Armineh Hovanesian

Photographer | Digital Artist | Mobile Art Pioneer | Curator

Profile

Paris-born, raised in Tehran and Boston, with a chapter in Lisbon and now based in Los Angeles, Armineh Hovanesian is an award-winning, published, and internationally exhibited photographer and digital artist.. A self-taught early participant in the iPhoneography movement, she has been capturing moments since 2009 and works across mobile photography, street photography, conceptual self-portraiture, abstraction, collage, and digitally manipulated fine art. Her cameras include the iPhone, Nikon F3/T, Sony ILCE-5000, and Minolta XD11.

Artist Statement

My photographs are not generally planned in advance, and I do not anticipate that the onlooker will share my viewpoint. However, I feel that if my photograph leaves an image on the viewer's mind, something has been accomplished.

AWARDS & HONORS

2024

- Honorable Mention, Prix de la Photographie Paris (PX3), Architecture / Buildings
- Honorable Mention, L.A. Photo Curator, 21st Century Portraits, for Disappear

2023

- Finalist, One Eyeland Photography Awards, People / Street
- Shortlisted, MIRA Mobile Prize

2022

- Shortlisted, MIRA Mobile Prize, 13th Edition

2020

- Best Score, Mobile Symphonies Exhibition, My Life in a Bush of Ghosts, TheAppWhisperer

2019

- Silver Winner and Award of Distinction, Portrait of America, Fabrik Projects
- Silver Award, San Francisco Bay International Photography Competition
- Finalist, MIRA Mobile Prize
- Two Honorable Mentions, International Photography Awards, One Shot: Street Photography
- Finalist, The Zebra Awards / TZIPAC, Portrait and Editorial

2018

- Winner, Digital Manipulation & Collage, 12th Julia Margaret Cameron Awards, Elements of Vachag
- Three Honorable Mentions, 12th Julia Margaret Cameron Awards: Self Portrait, Through the Looking Glass; Portrait, Shedding; and Cellphone, Portrait of a Woman
- Best in Show, The New Era Museum, Forced Captivity
- Finalist, Digital Photo Magazine, Your Greatest Street Scene
- Honorable Mention, L.A. Photo Curator, Self Portraits
- Shortlisted, Top Tier, The Motif Collective, Black & White Competition
- Selected Photographer, URBAN Photo Awards, Architecture & Urban Geometry

2017

- Top 10 Los Angeles Photographer, 35AWARDS, Moscow
- Finalist, 11th Julia Margaret Cameron Award, Self-Portrait and Street Photography
- Finalist, 11th Pollux Awards, Alternative Processes and Digital Manipulation & Collage
- Artist of the Year Honorable Mention, Circle Foundation for the Arts
- Honorable Mention, International Photography Awards, One Shot: Harmony

2016

- Mobile Photographer of the Year, Lumiere Photography Awards
- Honorable Mention, International Photography Awards, Family of Man
- Finalist, Black & White, Photographer's Forum, Best of Photography
- Finalist, MIRA Mobile Prize
- Finalist with four photographs, 4th Zebra Awards / TZIPAC, People and Animals

2015

- Recipient, 7th Julia Margaret Cameron Award, selected among 15 women photographers
- Runner-up, Portrait; Finalist, Digital Manipulation, 7th Julia Margaret Cameron Award
- Runner-up and Finalist, 8th Pollux Awards, Portrait and Alternative Processes
- Honorable Mention, London International Creative Competition
- Two Honorable Mentions, Mobile Photography Awards, Visual FX and Travel/Adventure
- Finalist, Photographer's Forum, 35th Annual Spring Photography Contest
- Finalist, 3rd Zebra Awards / TZIPAC, People and Animals

2014

- 2nd Place, Exhibition Without Walls, Impressions Competition
- Finalist, 2nd Zebra Awards / TZIPAC, Love, Live and Laughter
- Honorable Mention, Mobile Photography Awards, Portrait

2013

- Winner, Top 30 Photos, iPhoneography School
- Honorable Mention, International Photography Awards, Fine Art/Nude
- 2nd Place and Finalist, 1st Zebra Awards / GoPix, Abstract and Contemporary
- Honorable Mention, Mobile Photography Awards, Landscape

CURATORIAL & JURY EXPERIENCE

2026

- International Jury Member, MIRA Mobile Prize B&W

2025

- International Jury Member, MIRA Mobile Prize B&W

2019-2020

- International Jury Member, MIRA Mobile Prize B&W

2018-2024

- Curator, Street Photography, The New Era Museum

2017

- Juror, MIRA Mobile Prize Street Photography Contest
- Juror, The New Era Museum, The Equinox Experience, Florence, Italy

2016-2024

- Curator, NEM Hipstamatic Photography, The New Era Museum

Additional Appointments

- Curator, IG_Artistry
- Curator, Beet Around the Bush, TheAppWhisperer

Achievements – Details

• October 6, 2026 - Announced as an international jury member for the MIRA Mobile Prize B&W 2026 edition.

