

# Ariane Hafizi



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## Natalia Ariane Hafizi-Marianovich

Uruguayan-American (1981 - 2015)

Natalia Ariane Hafizi-Marianovich is an Uruguayan-American artist, born on July 9, 1981, in Boulder, Colorado.

The only child of an Iranian-born physicist, Bahman Hafizi, and a Uruguayan software engineer, Carmen Marianovich, her family moved to Bethesda, Maryland, in 1986.

Ariane pursued her artistic inclinations at the Parsons School of Design in New York City, where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 2004. Following her graduation, she remained in New York until 2012, dedicating herself to painting while also exploring jewelry making and web design. Her life extended beyond the canvas; she embraced a holistic worldview, practicing yoga, meditation, outdoor sports, and dancing. She practiced reiki and body-talk.

In the spring of 2011, she received a diagnosis of breast cancer and moved back to Bethesda. These later years, away from the intensity of city life, became a period of contemplation, marked by continued artistic creation alongside moments shared with family and friends. She passed away on January 16, 2015, at the age of 33.

Her aesthetic was consistently avant-garde and innovative, driven by a profound exploration of her inner world. Paper was her preferred medium, drawn to the way ink flowed across its surface and the inherent spontaneity it offered. Her work often featured a harmonious interplay between abstract forms and figurative elements. The figures that appeared in her paintings were not merely aesthetic choices but represented her personal universe and her deep interests in spirituality, magic, archetypes, the female form and its sexuality, and the art of diverse cultures. Her holistic view of existence and her connection with nature were palpable in the organic shapes and flowing lines that defined her paintings.

After her passing, a book entitled "Ariane," narrated by Professor José Ignacio Abeijon Giráldez of Madrid, Spain, was published, and her work was shown in solo exhibitions in Madrid, Spain; Washington, D.C., USA, Fairfax, Virginia, USA, New York City and group exhibitions in Uruguay, and Washington DC.



Abstract with many colors and girl photo (Fig. 275),  
circa 2005 - 2007,  
Collaborator: Oliver de Lantsheere,  
Mixed media on heavyweight, acid-free, artist paper,  
50 x 115 in | 127 x 292 cm



Alice (Fig. 272),  
circa 2007 - 2009  
Mixed media on paper,  
54.3 x 41.7 in | 138 x 106 cm







Figures on Red (Fig. 021),  
circa 2002 - 2004,  
Acrylic and gouache on high quality acid-free art paper,  
23 x 21.4 in | 59 x 54 cm





Between Waves (Fig. 177),  
circa 2002 - 2004,  
Acrylic and sumi ink on high quality acid-free art paper,  
37.5 x 50 in | 95 x 127 cm





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### Education

2012 - 2014 Yellow Barn Studio Painting and Ceramic  
Courses

2006 School of Visual Arts, New York, NY.  
Continuing Education in Typography

2005 Jewelry Course with artist Olga Piria  
Uruguay

2004 Parsons School of Design, New York, NY.  
BFA Fine Arts

### Exhibitions

2025 Art Miami Fair, Miami, FL.

2025 Hamptons Fine Art Fair, Southampton, NY.

2025 Solo Exhibition, Victor Gallery, New York, NY.

2024 Group Exhibition, Victor Gallery and Watergate  
Hotel, Washington D.C.



## Exhibitions

- 2020 - 2021 Solo Exhibition, Joan Hisaoka Healing Art Gallery at Inova Schar Cancer Institute in Virginia.
- 2019 Solo Exhibition, Interamerican Bank of Development, Washington
- 2019 Solo Exhibition, Galeria Juan Risso, Madrid, Spain
- 2019 Group Show of Paintings, Expo Punta Arte, Punta del Este, Uruguay
- 2018 Group Show of Paintings, Expo Punta Arte, Punta del Este, Uruguay
- 2014 Group Show of Paintings, Wonderbread Factory, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Group Show of Paintings, Yellow Barn Studio, Glen Echo, Maryland
- 2005 - 2006 Small Sculptures HPGRP, Delicate Kinship, Tokyo, Japan
- 2005 Exhibition of Drawings, Eat Records, New York, NY.



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- 2004 Group Show of Drawings, Wamp Collective, NY.
- 2004 Group Show of Paintings, Maryland.
- 2004 Exhibition of Paintings, Neo-Con Street Fair, New York, NY.
- 2003 Group Show of Paintings, Brooklyn Publik House Show, New York, NY.
- 2001 52 Min. Collaborative Video at Void, Luxx, Boogaloo, New York, NY.