

# Marjan Khajavi

Graphic Designer & University Lecturer

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**19 Years**

Experience in Graphic Design

**8 Years**

Experience in Animation

**Over 6000 Hours**

Experience in Teaching

Enthusiastic, committed, and award-winning graphic designer and illustrator.

Excellent team player with great skills to lead a group of people to achieve the deadlines and deliver creative and unique artistic products.

With 17 years of experience combined with teaching and professional software tutoring, alongside solid knowledge in multi-media, animation and new media, always is ready for new challenges and eager to deliver more.

## EDUCATION

- 2015** **Master of Arts** in Visual Arts & Visual Communication Design from Eastern Mediterranean University - North Cyprus
- 2009** **Bachelor of Arts** in Graphic Design from Nabi-Akram University
- 2006** **Advanced Diploma** in Graphic Design from Zeynab Art College
- 2004** **Diploma** in Graphic Design from Pajohesh High School of Arts and Design

## EXPERIENCE

### Eastern Mediterranean University

Famagusta, North Cyprus

**Senior Instructor** at Dept. of Visual Art & Visual Communication Design  
(Sep 2015 - Present)

#### Achievements:

- Offered and deployed new courses to department for User Interface Design and Printing
- Organised stencil graffiti workshop for students
- Organised screen printing workshop for students
- Organised a print house visit for students
- Compiled new course material for students in order to make the course outlines up-to-date
- Designed and compiled a typography exercise booklet with grid based practices and assignments
- Curated international art events

#### Responsibilities:

- Supervising senior year students on their graduation project
- Teaching core and elective units in the fields of visual arts and graphic design including:
  - Design major I and II
  - Graphic Design
  - Typography
  - User interface design
  - Desktop publishing
  - Introduction to computer graphics
  - Designing for print
  - Illustration
- Prepare materials and lessons to facilitate curriculum
- Provide relevant assignments for students to evaluate learning outcomes in a real-life setting

**Art and Craft Teacher** at International Summer School  
(Summer 2015 and 2016)

#### Achievements:

- Organised multiple art exhibitions by students' artworks with different techniques
- Organised several art and craft workshops in international dinner ceremonies
- Art and craft competitions for students such as painting and mask making  
Attracted children to arts and creativity

#### Responsibilities:

- Teaching painting with different techniques to teenagers and adults
- Teaching art craft to kids and encouraging them to use creativity in the artworks
- Children creativity development by triggering their imagination
- Designing and arranging games and workshops during events and activities

## Professional SKILLS

- Creative digital design
- User interface design
- Motion graphic
- Professional photography
- Painting and illustration
- Knowledge of the printing process
- Chroma key experience
- Outstanding typography skills

## Organisational etiquette

- Managing deadline
- Working collaboratively
- Manage multiple projects
- Attention to detail
- Creative thinking to produce new ideas
- Reflecting corporation strategy into organisational branding
- Social media specialist

## Part-Time Assistant at EMU Printing House

(Feb - July 2015)

### Achievements:

- Designed and delivered a wide variety of graphic art and promotional material
- Provided graphical support for Blogs, websites and social media
- Successful design and delivery of several posters for university events
- Designed a proposal for a new corporation identity of university

### Responsibilities:

- Working in collaboration with photographers, copywriters, printers and other designers
- Creating edgy and fashionable designs
- Preparing artwork to printer's specifications
- Helping out with publicity initiatives, press releases and media relations
- Ensuring strict adherence to quality control methods

## Research Assistant at Dept. of Visual Art & Visual Communication Design

(Sep 2013 - Feb 2015)

### Achievements:

- Tutor students and assist with assignments and concepts
- Joint in the production of several art and computer graphic projects for university
- Graphic design and editorial designs of department catalogues
- Completing various logo design projects

### Responsibilities:

- Producing high-quality design work
- Teaching Assistant in graphic design classes
- Events and exhibitions photography
- Branding Design for events and exhibitions

### Self-employed graphic designer and motion graphics artist at: (2012 to Present)

ByeByeLondon (UK), ChimbaWeb (Germany), Innovia Digital (Cyprus), NetNazar (Iran) BDN Management Consultand (Australia), Happy Science (Japan), Taste City (Cyprus) DAU KOOP (Cyprus), The Palm House Restaurant (Cyprus)

## ByeByeLondon

London, UK

### Senior Graphic Designer & Advertising Consultant (Dec 2011 - July 2012)

#### Responsibilities:

- Administration and consultation of artistic projects for the clients
- Creating vector illustration, icons, pictograms and maps
- Working on presentations, trifold, trade-marks, marketing materials and banner designs
- Providing graphical support for blogs, websites and social media
- Liaise with the clients to discuss their needs, objectives, requirements and budgets
- Producing designs for both internal and external communications, involving customers in the design process
- Negotiate with print companies to secure the best prices
- Commercial photo shooting of clients' business