• October 10, 2025 - Announced as an international jury member for the MIRA Mobile Prize B&W 2025 edition.

• September 1, 2025 - Featured in TheAppWhisperer’s “Brought to Light” Mobile Photography / Art Interview.

• May 27, 2025 - Featured in TheAppWhisperer’s “Visualising Mobile Art” interview.

• January 2018 – December 2024 - New Era Museum Curator for Street Photography

• April 2016 to December 2024 - New Era Museum Curator for NEM Hipstamatic Photography

• August 2024 - L.A. Photo Curator, “21st Century Portraits” - Honorable Mention for Disappear.

• 2024 - Prix de la Photographie, Paris (PX3), Architecture / Buildings category - Honorable Mention.

• April 1-May 13, 2023 - MIRA Mobile Prize - Shortlisted; work included in the exhibition/projection.

• 2023 - One Eyeland Photography Awards - Finalist, People / Street category.

• March 3, 2022 - MIRA Mobile Art Prize 2022 shortlist/results announced; selected for the 13th edition.
• 2020 - MIRA Mobile Prize - B&W - Jury Member
• 2020 - Mobile Symphonies Exhibition - Best Score, “My Life in a Bush of Ghosts,” TheAppWhisperer Online Gallery
• 2019 - National Portrait of America, 1st Annual Photography Competition, Fabrik Projects - Silver Winner
• 2019 - San Francisco Bay International Photography Competition - Silver Award
• 2019 - The Zebra Awards / TZIPAC - Finalist with two photographs in Portrait and Editorial
• 2019 - International Photography Awards, One Shot: Street Photography - two Honorable Mentions
• 2019 - MIRA Mobile Prize - B&W - Jury Member
• July 16-29, 2018 - Instagram Takeover for TheAppWhisperer
• 2018 - The New Era Museum, Forced Captivity Juried Exhibition - Best in Show
• 2018 - Digital Photo Magazine, Your Greatest Street Scene Photo Contest - Finalist
• 2018 - Tokyo International Foto Awards - Silver, Self-Portrait category
• 2018 - URBAN Photo Awards - Selected Photographer, Architecture & Urban Geometry
• 2018 - Beet Around the Bush - Curator for TheAppWhisperer food-photography column
• December 2017 onward - Curator for IG_Artistry Group on Instagram
• December 11-17, 2017 - Instagram Takeover for TheAppWhisperer
• September-October 2017 - Juror, MIRA Mobile Prize Street Photography contest
• March 12-26, 2017 - Juror, The Equinox Experience Exhibition, Florence, Italy
• 2017 - 35AWARDS, Moscow - Top 10 Los Angeles Photographer
• 2017 - 11th Julia Margaret Cameron Award - Finalist, Self-Portrait and Street Photography
• 2017 - 11th Pollux Awards - Finalist, Alternative Processes and Digital Manipulation & Collage
• 2017 - Circle Foundation for the Arts, Lyon - Artist of the Year Honorable Mention
• 2017 - International Photography Awards, One Shot: Harmony - Honorable Mention
- 2016 – The Motif Collective - Shotlisted
• 2016 - Mobile Photographer of the Year - Lumiere Photography Awards
• 2016 - International Photography Awards, Family of Man - Honorable Mention
• 2016 - Photographer’s Forum, Best of Photography - Finalist, Black & White
• 2016 - MIRA Mobile Prize, Porto - Finalist
• 2016 - 4th Zebra Awards / TZIPAC - Finalist with four photographs, People and Animals
• 2015 - Mobile Photography Awards - Honorable Mention, Visual FX
• 2015 - Mobile Photography Awards - Honorable Mention, Travel/Adventure
• 2015 - 8th Pollux Awards - Runner-up and Finalist, Alternative Processes
• 2015 - 8th Pollux Awards - Runner-up and Finalist, Portrait
• 2015 - London International Creative Competition - Honorable Mention
• 2015 - L.A. Photo Curator, Street Shooting - Online Exhibition
• 2015 - Photographer’s Forum, 35th Annual Spring Photography Contest - Finalist
• 2015 - 7th Julia Margaret Cameron Award - Recipient, selected by juror Jill Greenberg among 15 women photographers
• 2015 - 7th Julia Margaret Cameron Award - Runner-up, Portrait; Finalist, Digital Manipulation
• 2015 - 3rd Zebra Awards / TZIPAC - Finalist, People and Animals
• 2014 - Exhibition Without Walls, Impressions Competition - 2nd Place
• 2014 - 2nd Zebra Awards / TZIPAC, Love, Live and Laughter - Finalist
• 2014 - Mobile Photography Awards - Honorable Mention, Portrait
• 2013 - iPhoneography School - Winner, Top 30 Photos
• 2013 - International Photography Awards, Fine Art/Nude - Honorable Mention
• 2013 - 1st Zebra Awards / GoPix - Award-Winning Artist; 2nd Place and Finalist, Abstract and Contemporary
• 2013 - Mobile Photography Awards - Honorable Mention, Landscape

