

Artist CV – Masoud Habibyan

Contemporary Figurative and Portrait Painter

Born in 1974, Tabriz, Iran

Lives and Work in Vancouver, BC, Canada

Biography

Masoud Habibyan is a figurative and portrait painter whose journey in art began in early childhood. Born into a family of artists, Masoud began drawing at the age of five and quickly developed a prodigious talent. His artistic gift became evident when a teacher, skeptical of his skill, accused him of cheating—only to later become one of his biggest supporters.

Masoud pursued formal art studies in high school, specializing in drawing and anatomy. He later earned a Bachelor of Design and worked as an animation project manager before fully dedicating his life to painting. Over the years, Masoud has studied with renowned artists such as Jeremy Lipking, Robert Johnson, and most notably Dan Gerhartz, whose mentorship helped him refine his technique and develop a distinctive style.

Inspired by old masters like Ilya Repin, John Singer Sargent, and the French Impressionists, Masoud paints figures in natural settings that evoke timeless serenity and idealism. He is also a skilled commission portraitist, known for capturing the essence and likeness of his subjects. In addition to painting, Masoud is a musician and plays accordion with the Araz Music Ensemble.

Education

- High School – Specialized in Drawing and Anatomy
- Bachelor of Design – [University Name if available]
- Mentorship with Dan Gerhartz, Master Artist
- Workshops with Jeremy Lipking and Robert Johnson

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 – *Brushstrokes of Love: February Group Exhibition of Local and World Masters*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2025 – *Masoud Habibyan*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada