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EXHIBITION PRESS RELEASE

Maryam Tafakory: *I want to tell you what I can't*

28 April – 17 June 2023

Open: Wed - Sat, 12 - 5pm

OPENING: 27 April 2023, 6pm - 8pm

LUX, Waterlow Park Centre, London, N19 5JF, UK

URL: bit.ly/432gwo7



LUX is delighted to announce the first UK exhibition by Iranian artist and filmmaker Maryam Tafakory. *I want to tell you what I can't* presents the artist's works *Nazarbazi* نظربازی (2022) and *Irani Bag* کیف ایرانی (2021), alongside fragments of more recent work.

The exhibition will open with an in-conversation with the artist on Thursday 27th April 6pm-8pm, followed by a closing event on Saturday 17th June 2023.

Captioned screenings of *Nazarbazi* نظربازی and *Irani Bag* کیف ایرانی will take place daily.

Nazarbazi (*the play of glances*) نظربازی (2022) is a film about love and desire in Iranian cinema, where depictions of intimacy and touch between women and men are prohibited.

Irani Bag کیف ایرانی (2021) is a split-screen video essay that deconstructs the depiction of a seemingly innocent object—the handbag—in order to propose a textual and political analysis of censorship and intimacy in post-revolution Iran. *Irani Bag* invites the spectator to reconsider the relationship between sight and touch.

Related Event

Opening Event: Artist Talk with Maryam Tafakory

27 April 2023 / 6-8PM

Closing Event: Performance by Maryam Tafakory

17 June 2023 (Time: TBA)

Notes for Editors

Maryam Tafakory [b. Shiraz, Iran] is an artist filmmaker whose textual and filmic collages interweave poetry, documentary, archival, and found material. Her work has been exhibited internationally including at MoMA; Locarno; MoMI New York; IFFR Rotterdam; ICA London; Pergamon Museum Berlin; True/False; M HKA; and Anthology Film Archives amongst others. She has received several awards including the Tiger Short Award at the 51st IFFR, Gold Hugo Award at the 58th Chicago International Film Festival, Barbara Hammer Feminist Film Award at the 60th Ann Arbor Film Festival, Best Experimental Short Film at the 70th Melbourne International Film Festival, the Jury Prize at Documenta Madrid, and the Best International Short Film at 29th l'Alternativa Barcelona. She was awarded the Flaherty/Colgate Distinguished Global Filmmaker in Residence (NY) in 2019 and was a MacDowell Fellow in 2022. www.maryamtafakory.com

LUX is the UK agency for the support and promotion of artists working with the moving image based in London and Glasgow. Originally founded in 1966 as the London Filmmakers Co-operative, it represents an over 50 year history of artists' engagement with the moving image in the UK. As well as organising exhibitions, education programmes, commissioning, artists professional development and research LUX represents Europe's largest collection of films and videos made by visual artists. www.lux.org.uk

For more information, previews, images and artist interviews please contact Sun Park, LUX Events and Marketing Manager sun@lux.org.uk 020 3141 2960

Event Accessibility

Getting here: LUX is located in Waterlow Park (Highgate), near the Dartmouth Park Lodge Gate on Dartmouth Park Hill. Please note Waterlow Park is on a hill and from Archway Station there is a steep walk up Highgate Hill. You can learn more about public transport options and their accessibility [on our website](#).

Address: LUX, Waterlow Park Centre, Dartmouth Park Hill, London, N19 5JF, UK. Entrance location on what3words <https://w3w.co/rates.fallen.joins>

Step Free Access: The LUX building is fully wheelchair accessible and there are wheelchair accessible toilet facilities.

Auditory/Visual Access: We have hearing loops, a large print guide and magnifying glasses available in the space. The video works in the black box space have open captions. (Please check the screening schedule).

Sensory Access: Please note that the exhibition space is very dark, and the sound/noise volume is adjusted to a higher level. Let us know in advance if you require the room to be brighter or lower volume environment.

Content Note: *Nazarbazi* نظربازی contains depictions of body injury.

Ask the reception for sitting options with backs and beanbags to lay down if they are not present in the space. Assistance dogs are welcome in all spaces at LUX. You can learn more about detailed access information on [our website here](#). If you have any access needs to attend our events please contact us at +44(0)20 3141 2960 or events@lux.org.uk.

Image credit: *Nazarbazi* نظربازی , Maryam Tafakory, 2022. Courtesy of the artist and LUX, London.

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