

SOLID STATE MYTHOLOGIES

Morehshin Allahyari

Curated by Misha Rabinovich and Caitlin Foley

LOWELL, Mass. - The UMASS Lowell Department of Art & Design is pleased to announce an exhibition of new work by Morehshin Allahyari. **Solid State Mythologies** will be open from Jan. 17 - Feb. 28, 2017. Allahyari will present a lecture to the public on Wed. Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the O'Leary Library, rm. 222 on South Campus. The reception will follow afterwards from 6-8 p.m. in the University Gallery in Mahoney Hall, a short walk from the library. These events are free, wheelchair accessible, and open to the public.

Allahyari states that her work “undermines the uneven economics of Western technocolonialism and the performative rhetoric of Islamic fundamentalism, through a ficto-feminist-figural expression of power.” Using 3D printing and other contemporary technologies including online digital archiving, animated gifs, video and animation, Allahyari seeks to restore those aspects of lost culture that can be reproduced and virally disseminated while subverting oppressive cultures, be they Eastern or Western. Co-curated by Misha Rabinovich and Caitlin Foley, they write that Allahyari “embraces new media as a means to subvert censorship and present utopian possibilities for cultural production.” Listed as a leading Global Thinker of 2016 by Foreign Policy magazine for “saving heritage on a zipdrive,” Allahyari has exhibited internationally in New York, Germany, and Australia, and is the recipient of many awards and residencies including a current residency at Eyebeam, a collaborative techno-artistic think tank in NYC.

The University Gallery is accessible to all. Gallery events are free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Wilder Metered Lot, located at the intersection of Wilder Street and Bachelder Street. The entrance to the lot is located on Bachelder Street. After 4 p.m. visitors may park in any open campus lot.

The UMASS Lowell BFA Degree Program is an accredited visual arts program of professional study in art & design that maintains the standards, guidelines and practices established by the National Association of Schools of Art & Design.

Gallery Hours: Mon-Wed 10-4pm, Thurs 10-9pm, Fri/Sat 10-3pm, closed during school breaks.
University Gallery | Mahoney Hall | 870 Broadway St | Lowell, MA 01854 | 978-934-3491 or 3494
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