

GÜLNAR BABAYEVA

Sculptor. Designer. Art Director.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Gülнар Babayeva is a sculptor & designer at [@caspiamuse](#) studio. Originally from Azerbaijan, she moved to New York's Hudson Valley in 2010 to study art & design thanks to the generosity of a local family, and earned two associate degrees from SUNY Ulster in 2012: **AA in Fine Arts** and **AS in Advertising Design & Graphic Technology**. She was awarded the **State University of New York Chancellor's Award/Medal for Student Excellence** the same year. Babayeva holds a **Bachelor of Arts degree** in American Studies from Azerbaijan University of Languages.

A [multidisciplinary creator](#), Babayeva [collaborated](#) as a [visual designer](#) with a range of clients since 2013. Currently, Gülнар Babayeva is a [practicing sculptor](#) and [designer](#) at her studio [Caspian Müse](#) and offers [creative services](#) professionally.

She practiced observational figurative sculpting with master sculptor Tricia Cline at Woodstock School of Art, and has been sculpting since 2012. Focusing on her sculptor identity during the pandemic, had led to Babayeva's [debut solo sculpture exhibition](#) – **R e v i v a l** – at the Arts Society of Kingston in June 2021. Her ceramic sculptures are being [actively exhibited](#) in group/juried/curated exhibitions locally + virtually, and have been [acquired](#) for private collections in New York State, USA.

Babayeva was awarded the **2022 NYSCA Individual Artist Grant** by the New York State Council on the Arts to pursue her [artistic vision & mission](#) of cultivating figurative sculpture locally, within the Hudson Valley; and twice winner of the **Talent Prize Award** from Teravarna Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA. In 2022 she directed the launch of a new art gallery in Olivebridge, NY where Babayeva **curated and designed an** [invitational sculpture exhibition](#) **The OTHER Dimension**, highlighting the works (primarily figurative/representational) by seven sculptors from the region.

Babayeva is an **associate member of the National Sculpture Society**, as well as an active member of local art organizations such as WAAM | Woodstock Artists Association and Museum, and a member of the **ASK | Arts Society of Kingston Gallery Committee** and an **elected director** to the **ASK Board of Directors**. Currently, Babayeva is a **ceramics/sculpture instructor & resident artist** at the Cornell Creative Arts Center. She creates her work and [teaches](#) at CCAC's Ceramics & Sculpture Studio in Kingston, NY. Gülнар Babayeva offers inclusive ceramics workshops ranging from figurative, portrait, animal sculpting, and vessel design. She works with & teaches diverse group of people: youth, adults and elderly.



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015 – Present **Sculptor. Designer. Art Director & Founder @ Caspian Müse Studio, Hudson Valley, NY**
Providing Creative Services & Consulting. Creating figurative sculpture ceramic vessels.
- 07/2023 – Present **Elected Director to ASK Board of Directors @ Arts Society of Kingston, NY**
Offering Creative & Strategic Consulting
- 01/2023 – Present **Sculpture Instructor & Consultant. Resident @ Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY**
Figurative sculpture workshops & consulting, independent sculpture & ceramics practice
- 04/2023 – 11/2023 **Weekend Open Studio Lead @ Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY**
Facilitating inspiring creative studio environment
- 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 Design & Consulting
- 04/2023 – Present **Gallery Committee Member @ Arts Society of Kingston, NY**
01/2021 – 01/2022 *Consulting* on ASK Gallery's processes by bringing balanced approach to existing systems, PR
- 11/2020 – 06/2021 **June Spotlight Solo Exhibition Artist @ Arts Society of Kingston, NY**
Creation of Revival series. Production & Design of Gülnar Babayeva's Solo Figurative Sculpture
Exhibition Revival at the ASK Galleries
- 02/29/2016 – 03/31/2020 **Lead Visual Designer @ Dragon360, Kingston, NY**
Providing Visual Design for Web & Print · UI/UX Design · Branding
- 2016– 2020 **Freelance Graphic Designer @ Senate Garage / CoWork Kingston NY**
Providing Visual Design for Web & Print · UI/UX Design · Branding
- 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**
Providing Graphic Design for Web & Print · UI/UX Design · Video editing
Providing Image editing , enhancement & quality control · Fulfilling Administrative tasks
- 06/2014 – 2017 **Freelance Graphic Designer. Art Director @ Hudson Valley PawPrint Magazine, Athens, NY**
Developing Concept · Magazine Layout Design · issues 1 - 9
- 01/10/2015 – 09/11/2015 **Freelance Web Designer @ Woodstock School of Art, Woodstock NY**
Designing 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**
Gallery sitting, gallery prepping for upcoming exhibitions, interacting with creative arts
community & students
- SPRING 2011 & 2012 **Art Director and Graphic Designer @ Slate Magazine, Art Department, SUNY Ulster**
- 2011 & 2012 **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 **RE V I V A L** Solo Exhibition of Sculpture, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Dates Vary [See Exhibition History Online](#)

