

## Bio

Elyas Alavi is an emerging artist based in Adelaide, South Australia. He is primarily working in the form of Painting, Installation and Performance Art. Alavi was born in Daikundi province, Afghanistan, and moved to Iran as a child, following the intensification of war in his homeland and in late 2007 he moved to Australia as refugee at risk. Alavi graduated from a Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours) in 2012, specialising in painting, and is currently undertaking a Masters by Research (Visual Arts) at the University of South Australia and has exhibited in Australia and Afghanistan artspaces including Nexus Arts Gallery, CACSA Project Space, SASA Gallery IFA (Kabul) and Fontanelle Gallery. Alavi also is best known as an internationally renowned poet. He published 3 poetry books in Iran and Afghanistan. first poetry book "I'm a daydreamer wolf" published in 2008 in Tehran, followed by "Some wounds" in 2012 in Kabul and "Hodood" in 2015 in Tehran. He regularly runs art and poetry workshops in community centres and schools in Adelaide. He visits many issues in his works, but mainly memory, displacement, exile, social justice, gender issues, separation and the human nature.

## Artist's CV

### Education

2013-2015	Masters by Research (MMRD), South Australian School of Art (Uni SA)
2012	Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours), South Australian School of Art, UniSA
2011	Bachelor of Visual Arts, University of South Australia
2008	Marden Senior College South Australia - Year 12

### Solo Exhibition

2014	Contemporary Art Centre of South Australia- Project Space (CACSA)
2014	Public performance art, Mashad, Iran
2013	French Institute in Afghanistan (IFA gallery), Kabul, Afghanistan
2012	Seedling Art Space, Adelaide
2012	Nexus gallery, Nexus Arts, Adelaide
2010	Project Space, SASA Gallery, Adelaide

### Selected Group Exhibitions

2015	Do It, Samstag gallery, Adelaide
2014	Nexus gallery, Adelaide
2014	Artillery, Amnesty International of Australia, Adelaide
2013	Nexus gallery, Adelaide
2012	Fontanelle Gallery, Adelaide
2012	Felt Space, Adelaide

### Awards & grants in Visual arts

2015	Fontanelle Studio Residency, Helpman Academy
2014	Art, Architecture & Design Higher Degree Research National Travel Award, Uni SA
2013	Australian Postgraduate Award (Full Scholarship - Masters by Research)
2012	First Class Honours (Bachelor of Visual Arts, Honours degree)
2011	University Merit Award, (Bachelor of Visual Arts), University of SA

### Awards in Poetry

2009	The Annual Reporters Poetry Prize, Tehran, Iran - First prize winner
2008	Young Poets' Book of the Year, Tehran Iran, Second prize winner

2005-06 Qand-e Parsi Festival (Afghan Young Poets), first prize winner  
2004-06 The Festival of Sharivar Nights, Tehran, Iran

#### Publications

2012 I'm a Day-dreamer wolf, Poetry book, 2007, Tehran, Iran  
2011 Bazi Zakhmha (Some wounds), Drawing & poetry book, Kabul  
2015 Hodood, Poetry and drawing book, Nimaj publisher, Tehran, Iran

#### Community activity

2015 Art workshop for children age 4-12yrs old during school holidays, Kilburn Community Centre  
2015 Art and poetry workshop, Adelaide Secondary School of English  
2014 Artist in School project- Para Hills primary and William Light R-12, 20 weeks July-December, Project funded by Art SA, Nexus Arts, City Council & Department of education.  
2013-current Layout designer, Dorr-e Dari Magazine, Afghanistan  
2008-current Art designer, Khatt-e Sewwom magazine, Iran  
2007-08 Ariana Persian School South Australia – Persian language teacher