



GÜLNAR BABAYEVA

Figurative Sculptor. Visual Designer. Independent Creator.

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

GÜLNAR BABAYEVA is a **figurative sculptor & designer** based in New York State's Hudson Valley. She moved from Baku, Azerbaijan to NYS in 2010 to study art & design thanks to the generosity of a local American family.

As an early career sculptor she practiced observational figurative sculpting with master sculptor Tricia Cline at Woodstock School of Art. She graduated with **double associate degrees in Fine Arts + Advertising Design & Graphic Technology** in 2012 from SUNY Ulster, and was awarded the **State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence** the same year. She holds a **Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies** from Azerbaijan University of Languages.

BABAYEVA, a multidisciplinary creator, has been sculpting since 2012 and began focusing on her sculptor identity with curiosity & solid intention during the pandemic. Her **debut solo exhibition of sculpture - R e v i v a l** - took place at the Arts Society of Kingston Galleries on June 5 - 27, 2021, displaying unique 26 figurative ceramic sculptures. Her art is being actively displayed in group and juried exhibitions locally as well as virtually since she has embarked on her artistic path [exhibition history attached]. Babayeva's ceramic sculptures have been acquired for private collections in New York State.

Most recently, **Babayeva curated, produced and designed the first invitational sculpture exhibition The Other Dimension, Jul 9 - Aug 28, 2022 at a new gallery**, that featured works of seven local Hudson Valley Sculptors [established & emerging] in Olivebridge, NY.

BABAYEVA has been working as a professional designer with a range of clients since 2013. Currently, she is practicing sculptor and an independent designer at her studio Caspian Müse. Babayeva was awarded **2022 NYSCA Individual Artist Grant to cultivate figurative sculpture locally**, within the Hudson Valley area. She creates her figurative sculptures & vessels at the Cornell Creative Arts Center's Ceramics Studio in Kingston, NY.



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EDUCATION + PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

01/2011 – 12/2012 **AS Advertising Design & Graphic Technologies**
01/2010 – 01/2012 **AA Fine Arts: Visual Arts**
SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge, NY, USA

09/2005 – 07/2009 **BA American Studies**
Azerbaijan University of Languages, Baku, Azerbaijan

2013 – 2015, 2017 - 03/2020 **Studio Art - Sculpture**
Woodstock School of Art, NY, USA

08/2014 – 10/2014 **Front - End Web Development Certificate**
General Assembly New York, NYC, USA

GRANTS, AWARDS, & HONORS

2022 **NYSCA Individual Artist Grant Award**
This support is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature

09/2015 **People's Choice Award Winner**
Emerging Artists Exhibition, sculpture *Blacklisted*
Arts Society of Kingston, Kingston NY

SPRING 2013 **Award of Excellence**
Finalist - 33rd Annual College & High School Photography Contest
Photographer's Forum Magazine

SPRING 2012 **SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence**
SUNY Plaza, Albany, NY

SPRING 2012 **President's Award for Student Leadership**
SPRING 2011 **President's Award for Student Initiative**
2011 – 2012 **Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of valuable contributions to SUNY Ulster as a Student Admissions Ambassador**

2011 – 2012 **Certificate of Completion of SUNY Ulster Mentor Success Program**

2010 – 2012 **President's List**

2010 – 2012 **Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society Member**
SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge, NY, USA

SCHOLARSHIPS

2011 – 2015 **Woodstock School of Art Merit Scholarship**
2012 – 2013 **Ulster County Community College Faculty Association Scholarship**
2012 – 2013 **Frederick and Ellen Katt Memorial Scholarship**
2011 – 2012 **Muroff-Kotler Visual Arts Scholarship**
2011 – 2012 **Gordon L. Kidd, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**
2011 – 2012 **Karl & Catherine Weibrecht Memorial Scholarship**



