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BEYOND THE BAN CONTEMPORARY IRANIAN ART

JUNE 14 - AUGUST 30, 2017

OPENING RECEPTION: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 6-8 PM

Beyond the Ban is a group exhibition showcasing the work of leading Iranian artists based in the United States. It features painting, photography, video and prints by such luminaries as Shirin Neshat, Nicky Nodjoumi, Nahid Hagigat, Shoja Azari, Shahram Karimi, Jason Noushin, Afshin Naghouni, Reza Java, Nazanin Noroozi, Raha Raissnia and Hossein Fatemi.

American Art has thrived through the contribution of its immigrants. *Beyond the Ban* celebrates this dynamic tradition of diversity in American art by showcasing the stunning contributions of one of the immigrant groups targeted by President Trump's travel ban.

The artists in the exhibition have generously donated their artwork to benefit the *Center for Human Rights in Iran,* a non-profit based in New York City. The exhibit demonstrates the rich stylistic and thematic variety of art being produced today by the vibrant community of Iranian artists living in the US.

Among other works, the show includes: a photograph by **Shirin Neshat**, known for her work in film, video and photography, addressing the religious and cultural challenges facing women in Islamic societies; two paintings by the artist **Nicky Nodjoumi**, known for his large-scale narrative paintings featuring characters grappling with political and societal unrest; a video still by **Shoja Azari** from his *Icon Series*; a hand-painted etching by **Nahid Hagigat** from her "Three Women" series; and two photographs by **Hossein Fatemi** from his *Veiled Truths* series.

Please join us for the opening reception of this exciting exhibition.

Wednesday, June 14, 6 - 8 PM

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