Exhibition History

• March 21-August 9, 2026 - Convergence: Contemporary Artists of Armenian Descent, Forest Lawn Museum, Glendale, California. Featured individually and through the She Loves Collective.

• June 12, 2025 - Best of FLOW | Big Screen Plaza, West 29th Street and Sixth Avenue, New York, NY - outdoor digital presentation

• June 8-22, 2025 - FLOW | ARTHOUSE.NYC, 9 West 8th Street, New York, NY - international group exhibition

• May 19, 2023 - Best of SENSE | Big Screen Plaza, West 29th Street and Sixth Avenue, New York, NY - outdoor digital presentation

• May 16-20, 2023 - SENSE | ARTHOUSE.NYC, 9 West 8th Street, New York, NY - juried group exhibition

• April 1-May 13, 2023 - MIRA Mobile Prize 2023, Galeria MIRA FORUM, Porto, Portugal - shortlisted work included in the exhibition/projection.

• June 3-August 7, 2022 - Centro de Fotografia Georges Dussaud / MIRA Mobile Prize 2022, Braganca, Portugal - group exhibition.

• July 16-26, 2022 - Black and White with a Touch of Color, Lusanet Collective, Burbank, California - group exhibition.

• March 26-April 30, 2022 - MIRA Mobile Prize 2022, Porto, Portugal - group exhibition.

• January 6-30, 2022 - Through a New Lens, Perspective Gallery, Evanston, Illinois - group exhibition.

• September 14, 2021 - MAG MobileArt - “New Life” - Group Exhibition, Bartoli Felter Gallery - Cagliari, Italy

• July 24 - August 31, 2021 - MIRA Mobile Prize 2021 - “At Home” - Shortlisted - Porto, Portugal

• April 30 - May 30, 2021 - iNstantes Avintes International Photography Festival - Solo Exhibition at Quinta da Agraceira, Avintes, Portugal

• March 26-29, 2021 - Sprung | ARTHOUSE.NYC, New York, NY - group exhibition

• October 19, 2019 – February 23, 2020 – Ciclo de Fotografia de Lamego e do Vale do Varosa 2019 , "The circum navigation in our hand" - Salzedas Monastery, Douro, Portugal

• September 15, 2020 - “Lockdown” - Mobile Camera Club - Smart Gallery Online

• June 20-August 1, 2020 - MIRA Mobile Prize 2020 - Exhibition in Porto, Portugal

• February 11-12, 2020 - Ecologies Mobiles - Mobile Camera Club - Symposium at Maison de la Recherche de l’Université (Sorbonne Nouvelle), Paris France

• November 23 – December 14, 2019 – National Portrait of America, Fabrik Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

• December 18, 2018 – January 18, 2019 - L.A. Open 2019, Tag Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

• November 3, 2019 - “Loopagraph” - Mobile Camera Club - Smart Gallery Online

• August 29 – September 27, 2019 – 1st Armenian International Photo Festival, Modern Art Museum of Yerevan, Armenia - Yerevan, Armenia

• September 6, 2019 – San Francisco Bay International Photography Competition – ACCI Gallery, Berkeley, CA

• July 10, 2019 – Des Arts et Des Mobiles (Mobile Camera Club), EP7, Paris France

• July 4 – July 27, 2019 – Portraits without Faces, PH21 Gallery, Budapest, Hungary

• May 15 – May 28, 2019 – The Beauty Myth, Copernico Gallery, Milan, Italy

• March 30 – April 29, 2019 – “Self-Image” Mobile Camera Club Exposition Selfie(s) at Atelier Oblik, Clichy, Paris, France