CURATORIAL EXHIBITIONS

Jul 9 – Aug 28 2022 **THE OTHER DIMENSION** exhibition curated & designed by Gülnar Babayeva
An invitational sculpture exhibit highlights works by seven local Hudson Valley Sculptors
Olive Branch Studio & Gallery, Olivebridge, NY, USA

WORKSHOPS

2024 JAN 12 – FEB 2 2024 | FRI 12:00–2:00 PM
Design Ceramic Vessels with Gülnar Babayeva
Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY, USA

2023 OCT 6 – 27 2023 | FRI 12:00–2:00 PM
Design Ceramic Vessels with Gülnar Babayeva
Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY, USA

OCT 1 – 29 2023 | SUN 1:30–4:00 PM
Sculpting Torso with Gülnar Babayeva
Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY, USA

SEP 23 – OCT 21 2023 | SAT 2:00–4:30 PM
Sculpting Expressive Hands with Gülnar Babayeva
Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY, USA

SEP 20 – OCT 25 2023 | WED 5:30–8:30 PM
Sculpting Animals with Gülnar Babayeva
Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY, USA

AUG 2023 | WED – FRI
Sculpting with Gülnar for Teens & Kids @ CCAC Summer Art Camp
Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY, USA

APR 18 – MAY 23 2023 | WED 5:30–8:30 PM
Sculpting Animals with Gülnar Babayeva
Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY, USA

OPEN STUDIO

2023 SEP 16 – 17 2023
Gülnar Babayeva Ceramics Sculpture Participating Artist at 2023 ARTWalk Kingston
Ceramics Studio, Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY, USA

2022 SEP 17 – 18 2022
Gülnar Babayeva Ceramics Sculpture Participating Artist at 2022 ARTWalk Kingston
Ceramics Studio, Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY, USA

GRANT AWARD

2022 **NYSCA Individual Artist Grant Award, New York State, USA**
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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

2023 **Talent Prize Awards Teravarna Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA**
7th ANIMAL International Juried Art Competition | June
6th FIGURATIVE International Juried Art Competition | August

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

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, USA

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

2012 – 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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GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- Jan 30 – Mar 3 2024  **Still I Rise: Celebrating Black History Month** with guest *curator Willie Mae Brown*
Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, Poughkeepsie, NY, USA
- Feb 3 – 25 2024 **A Sensual Sense of Place** – February Members Exhibitio, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA
- Jan 6 – 28 2024  **The Giving Souls that Keep Us Open** – Invitational Exhibition Featuring ASK Volunteers Art
Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA
- Jan 6 – 28 2024 **Abstract Reality** – January Members Exhibition, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA
- Dec 2 – 31 2023 **Less is More** – Small Works Year End Members Show, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA
- Nov 17 – Dec 31 2023  **Gratitude: Annual Members' Holiday Exhibition & Sale**
Woodstock Artists Association & Museum | WAAM, Woodstock, NY, USA
- Sep 30 – Oct 29 2023 **Art is Magic** - Members Exhibition, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA
- Sep 12 – Oct 14 2023  **Workshop Designers Exhibition** – Group Show displaying works by CCAC instructors.
Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY
- Sep 1 – 24 2023 **Emotional Intelligence** - Members Exhibition, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA
- Jul 1 – 30 2023 **No Theme** - Members Exhibition, Arts Society of Kingston, NY, USA
- Mar 3 – Apr 16 2023 **Active Members' Spring Exhibition** – Woodstock Artists Association & Museum | WAAM,
Woodstock, NY, USA
- Feb 7 – Mar 25 2023  **CCAC Faculty Exhibition** – A group show displaying works by the art center's faculty,
curated by the CCAC's Art Director John Amato. Cornell Creative Arts Center, Kingston, NY
- 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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DEGREES + PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Bachelor of Arts: American Studies
Associate of Arts: Fine Arts
Associate of Science: Advt. Design & Graphic Tech

Studio Art: Sculpture Practice
Front-End Web Dev Certificate

MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the following arts & design organizations:

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

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