



# Ali Banisadr

## Foreign Lands



6 Apr – 25 Aug 2019  
Den Bosch,  
The Netherlands

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### European museum debut for Iranian-American artist Ali Banisadr

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After Manish Nai from India, Chiharu Shiota from Japan and Claire Morgan from Northern Ireland, Het Noordbrabants Museum is proud to introduce the next rising international star in the Netherlands, Iranian-born artist Ali Banisadr. *Ali Banisadr: Foreign Lands* is the first solo museum exhibition in Europe by this contemporary artist. An overview of the past ten years will be on display in 's-Hertogenbosch from 6 April up to 25 August 2019 and will follow the exhibition *From Bosch's Stable*. The work of Hieronymus Bosch is one of Banisadr's greatest sources of inspiration.

The paintings created by artist Ali Banisadr (Tehran, 1976) are a reflection of his Iranian roots and the influence of European artists such as Hieronymus Bosch, Paolo Veronese, Tintoretto and Francis Bacon. "The bright and vivid pieces are a mixture of order and chaos, of beauty and horror, leading us into a world reminiscent of abstract expressionism where world history meets mythology" - Hans November, curator of 20th- and 21st-century art at Het Noordbrabants Museum, explains.

#### Foreign Lands

The exhibition is named after the painting *Foreign Lands* from 2015. It is among Banisadr's most elaborate landscapes. This work forms an invitation to enter his view and experience of the world. *Ali Banisadr: Foreign Lands* is a collection of works from 2008 until today. It shows around twenty paintings, including a diptych and a triptych, and several works on paper. Banisadr's work has been included in the collection of the world's most prominent museums, such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles and the British Museum in London. He currently lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

#### Art based on sound

When Banisadr paints, he sees sound, also called synaesthesia. He says: "When I begin a painting, it is always based on an internal sound. As soon as I apply the brush, the sound begins, and I am able to compose the work based on the sounds I hear as I'm painting. It is the force that drives the whole painting and helps me compose the work and pull everything together."

#### Catalogue and audio tour

A richly illustrated catalogue accompanies the exhibition, written by Robert Hobbs and is published by Uitgeverij WBOOKS in Zwolle. The catalogue will be available in Dutch and English from 6 April 2019 and can be bought at the MuseumShop and in bookshops. The audio tour in the exhibition, introduces a selection of the paintings by Ali Banisadr and is accompanied by music from his studio.

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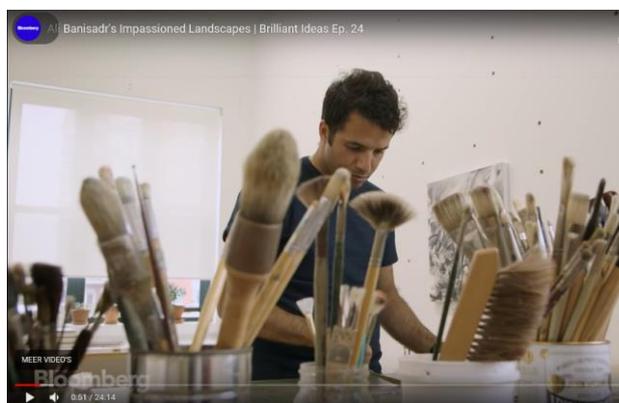
### Earlier publications in the media

'Banisadr talks about his favourite work by Bosch'



Link: [https://youtu.be/bB6\\_3A9Br2c](https://youtu.be/bB6_3A9Br2c)

'Short documentary recorded in Banisadr's studio in NY'



Link: <https://youtu.be/j7G06ZvCtMU>

### Questions?

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Adults: €15

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