• March 28, 2019 - Her Story | See.Me event at The Jane Hotel, New York, NY

• November 5-12, 2018 Forced Captivity (Best in Show Award), La Petite Galerie, Paris, France

• October 18, 2018 – “Flowing City”, Exhibit Around / dotArt, Trieste Airport, Italy

• October 5-7, 2018 – Photo Independent On The Street Exhibition The Reef, Los Angeles, CA

• October 5, 2018 AD43 Photography Competition Winner with two photos, Gallery 43, Adams Square Mini Park, Glendale, CA

• October 4 – 21, 2018 – 5th Biennial of Fine Art and Document Photography, Space Nau Bostik, Barcelona, Spain

• July 23 – Sept. 15, 2018 – Urban 2018 Photo Award – Trieste Airport, Italy

• May 26 - 27, 2018 – Mobile Camera Club’s Monsters at Atelier Oblik, Clichy, France

• May 11 - 12, 2018 – MAJE Mobile Art Jazz Experience, Klimt Experience, Rome, Italy

• April 10 - 28, 2018 – Women See by Women, a special award celebrating the 10th Edition of the Julia Margaret Cameron Award for Women Photographers, Galeria Valid Foto, Barcelona, Spain

• April 5, 2018 – MAJE Mobile Art Jazz Experience, Santo Stefano al Ponte, Florence, Italy

• March 23-24, 2018 - Sprung | ARTHOUSE.NYC, New York, NY - curated digital art and photography fair

• March 23 - 24, 2018 – ARTHOUSE.NYC, “Sprung”, a springtime curated digital art & photography fair

• March 16 - 30, 2018 – Mobile Art from All Over the World, EXMA (Exhibiting and Moving Arts), Cagliari, Italy

• February 15, 2018 to March 10, 2018 - PH21 Gallery, “Just in time” exhibition, Budapest, Hungary

• October 6 - 7, 2017 – MI_YA SEEN Group Photography Exhibition, Armenian Arts Gallery, Glendale, CA

• October 3 - 14, 2017 – Julia Margaret Cameron Award International Photography Exhibition, Galeria Valid Foto, Barcelona, Spain

• June 28, 2017 – RAW Verse Group Exhibition, Los Angeles, CA

• April 29, 2017 to May 26, 2017 – Fathom Gallery, “On the Street” mobile photography exhibition, Los Angeles, CA

• April 1, 2017 to May 13, 2017 – MIRA Mobile Prize, “Earth – our planet” exhibition, Porto, Portugal

• April 21-23, 2017 - Photo Independent On The Street Exhibition The Reef, Los Angeles, CA

• April 21 - 23, 2017 – Photo Independent Photography Event, Solo Booth Exhibition, The Reef, Los Angeles, CA

• March 3, 2017 to April 9, 2017 – Impossible Humans: The International Collection - Dairy Arts Center, Boulder, Colorado

• March 12 - 26, 2017 – The New Era Museum’s The Equinox Experience in Florence, Italy

• January 12 – February 7, 2017, PH21 Gallery, Budapest, Hungary

• February 10, 11, 12, 2017 – She Loves Collective, Honeypot LA, Los Angeles, CA

• February 7, 2017 - NYC Refugees Thank You Party | ARTHOUSE.NYC with WeWork SoHo West, New York, NY

• February 2, 2017 - “Ceci n’est pas un Selfie” – Mobile Camera Club - Romanian Embassy, Paris, France

• December 13-15, 2016 - 28 on 27 / Light Up Miami | ARTHOUSE.NYC, New York, NY

• December 1 - 4, 2016 Light Up Miami, Superfine Art Gallery, Miami, Florida

• August 25 – November 5, 2016 - Light Impressions, Group Exhibition – The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho, Idaho Falls, Idaho

• October 27 - 30, 2016 Grid Art Fair, Old Truman Brewery, London, UK

• October 6, 2016 - 4th Berlin Foto Biennale - Berlin, Germany

• August 12-14, 2016 - mDAC 2016 Mobile Photo Art Exhibition - Selected Artist; juried exhibition presented during the Mobile Digital Art & Creativity Summit, selected from 500+ submitted works, Palo Alto, California

• September 25, 2015 - The Seoul Museum of Art – (The AppWhisperer Showcase)

• August 4-September 4, 2015 - JCC Art Gallery, Indianapolis, IN

• June 3 – September 30, 2015, Avatars / Self Portraits / Mobile Camera Club - MK2, Paris, France