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EXPERIENCE

- 2013 – PRESENT **Sculptor. Designer. Art Director & Founder @ Caspian Müse Studio, Hudson Valley, NY**
- 09/2021 – 08/2022 **Creative Director & Curator @ Olive Branch Studio & Gallery, Olivebridge, NY**
Curation, Production & Design of the Exhibition THE OTHER DIMENSION - an invitational sculpture exhibition of seven local Hudson Valley Sculptors, Jul 9-Aug 28, 2022
Directing the launch of the new gallery / Branding / Designing / & Consulting
- 11/2020 – 06/2021 **June Spotlight Solo Exhibition Artist @ Arts Society of Kingston, NY**
Creation of Revival series. Production & Design of my solo exhibition
- 01/2021 – 01/2022 **Gallery Committee Member [volunteer] @ Arts Society of Kingston, NY**
Consulting on ASK Galleries processes by bringing a balanced approach to existing systems
- 11/01/2018 – 03/31/2020 **Lead Visual Designer @ Dragon360, Kingston, NY**
Visual Design for Web & Print · UI/UX Design · Branding
- 02/29/2016 – 10/31/2018 **Visual Designer @ Dragon360, Kingston, NY**
Visual Design for Web & Print · UI/UX Design
- 2017 - 03/2020 **Sculpture Studio Monitor @ Woodstock School of Art, NY**
- 02/01/2013 – 01/15/2016 **Designer. Photo Editor @ Pictoura LLC Office, Kingston, NY**
Graphic Design for Web & Print · UI/UX Design · Video editing
Image editing, enhancement & quality control · Administrative tasks
- 06/2014 – 2017 **Freelance Graphic Designer. Art Director @ Hudson Valley PawPrint Magazine, Athens, NY**
Concept · magazine design · issues 1 - 9
- 01/10/2015 – 09/11/2015 **Freelance Web Designer @ Woodstock School of Art, Woodstock NY**
WordPress Website
- 02/2013 – 08/2013 **Artist Assistant @ Iain Machel, Stone Ridge / Saugerties, NY**
Video editing · visual concept development
- 08/27/2012 – 12/19/2012 **MacLab Monitor @ VAN 255, Art Department, SUNY Ulster**
- 09/02/2011 – 09/02/2012 **Intern Graphic Designer @ Printing & Graphics Department, SUNY Ulster**
- 05/28/2010 – 12/19/2012 **Gallery Monitor @ Muroff-Kotler Visual Arts Gallery, SUNY Ulster**
- SPRING 2011 & 2012 **Art Director and Graphic Designer @ Slate Magazine, Art Department, SUNY Ulster**
Photographer @ College Events, Admissions Department, SUNY Ulster
- 03/2012 – 04/2013 **Graphic Designer [volunteer] @ Rosendale Theatre, Rosendale, NY**
- SUMMER 2010 **Designer & Technician [volunteer] @ Redwing Blackbird Theatre, Rosendale, NY**
Peter and the Wolf Show
- 06/15/2009 – 08/22/2009 **General Camp Counselor @ Camp Huntington for special needs youth, High Falls, NY**
- 06/25/2008 – 08/27/2008 **Support Staff @ Camp Huntington for special needs youth, High Falls, NY**



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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Jun 5 – 27 2021

REVIVAL Solo Exhibition of Sculpture, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Nov 25 – Dec 31 2022

2022 Gratitude: Annual Members' Holiday Exhibition & Sale – Woodstock Artists Association & Museum | WAAM, Woodstock, NY, USA

Oct 15 – Dec 10 2022

2022 Alumni Exhibit – Robert H. Angeloch Gallery, Woodstock School of Art, Woodstock, NY, USA

Sep 10 – Oct 31 2022

Fired Up Dreams - A group show by 3 women artists who move clay in unique ways. Curated by Karen Jaimes, Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY, USA

Jul 9 – Aug 28 2022

The Other Dimension - First Invitational Sculpture Exhibition *curated by Gülnar Babayeva* Olive Branch Studio & Gallery, Olivebridge NY, USA

Jul 2 – 31 2022

Contrasts - Members Exhibition, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Mar 25 – May 8 2022

Active Members' Spring Exhibition, Woodstock Artists Association & Museum | WAAM, Woodstock, NY, USA

Mar 19 – Apr 16 2022

Something Blue, Emerge Gallery & Art Space, Saugerties, NY, USA

Mar 12 – Apr 17 2022

Another Circle: around every circle another can be drawn, The Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild's 2022 Annual Members Show, Kleinert/James Center for the Arts, Woodstock, NY

Jan 28 – Mar 13 2022

Small Works: Winter 2022 / Juried, Woodstock Artists Association & Museum | WAAM, Woodstock, NY, USA

Jan 22 – Mar 20 2022

Best In Show: Artists' Personal Favorite from 2021 / Curated Virtual Exhibition on Artsy, Emerge Gallery & Art Space, Saugerties, NY, USA

Jan 1 – 31 2022

Color, Color, and More Color: Work in any style and interpretation of color - Virtual Members Exhibition, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Dec 4 – 26 2021

Small Works - Members Exhibition, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Nov 20 – Dec 26 2021

Petit: Smaller Sized Art / Curated, Emerge Gallery & Art Space, Saugerties, NY, USA

Nov 19 – Dec 31 2021

Gratitude: Annual Members' Holiday Exhibition & Sale, Woodstock Artists Association & Museum | WAAM, Woodstock, NY, USA

Nov 13 – Dec 31 2021

Small Works (A-G), Woodstock Artists Association & Museum | WAAM, Woodstock, NY, USA

Oct 01 – Nov 14 2021

The Alumni of SUNY Ulster - A Juried Show, Muroff-Kotler Visual Arts Gallery, SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge, NY, USA

Oct 2 – 30 2021

It's Music To My Eyes! - Members Show, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Sep 24 – Nov 7 2021

Active Members' Autumn Exhibition 2021, Woodstock Artists Association & Museum WAAM, Woodstock, NY, USA

Jun 1 – Aug 30 2021

The Art of Isolation: Finding A Silver Lining in the Pandemic Response / Curated Virtual Show, Still Point Art Gallery, ME, USA