### Self-employed wedding photographer (2012):

My World of Beauty (UK)

## Magic Pencil Animation Studio

Iran

### Intermediate Graphic Designer & Illustrator

(Feb 2004 – Mar 2011)

#### Projects:

- Illustrated backgrounds for an animation movie «Uncle Kiyan»
- Art director, background design and character design for the animated movie «Adam and Eve»
- Illustrated textures and drawn preliminary 3D object for the animated movie «Anoosh, Manoosh»
- Art director, texture and graphic designing for an animation series for Iranian Department of Environment
- Illustrated Backgrounds, key and between drawing, coloring and outline a wide variety of short animation projects and animation series

### Self-employed graphic designer (2004 to 2011):

Animator and Cartoonist - Iran National Broadcasting

Graphic Designer - Tarsim Graphic Studio

Wedding and Modeling Photographer - Proshat Stadio

Senior Graphic Designer - International Festival of Theatre for Children and Young Adults

## SOFTWARE SKILLS



Adobe Photoshop

Adobe Illustrator

Adobe After Effect

Adobe XD

Adobe InDesign

Adobe Edge Animate

Moho

Microsoft Word

Autodesk MotionBuilder

GameMaker

CorelDraw

## LANGUAGES



Persian

English

Turkish

## REFEREES



Available upon request



## Volunteering

### The Scientific & Cultural Association of Iran Students in Cyprus

Famagusta, North Cyprus

#### Member of the Graphic Design Committee

(Mar 2015 – Sep 2015)

##### Achievements:

- Designed the association yearly publication including logotype, layout, editorial design
- Produced hand crafts badge for university spring festival

### Hozeh Honary (Iran Art Department Organisation)

Hamedan - Iran

#### Member of the coordination team

(May 2005 – Sep 2006)

##### Responsibilities:

- Event arranging including competition, exhibition, and daily visits
- Cartoonist and reporter for the monthly publication



## AWARDS & Publications

- 2020** Third rank in 10<sup>th</sup> International Small Graphic Forms Competition "Fantasy Island"- Poland
- 2020** Published Artwork in the catalogue of "The Daily News" international art project
- 2019** Nominated for publishing in the catalogue of "SPIRIT Exlibris" international bookplate competition
- 2019** Published Artwork in the catalogue of "Deja vu - Odessa" Invitational Visual Art project group exhibition
- 2018** Published Artwork in the catalogue of "Unusual Message" international art project
- 2017** Nominated for publishing several artworks in the catalogue of Dept. of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, Eastern Mediterranean University
- 2014** Nominated for publishing in the catalogue competition "Ozatay Photography"
- 2012** First rank in "1st London - Iranian Contemporary Art Festival" Logo design competition
- 2010** Nominated for publishing 8 artworks in "Iran's Students Annual Graphic Book"
- 2009** First prize in province "Hamedan's Logo Design & Calligraphy" competition
- 2008** Nominated for publishing in the book of "3rd visual Art Experimental Festival"
- 2006** First prize in Iran at "Students Cartoon" competition
- 2006** First prize in province "Hamedan Red Crescent's Cartoon" competition
- 2005** Third prize in Iran at "Persian Gulf Cartoon" competition
- 2005** First prize in province "Hamedan House of Cartoons" competition



## Jury Member

- May 2021** "The 2nd International Print Triennial" competition in Cieszyn, Poland
- Feb 2020** "Gecitkale Municipality" logo design competition for students, Cyprus
- Jun 2018** "Continuing Education Center" logo design competition for students, Cyprus



## Art Event Organize and Curate

- Feb 2021** Curated the charity exhibition "Illustrated T-Shirts Exhibition for Children's Rights" collaboration project of 13 international artists, Rustem Gallery, Nicosia, Cyprus
- Feb 2021** Curated the international collaboration "DreamyMe" illustrated postcard exhibition, collaboration art event Eastern Mediterranean University, University of Silesia in Poland and Shariaty Art College in Iran
- May 2019** Curated the international collaboration "Typography Poster Exhibition" between Eastern Mediterranean University and Palestine Technical University
- May 2018** Organised the first "Stencil Graffiti workshop" for master and bachelor students of Dept. of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, Eastern Mediterranean University
- May 2016** Organised and hold the first "Screen Printing workshop" for bachelor students of Dept. of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, Eastern Mediterranean University

