



GÜLNAR BABAYEVA

Sculptor. Designer. Art Director.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Gülmar 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, Gülmar 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. Most recently she curated/design the following exhibits in 2024: September **From Earth to Vessel** - two person ceramic vessels exhibition, **Nov - Dec 2024 Gülmar Babayeva Sculpture Exhibit** and December-January **State of Being - Second Invitational Sculpture** exhibition curated by Babayeva.

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** (Jan 2021 - Jan2022, Apr 2023 - Apr 2024) and an **elected director to the ASK Board of Directors (2023-Present)**. Currently, Babayeva is a **resident artist and sculpture instructor**, and creates her work and [teaches](#) at a ceramics studio in Kingston, NY. Gülmar Babayeva offers inclusive figurative, portrait, animal sculpting, and vessel design [workshops](#). She works with & teaches diverse group of people: youth, adults & elderly.



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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

2022 **NYSCA Individual Artist Grant Award, New York State, USA**
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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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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 – 02/2024 **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 – 04/2024 **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

- Nov 16 - Dec 14 2024 **Gülnar Babayeva Sculpture: Figurative & Vessel Art**, Queen of Rogues Gallery, Glenford NY
- Jun 5 – 27 2021 **REVIVAL Solo Exhibition of Sculpture**, Arts Society of Kingston NY, USA

DUO EXHIBITIONS

- Sep 7 – 29 2024 **FROM EARTH TO VESSEL Gülnar Babayeva & Kalsang Chompel**
Arts Society of Kingston NY, USA

ALL EXHIBITIONS

- Dates Vary [See Exhibitions History and Upcoming Exhibits Online at gulnarbabayeva.com](https://gulnarbabayeva.com)

CURATORIAL EXHIBITIONS

- Dec 7 2024 – Jan 26 2025 **STATE OF BEING**
Second Invitational Sculpture Exhibition curated by Gülnar Babayeva
Featuring sculptural fine art works by 16 Hudson Valley Sculptors/Artists
ASK Spotlight & Front Galleries, Arts Society of Kingston NY, USA
- Jul 9 – Aug 28 2022 **THE OTHER DIMENSION**
First Invitational Sculpture Exhibition curated by Gülnar Babayeva Highlighting
figurative/representational/abstract works by seven local Hudson Valley Sculptors
Olive Branch Gallery, Olivebridge NY, USA

WORKSHOPS

- 2024 **JUL 1 – 23 2024 | Sculpting sessions with different age groups**
Sculpt with Gülnar for Teens & Kids @ Summer Camp Scatico
Elizaville NY, USA
- APR 12 – MAY 24 2024 | FRI 5:00 – 7:30 PM**
Intro to Sculpture with @caspiamuse | Gülnar Babayeva
Private Studio, Woodstock NY, USA
- APR 6 – 27 2024 | SAT 3:30–6:00 PM**
Intro to Torso with @caspiamuse | Gülnar Babayeva
Private Studio, Woodstock NY, USA
- 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

- 2024 **SEP 28 – 29 2024**
Gülnar Babayeva Ceramics Sculpture Participating Artist at 2024 WAAM Member Artist
Studio Tours Atelier WDSTK, Woodstock, NY, USA
- 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 **NYSICA Individual Artist Grant Award, New York State, 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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