 2026 oil and acrylic on canvas 61 x 41cm \$1800



KHASHAYAR SALMANZADEH *Our separation must give way to reunion* 2026 oil on canvas 25 x 20cm \$1200



KHASHAYAR SALMANZADEH *Piercing the veil* 2026 oil on canvas 25 x 20cm \$1050



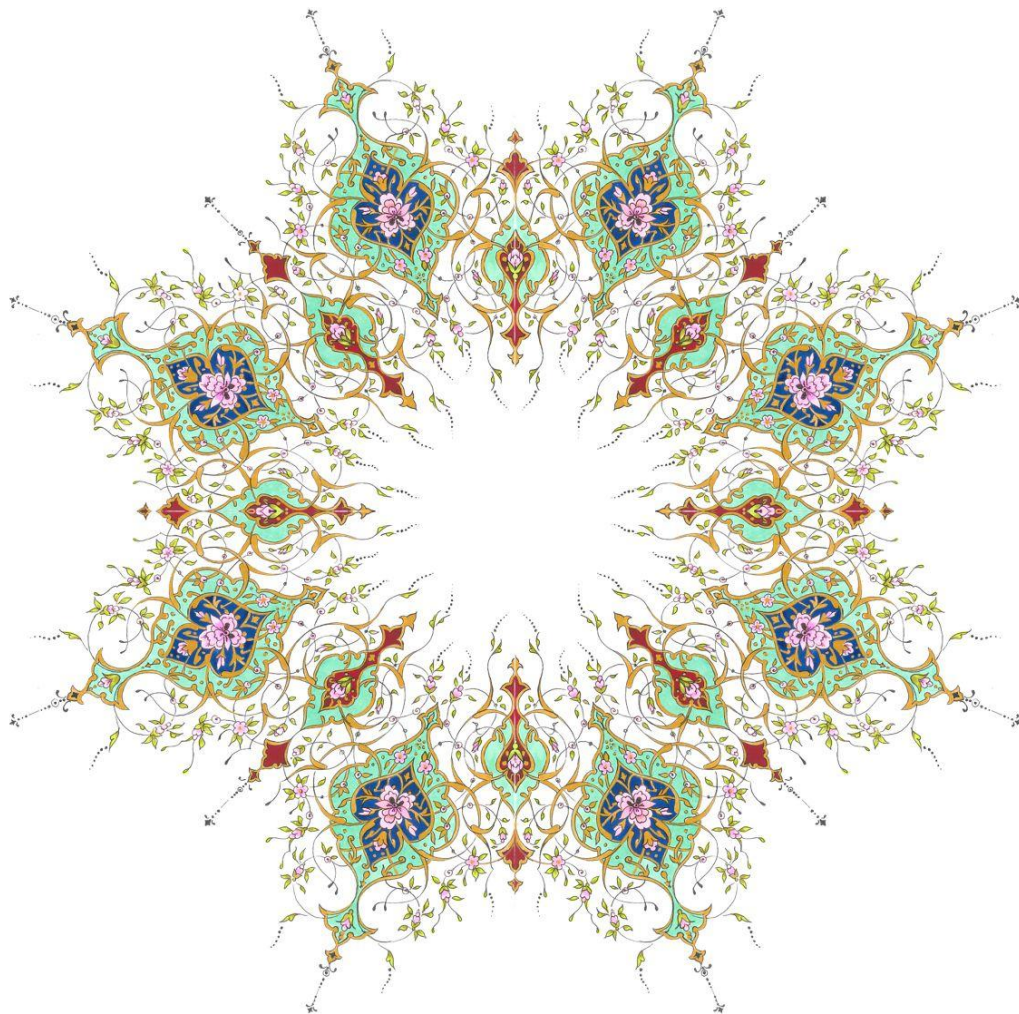
KHASHAYAR SALMANZADEH *Waking dreams* 2026 oil on canvas 25 x 20cm \$1050



KHASHAYAR SALMANZADEH *Pale morning* 2026 oil on canvas 25 x 20cm \$1050



KHASHAYAR SALMANZADEH *Pushing forward* 2026 oil and acrylic on board 20.5 x 20.5cm \$950



KHASHAYAR SALMANZADEH AND ELHAM ESHRAGHIAN-HAAKANSSON *Love moveth from the periphery to the centre* (video still) 2026, Virtual Reality, Animation, Spatial Audio. Duration: Approximately 4 minutes video work. This work is being developed for Immersive Arts UK. NFS



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