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born 1971 - Vienna, Austria

escaped 1981 - Tehran, Iran

refugee, alien, immigrant 1981-2002 - Germany, United States, Canada

“Where is your home?” asks the drop.
“Nowhere,” says the woman, “and everywhere.”

- *the people with no camel*

Roya Movafegh is a multi-media artist & writer. Her work explores the dynamics of assimilation, the multiple facets of cultural identity, and freedom. She is currently working on Search for Simurgh, a multi-disciplinary sequel to her novel The People With No Camel, and, co-writing its adaptation to film.

education

1993 B.F.A. Photography & Film Studies, Concordia University, Montreal, QC

publications

The People With No Camel, 2010, Full Court Press, NJ

Wishes in Black and White - Race Relations in America, by Eileen Williams Sabry, photos by Roya Movafegh, 2000, Robert Reed Publishers, San Francisco, CA

Harmony / Harmonie - Them=Us: Photographic Journeys Across Our Cultural Boundaries, Harmony Movement, 1999, Published by Macmillan Canada

art and community

2004-07 Founder & Director of Nobility Within, an art-based character development-program for children. Hoboken & Jersey City, NJ

1999-2001 Co-Founder & Art Director of The Children's Theatre Company of New York, NYC. Children examine issues that face humanity and the world they will inherit. Performance Highlights: UNICEF Concert with Nelson Mandela, Verizon Literacy Awards w/ James Earl Jones, PBS with Wynton Marsalis, Live with Regis & Kelly, Sesame Street.

1998-99 Founder and Instructor of The Young Harlem Photographers, New York, NY
Recipients of The New York Times 2nd Prize Photography Award amongst 60 adult artists.

media/awards

2002 WILD 1090-AM, Say it Loud with Sheila Hairston – interviewed for Wishes in Black & White

2001 The Oprah Winfrey Show- Wishes in Black & White featured in honor of Dr. MLK Jr.'s Birthday

2000 NY1 News Channel's New Yorker of the Week as Founders of The Children's Theatre Company

1998 The New York Times 2nd Prize Photography Award for Young Harlem Photographer

collaborative works

- 1997-99 Collaborated and co-produced as member of Gallery Group:
- STREAMSOFTHEUNCONSCIOUS by Kamal Sinclair from STOMP Experimental Wing of Tisch School of the Arts, New York, NY
 - Wishes in Black and White with Jazz Pianist Mike Longo and Kamal Sinclair. Reza Namazi Gallery, New York, NY
 - Leaving Watermaine by NNEwing, Theatrical Reading starring Ernie Hudson, Grammy winning Stephanie Mills & Douglas Turner Ward. John Hausman Theater, New York, NY

selected solo exhibitions

- 1999 Disintegration, Installation Piece, Gallery X, New York, NY
- 1999 Wishes in Black and White, Installation Piece, Reza Namazi Gallery, New York, NY
- 1998 Disintegration, Installation Piece, Reza Namazi Gallery, New York, NY
- 1997 Tahirih, Installation Piece, Marriott Hotel, San Francisco, CA

selected group exhibitions

- 1999 The Orange Tree, Installation Piece, Gallery X - Xtreme Xteriors, New York, NY
- 1998-99 Them=Us, Traveling Nationwide Exhibition, spanning over a dozen cities in Canada
- 1998 Heart of Harlem, Art of Change Group Show Time Square Lobby Gallery – New York, NY
- 1997 Disintegration, Installation Piece, Centre d'art Belgo, #330, Montreal, QC

curatorial work

- 1999-2001 The Children's Theatre Company Art Exhibitions, New York, NY
- 1998 & 1999 The Young Harlem Photographers, Gallery X, New York, NY
- 1998 100 Years of Race Amity in New York City, Bahá'í Unity Center, New York, NY

selected lectures/dramatic readings/book signings

- 2010-2014 The People With No Camel
Barnes & Noble: San Diego, CA/Newington, NH ▪ Chapters, Vancouver, BC ▪ Paragraph Bookstore, Montreal, QC ▪ Cégep de Sainte-Foy, Quebec, QC ▪ Farleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ ▪ Multiple Identity Speaker Series, NYU, NYC ▪ Miles Square Theatre, Hoboken, NJ ▪ AIAW Reading Series, Columbia University, NYC ▪ Zora Space, NYC ▪ B4C Freedom Panel, NYC
- 2000 Wishes in Black and White:
Barnes & Noble Bookstore, NYC ▪ Borders Bookstore, D.C. ▪ Columbia University, NYC ▪ Manchester Community College, CT ▪ Bryn Mawr College, PA