

Ruhee Maknojia

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1993 Born Houston, TX
Lives and works in Houston, TX

Education

2019 MFA, Visual Arts, Columbia University
2016 BFA, Studio Art, University of Texas at Austin
2016 BA, Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Selected Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

2026 Women & Their Work, Austin, TX
839, Los Angeles, CA
2024 Moody Center for the Arts, Rice University, Project Wall, Houston, TX, curated by Frauke Josenhans
Beatrice M. Haggerty Gallery, University of Dallas, Dallas, TX, curated by John Watson
Circle, Frieson Black Cultural Center, University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN, curated by LaKeesha Lee
2023 *Pattern and Power*, Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, TX

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025 *Summer 25*, 839, Los Angeles, CA
Visual Language: Vistas, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, CA, curated by Coates & Scarry, and Sara Kaplan
2024 *Space City: Art in the Age of Artemis*, Asia Society TX, curated by Owen Duffy
The Resonance of the Lands, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, curated by Raheleh Filsoofi
2023 *Majority Rule*, Sanman Studios, Houston, TX, curated by Erika Mei Chua
2022 *Land and Body*, Asia Society Texas Center, Houston, TX
Syncretic: Religion and Ritual in Diaspora, Project Gallery, NY, curated by Dante Migone-Ojeda
One Flower | One Life, Box 13 ArtSpace, Houston, TX
2021 *Time Won't Tell*, Project Gallery, New York, NY, curated by Farah Mohammad
The Big Show, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
2020 *Racism: The Other American Pandemic*, Eastern Connecticut State University, curated by Yulia Wintner
2019 *The Happiness Curriculum*, Eastern Connecticut State University, curated by Yulia Wintner
Aesthetically Functional Only, 1675 Broadway, New York, NY
M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition, Wallach Gallery, New York, NY
Harlem Perspectives II, Faction Art Projects, New York, NY, curated by Leanne Stella and Richard Scarry
2018 *42/18*, LeRoy Neiman Gallery, New York, NY, curated by Dante Migone-Ojeda
Feel That Other Day Running, Times Square Space, New York, NY

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TEASE, Performance & Video Night, Prentis Hall, New York, NY, curated by Asif Mian

Permanent Collections and Partnerships

- 2024 University of Tennessee School of Art Ewing Gallery, Knoxville, TN
- 2023 Lululemon and Asia Society Texas, community partnership, Houston, TX
Comcast, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2019 Eastern Connecticut State University, Connecticut
- 2019 The LeRoy Neiman Center for Print Studies, Columbia University, New York

Teaching Experience

- 2025 Dean at Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture
- 2024 Visiting Faculty, M.F.A. Graduate Seminar, Professional Practice, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Visiting Faculty, Advanced Painting, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Visiting Faculty, Advanced Drawing, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2023 Art League Houston, Book Binding, Houston, TX
- 2022 Adjunct Professor, Art Appreciation, Lone Star College, Houston, TX
- 2019 Adjunct Professor, Beginning Painting, Columbia University, NY
Adjunct Professor, Beginning Printmaking, Columbia University, NY
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, Tommy White, Advanced Painting, Columbia University, NY
Teaching Assistant, Diana Cooper, Advanced Drawing, Columbia University, NY

Guest Lectures and Panels

- 2025 Film and Media Production, Guest Lecture, Oxford College at Emory University
- 2024 Guest Lecture, Religious Studies Department, Vanderbilt University
A.I.R. Guest Lecture, School of the Arts, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Ruhee Maknojia and Bridget Bray in Discussion, Artist Talk, Anya Tish Gallery
- 2023 Visiting Artist Talk, University of Houston
- 2022 Ruhee Maknojia and Lanecia Tinsley in Discussion, Artist Talk, Asia Society Texas Center
- 2021 Asian American Archive, Rice University
- 2019 Guest Critic, Afarin Rahmanifar, Advance Painting, Eastern Connecticut State University
Happiness Curriculum: Guest Lecturer, Eastern Connecticut State University
Museum and Curatorial Studies: Guest Lecturer, Yulia Tikhonova, Eastern Connecticut State University
- 2019 Ruhee Maknojia and Elan Cadiz in Discussion, Faction Arts Project, New York
- 2018 Works in Progress: Radical Book Making, Guest Lecturer, Columbia University, New York

Selected Bibliography

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- 2025 *American Short Fiction*, Issue 82, June (Cover art)
- 2024 B. S. Music, "The resonance of the Lands Music and art," Friday, March 22. Vanderbilt University.
- 2023 B. Shey, "South Texas meets South Asia in New Houston Art exhibit." *Chron*
The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. "Announcing the 2023 Idea Fund Grantees"
Artists on site series 3. Asia Society
- 2021 "Interview with Ruhee Maknojia | Houston Asian American Archive," Oral History Collection,
Houston Asian American Archive, Rice University
- 2020 Yulia Tikhonova, "Racism: The Other American Pandemic," Eastern Connecticut State University,
July 15
- 2019 Yulia Tikhonova. "Ruhee Maknojia." *The Happiness Curriculum: Art from the South Asian Diaspora*,
August 30, pp. 1–4.
Anissa Abdel-Jelil and Sarah Hakani, eds. "Light Upon Light." *Reconstructed Magazine*, May, pp.
48–49. Sponsored by the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, and
Religious Literacy Project, Harvard Divinity School
Zachary Small, et al. "Columbia University MFA Students Gamble on Uncertainty in Thesis
Exhibition," *Hyperallergic*, May 22
Ruhee Maknojia and Elan Cadiz in Discussion, *Faction Art Projects*, February 9
Sarah Cascone, "Editors' Picks: 11 Things Not to Miss in New York's Art World This Week." *Artnet
News*, February 4
- 2018 *Visual Arts First Year MFA Exhibition*. Columbia University School of the Arts
Bryan Kelly, *Alt-York*. First ed., vol.1, Bryan Kelly, 2018, *Alt-York* (cover, p. 26, and pp. 44-45)
- 2017 Daphne, Andreades, "VA Student Spotlight: Ruhee Mehendi Maknojia '19," Columbia University
School of the Arts, October 27

Publications as Author

- 2024 "From Misdirection to Redirection: Nicole Awai's 'In the thick of it,'" *Glasstire*, October 15
- 2022 "One flower: One life," *Glasstire*, March
- 2021 "Ismaili Artists Featured at the New Spring Ismaili Jamatkhana in Greater
Houston." *The.Ismaili*, March 11

Artist Residencies

- 2024 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture
- 2024 rtist in Residence at the University of Tennessee Knoxville
- 2022 Asia Society Texas, Artist on Site Series III

Fellowship, Grants, and Awards

- 2024 Artist-in-Residence Fellowship, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

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- 2023 The Wendy Wagner Foundation, Spring Trio Grant [Finalist]
 Idea Fund Grand, funded by the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts
- 2021 Mulert Award [Nominated]
- 2019 St.Elmo Lady Bird Johnson Fellowship [Finalist]
 V.C.U. Fountainhead Fellow [Finalist]
- 2018 Dedalus Fellowship [Nominated]
 Visual Arts T.A. Fellowship, Columbia University
- 2016 Roy Crane Award, University of Texas at Austin
- 2014 William Marion Miller Award for Language, University of Texas at Austin
- 2013 Herbert Maza Academic Year Grant, University of Texas at Austin