May 1 – 29 2021

Embodiments - Members Exhibition, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Apr 3 – 24 2021

Spring Returns! - Members Show, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Mar 6 – 27 2021

Artifactual/Cutup - Members Show, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Feb 2021

February Virtual Group Show, Greenpoint Gallery, NYC, USA

Feb 6 – 27 2021

Widest Sense - Members Show, The Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Jan 9 – 30 2021

METALLIC - Online Show, Brenda Tuxford Gallery, Ink People Center for the Arts, Eureka, CA, USA

Jan 2 – 30 2021

Hindsight is 2020 - Members Show, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Dec 5 – 27 2020

Small Works - Members Show, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Oct 3 – 31 2020

Entanglements - Members Show, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Sep 26 – 27 2020

Art Walk Kingston 2020, Fuller Building, 45 Pine Grove Ave, Kingston, NY, USA

Sep 5 – 27 2020

Kingston Annual 2020, A Premier Regional Fine Arts Exhibition juried by curator Julie Hedrick, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Jun 3 – 24 2017

Entering The 3rd Dimension: A Sculpture Show - Members Show, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Feb 4 – 25 2017

Inspiration - Members Show, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

May 7 – 29 2016

Arts Spanning Cultures - Group Spotlight Show, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

Sep 5 – 26 2015

Emerging Artists Exhibition, Works by emerging artists at Arts Society of Kingston, * **People's Choice Award Winner**, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

May 2 – 20 2015

Alumni Exhibition, Works by members of the WSA Alumni Association, Robert H. Angeloch Gallery, Woodstock, NY, USA

Mar 7 – Apr 11 2014

SUNY Ulster 50 Alumni Show, Muroff-Kotler Visual Arts Gallery, SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge, NY, USA



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STUDENT EXHIBITIONS

- Mar 6 – May 31 2021** **Woodstock School of Art Student Exhibition I Selected Works [Part2]**
Robert H. Angeloch Gallery, WSA, Woodstock, NY, USA
- Mar 7 – Jun 27 2020** **Student Exhibition I Work by students of a selection of school instructors**
Robert H. Angeloch Gallery, WSA, Woodstock, NY, USA
- Mar 9 – Apr 4 2019** **Student Exhibition I Work by students of a selection of school instructors**
Robert H. Angeloch Gallery, WSA, Woodstock, NY, USA
- Feb 10 – Mar 3 2018** **Student Exhibition I Work by students of a selection of school instructors**
Robert H. Angeloch Gallery, WSA, Woodstock, NY, USA
- Oct 25 – Nov 12 2015** **Convergence: Instructor and Student exhibition 2015**
Mill Street Loft Gallery 45, Poughkeepsie, NY
- Feb 7 – Apr 14 2015** **Student Exhibition I Work by students of a selection of school instructors**
Robert H. Angeloch Gallery, WSA, Woodstock, NY, USA
- Mar 23 – May 11 2013** **Work by Thompson Family Foundation Scholarship Recipients**
Robert H. Angeloch Gallery, WSA, Woodstock, NY, USA
- Oct 15 2012 – Feb 1 2013** **Fall 2012 SUNY Student Art Exhibition**
Exhibition of selected student work by art majors throughout the SUNY system
Plaza Gallery, SUNY Plaza, Albany, NY, USA
- May 2 – 16 2012** **Student Works 2012 SUNY Ulster Art Students Exhibition**
Muroff-Kotler Visual Arts Gallery, Stone Ridge, NY, USA
- Feb 9 – May 16 2012** **Spring 2012 SUNY Student Art Exhibition**
Exhibition of selected student work by art majors throughout the SUNY system
Plaza Gallery, SUNY Plaza, Albany, NY, USA
- Oct 12 2011 – Feb 03 2012** **Fall 2011 SUNY Student Art Exhibition**
Artwork chosen to represent SUNY Ulster in a SUNY-wide Student Art Exhibition
Plaza Gallery, SUNY Plaza, Albany, NY, USA
- Oct 22 2011** **YMCA Art Gala**, Kingston, NY
- Mar 4 – May 18 2011** **Art & Design Majors Exhibition**
Muroff-Kotler Visual Arts Gallery, Stone Ridge, NY
- Sep 30 – Oct 07 2010** **Mid-Hudson Student Art Collective Showcase**
Unframed Artist Gallery, New Paltz, NY
- Apr 28 – Mar 19 2010** **Student Works 2010 Juried Student Art Exhibition selected by faculty**
Muroff-Kotler Visual Arts Gallery, Stone Ridge, NY



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DEGREES + PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Bachelor of Arts
Associate of Arts
Associate of Science

Studio Art: Sculpture Practice
Front-End Web Dev Certificate

MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the following arts & design organizations:

National Sculpture Society: Associate Member 2022
Woodstock Artists Association and Museum | WAAM 2021 - Present
Cornell Creative Arts Center: Ceramics Studio | CCAC 2021 - Present
The Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild 2022
Arts Society of Kingston | ASK 2015 - Present
The Professional Association for Design | AIGA 2021

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