## EXHIBITION

- Nov 2022** “**Illustrated T-Shirt Exhibition for Children's Rights**”, a group exhibition by 13 international Artists, Rustem Gallery, Nicosia, Cyprus
- Jun 2022** “**DreamyMe**” Postcard group exhibition, international art event exhibited, Shariaty Art College, Tehran, Iran
- Jun 2022** “**DreamyMe**” Postcard group exhibition, international art event exhibited, Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus
- Jun 2022** “**DreamyMe**” Postcard group exhibition, international art event exhibited, University of Silesia, Poland
- Mar 2022** “**Futuristic Fossils**” collection exhibited in group art exhibition, Home for Cooperation, Nicosia, Cyprus
- Mar 2022** “**Rivers Nowruz**” group art exhibition, Aseman Art and Culture Centre, Tehran, Iran
- Nov 2021** “**Rock, Paper, Scissors**” Solo cartoon exhibition, Rustem Gallery, Nicosia, Cyprus
- Jun 2021** “**Conquest**” Deadpan Photography group exhibition, Saba Art and Culture Institute, Tehran, Iran
- Jan 2020** “**SIDLEFEST International Doodle Art**” group exhibition, University of Negeri Semarang, Indonesia
- Dec 2020** “**SPIRIT Exlibris**” international bookplate post-competition group exhibition - University Gallery of University of Silesia, Poland
- Dec 2019** “**Deja vu - Odessa**” Invitational Visual Art project group exhibition, University Gallery of University of Silesia, Poland
- Dec 2019** “**Deja vu - Odessa**” Invitational Visual Art project group exhibition, Museum of Literture, Odessa, Ukrain
- Mar 2019** “**Unusual Message**” an international collaboration of 66 artists - University Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Mexico
- Jan 2019** “**Unusual Message**” an international collaboration of 66 artists - Galeria Qahili, Kosovo
- Dec 2018** “**Unusual Message**” an international collaboration of 66 artists - VACD Exhibition Hall, Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus
- Dec 2018** “**Unusual Message**” an international collaboration of 66 artists - Nisantasi University,Turkey
- Dec 2018** “**Unusual Message**” an international collaboration of 66 artists - Gallery of Fine Arts Academy in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Nov 2018** “**Unusual Message**” an international collaboration of 66 artists - Gallery of the West University Timisoara, Romania
- Oct 2018** “**Unusual Message**” an international collaboration of 66 artists - University Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Poland
- Mar 2014** “**Abandoned**” group poster and video art exhibition, Goethe Institute - Cyprus
- May 2014** “**VI. Oztan Ozatay**” Photography Exhibition, Nicosia, Cyprus
- Fall 2010** **Graphic Design Group Exhibition**, Ministry of Culture, Iran
- Fall 2006** “**Persian Gulf**” group cartoon and Illustration Exhibition, Iran Art Department Organisation, Tehran, Iran
- Jul 2005** **Solo Exhibition of Expressionism Paintings**, Municipality Gallery, Hamedan, Iran
- 2005** **Group Cartoon Exhibition**, Ministry of Culture, Iran

## Certificates

- May 2019** Certificate of participation in “**T-Shirt Printing Workshop**” by Dogu Gundogdu at Dept. of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, Eastern Mediterranean University
- May 2018** Certificate of participation in “**Stencil Graffiti Workshop**” by Dr. Erdogan Ergun at Dept. of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, Eastern Mediterranean University
- May 2017** Certificate of participation in “**Screen Printing Workshop**” by Prof. Martin R. Baeyens at Dept. of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, Eastern Mediterranean University
- Mar 2017** Certificate of participation in “**T-shirt Design Workshop**” by Deniz Can Celik at Dept. of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, Eastern Mediterranean University
- Mar 2017** Certificate of participation in “**IGNITE Business/ Entrepreneurship**” by EMU centre of entrepreneurship and innovation at Faculty of Business and Economy, Eastern Mediterranean University
- Sep 2016** Certificate of appreciation for “**12 Weeks Painting and Drawing Course**” at International Summer School of Eastern Mediterranean University
- Oct 2015** Certificate of appreciation for preparing “**Logo Design Competition of Mustafa Hacı Ali Company**” at Dept. of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, Eastern Mediterranean University
- Sep 2015** Certificate of appreciation for “**6 Weeks Painting and Drawing Course**” at International Summer School of Eastern Mediterranean University
- Oct 2015** Certificate of appreciation for design and launch of the “**First Computer Game of North Cyprus**” at Eastern Mediterranean University
- Apr 2014** Certificate of participation in “**A Glance at the World of Visual Effect and Animation**” seminar by Digiflame from Turkey at Dept. Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, Eastern Mediterranean University
- Nov 2013** Certificate of participation in “**Food Art Photography**” show by Gokmen Sozen from Turkey at Dept. of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, Eastern Mediterranean University
- Apr 2013** Certificate of participation in “**Visual Effects in Hollywood Workshop**” by Cosku Turhan from Hollywood at Dept. of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, Eastern Mediterranean University