

# Franz Kaka

ELMIZADEH & ROMANO  
BIOGRAPHY

**Azadeh Elmizadeh** (b. 1987 Tehran, Iran) is a visual artist based in Toronto who works between painting and collage. She holds an MFA from the University of Guelph and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from OCAD and Tehran University. Elmizadeh has presented solo and two-person exhibitions at the Southern Alberta Art Gallery (Lethbridge, AB) and Franz Kaka (Toronto, ON). Her work has been exhibited internationally at Public Gallery (London, UK) curated by Rose Nestler; The Blackwood (Mississauga, ON) curated by Noor Bhangu; Kamloops Art Gallery curated by Charo Neville; Birch Contemporary (Toronto, ON); Boarding House Gallery (Guelph, ON). Elmizadeh was the recipient of the 2020 Joseph Plaskett Award in painting. Her work examines how contingency, uncertainty, and translation can be strategies used to undermine prescribed cultural boundaries.

**Tony Romano** (b. 1978 Toronto, Canada) obtained a BFA from the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design. His work has been exhibited internationally including presentations in Canada, USA, Austria, UK and Sweden. Recent solo exhibitions include *Night Thoughts*, Beers (London, UK); *The Branch in the Salzburg Mine*, Clint Roenisch Gallery (Toronto, ON); *The Last Act*, Articule (Montreal, QC); *Onward Future*, Oakville Galleries (Oakville, ON); *Notary Moon*, MacLaren Art Gallery (Barrie, ON); *Oversea/Undersea* Kulturhust (Stockholm, Sweden). Group exhibitions include *GTA21*, Museum of Contemporary Art (Toronto, ON); *Villa Toronto* presented by Raster Gallery (Toronto, ON); *Millennium Magazine*, Museum of Modern Art (New York, NY); *Hunter and Cook Projects*, Night Gallery (Los Angeles, CA); *The Way I Are*, Blackwood Gallery (Mississauga, ON); *You Don't Really Care for Music, Do You?*, Red Bull Projects (Toronto, ON); *Dedicated to you, but you weren't listening*, Power Plant (Toronto, ON); *The Island and the Cave*, White Columns (New York, NY); *Empire of Dreams*, Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art (Toronto, ON).