• July 13, 2015 (Private Event) See.Me Digital Display / Black & White Collection at The Louvre Museum in Paris, France

• March 28, 2015 – I’ll be your Mirror Photography Exhibition - 1650 Gallery, Echo Park, CA

• February 13-22, 2015 - Light Impressions: A Celebration of Mobile Phone Photography, International Group Exhibition, Wynwood Building, Light Impressions Miami, Florida (2015)

• September 5, 2014 through September 27, 2014 - Main Street Gallery for NEM Kansas City, Kansas City, MO

• June 2014 - Group Exhibition | SoHo Arthouse / The SoHo Gallery for Digital Arts, New York, NY

• 2014 - See.Me Takeover Times Square | Times Square, New York, NY - digital public presentation

• Stop Violence Against Women – Video Presentation, Florence, Italy (2013 and 2014)

• Anzoh Gallery, Glendale, CA (2013 and 2014)

• March 2013 - Group Exhibition | SoHo Arthouse / The SoHo Gallery for Digital Arts, New York, NY

• 2013 - See.Me Takeover Times Square | Times Square, New York, NY - digital public presentation

• Mkrtchyan Art Gallery (2013)

• Modest Fly Gallery, Tujunga, CA (2011)

Blogs, Magazines & Publications

• September 1, 2025 - TheAppWhisperer - “Brought to Light” - Mobile Photography / Art Interview

• May 27, 2025 - TheAppWhisperer - “Visualising Mobile Art” - Interview

• August 14, 2023 - VoyageLA - “Daily Inspiration: Meet Armineh Hovanesian” - Interview

• June 24, 2019 - SDVoyager - “Meet Armineh Hovanesian” - Interview

• October 2018 - Dek Unu Magazine - Featured Artist and Artist Interview

• August 20, 2018 - TheAppWhisperer - “Women ‘Wide Awoke’: Are Female Artists Worth Collecting? with Armineh Hovanesian”

• July 4, 2018 - TheAppWhisperer - “Mobile Art and Photography That Has Influenced Me” - Interview

• May 15, 2018 - VoyageLA - “Meet Armineh Hovanesian of Armineh Photography in Glendale” - Interview

• January 28, 2018 - CivilNet - Article / Feature

• May 4, 2017 - The First Berliner Art Book 2017 - Art Management Berlin - Selected Artist

• December 2016 - Photographer’s Forum - Best of Photography 2016 - Hardcover Book, Finalist

• 2016 - MIRA Mobile Prize - Ligações / Connections - Publication

• December 2015 - Photographer’s Forum - Best of Photography 2015 - Hardcover Book, Finalist

• December 4, 2015 - TheAppWhisperer - “TrueView Interview: Mobile Photography and Art - Talk Us Through Your Mobile Photography / Art Workflow” - Video Interview

• 2015 - See.Me - Black & White Collection

• April 10, 2015 - ARTiculAction Art Review - April 2015 Special Issue - Artist Interview and Digital Publication with Accompanying Video

• February 17, 2015 - TheAppWhisperer - “Streets Ahead Interview: Armineh Hovanesian - Mobile Street Photography”

• February 4, 2015 - Artist Portfolio Magazine - “Armineh Hovanesian & Robin Schaltz - Portraits Art Exhibition”

• By July 10, 2014 - Los Angeles Times - Reader Photo - Photographs featured include “Form and Grace,” “Look Down, Look Up,” and “A Priceless Tribute”

• July 10, 2014 - Mobiography - “The Mobile Photographic Artistry of Armineh Hovanesian” - Interview and Artist Profile

• May 6, 2014 - TheAppWhisperer - “A Day in the Life of Armineh Hovanesian” - Interview

• December 2013 - iPhone Photography School - “How Armineh Hovanesian Creates Art With iPhone” - Interview by Emil Pakarklis

• April 2, 2013 - IANYAN Magazine - “The Mobile Art of Armineh Hovanesian”

• Elements of Vachag (Blurb book)

Undated Publication References – Deleted websites

43mm

A Pocket Camera

Art of Mob

Bokeh Bokeh Photo

EyeEm

Fabrik Magazine

F-Stop Photography Magazine

Getty Images

Grryo

Hipstography

iDownload Blog

iPhone Life Magazine

iPhoneography Central

Life in LoFi

Mortal Muses

New Era Museum

Nouvelles d’Armenie

ONLY Mobile Art Magazine

P1XELS

Phoozl

Photo Wars

Platform 58

Shootermag Magazine

Silvershotz - Contemporary Photography Magazine
Tarnished and True