

[Titanium White] Sadaf Seyed Rezaei

April 14 - 28, 2023

SARAI Gallery (SARADIPOUR) is pleased to present *Titanium White*, young Iranian artist Sadaf Seyed Rezaei's first solo exhibition. Titanium White opens on April 14 and it will continue to run until April 28, 2023, at SARAI Gallery.

Dealing with the notions of hope and contemporary humanity's general sense of loss and alienation, *Titanium White* is a series of striking black-and-white works on canvas and paper where Sadaf Seyed Rezaei (b. 1996) presents us with a nearly lightless universe of unknown colors: a dark, twisting cubic architecture of volumes resembling walls, stairs, and pathways that are only perceptible through narrow rays of light refracted from various surfaces. The resultant spaces are geometric, part-abstract, and part-real. By continuing to paint her spaces all the way onto the four sides of her canvases, Seyed Rezaei activates the entirety of a framed canvas, further playing with notions of flatness versus depth and dimension. Her creations are, thus, turned into objects that could be simultaneously perceived as a painting and a sculpture. One of Khor Art Initiative 2022's artists, Sadaf Seyed Rezaei's work has also received praise from other art festivals including The 2nd Sateen Annual Visual Arts and the 12th annual Montakhab-Nasl-e No in 2021.

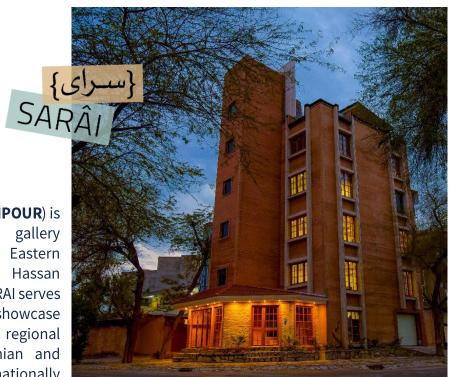
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SARAI Gallery (SARADIPOUR) is a contemporary gallery specializing in Middle Eastern art. Founded by Hassan Saradipour in 2018, SARAI serves as a platform to showcase emerging and young regional talents including Iranian and Pakistani artists internationally

by organizing exhibitions and joint events, and publishing works by artists. Moreover, since 2020, our gallery has introduced Khor Art Initiative, an annual art prize for local artists, reviewed by a high-profile international jury. SARAI Gallery has been participating in top art fairs around the world including Art Dubai 2020-21 and 2023, The Armory Show 2021-22 (winning the Presents Booth Prize in 2021), KIAF 2021-22, Abu Dhabi Art 2022, Untitled Art Miami Beach 2022, Expo Chicago 2023 (Announced), and Art Brussels 2023 (Announced) among others, making it one of the youngest galleries to appear on such competitive platforms. SARAI Gallery's main exhibition space is located in Mahshahr, Iran, where we host shows throughout the year, while under Karavan Projects, SARAI organizes collaborative shows with selected galleries and institutions at home, particularly in Tehran, as well as in major art capitals across the globe including Cromwell Place, London. Our LA-based office handles US and international affairs.

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SADAF SEYED REZAEI (b. 1996, Iran) is an artist from Tehran. She holds a BA in painting from Tehran University of Art and an MA in painting from Soore University, Tehran. Seyed Rezaei has participated in several group exhibitions including Looking Sideways at Shamis Gallery and Figurative at Iranian Artists Forum Gallery (Tehran) in 2019. Despite her young age, Sadaf Seyed Rezaei has been shortlisted for major national art prizes including the 13th Fajr

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Visual Arts Festival (2020), The 12th Annual Montakhabe NASL-E-NO (2021), and The 2nd Sateen Annual (2021). She also won the second prize at Fourth Zhakal Painting Festival for Art Students. Having experimented both with figurative and abstract painterly realms, Seyed Rezaei's recent works explore the dualities by dealing with light and darkness's physical properties and philosophical attributes.