

# Narmin Backus

*Visual Artist | Silk Painter | Art Educator | Live Event Painter*

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

International visual artist specializing in silk painting, fine art, and fashion design with over 20 years of teaching and exhibition experience across the United States and Europe. Certified All-Level Art Educator (PK–12). Known for expressive color work, elegant compositions, and live event painting at private, cultural, and church gatherings. Featured in national art publications and international exhibitions, including Paris and Baku.

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## EDUCATION

### 1990–1992

Private Study, Studio of Artist Arif Aziz

### 1992–1998

Bachelor's Degree – Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Fine Arts

Major: Fashion Design

Minor: Painting & Drawing

### 2012

Undergraduate Course in Ceramics (Pottery) – Alvin Community College, USA

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## CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**2007** – Texas Educator Certificate, All-Level Art Teacher (PK–12)

**2013** – Becoming Kingdom Teacher Seminar, Houston, TX

**2014** – ACSI Continuing Education Certificate

**2014** – Arts for the Better Future Seminar, Dallas, TX

**2018** – Hot Batik (Silk Painting Certificate), School of Modern Batik, Moscow, Russia

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### 1996–1998

Fashion Editor – *Shams* Women’s Magazine, Baku, Azerbaijan

### 2000–2001

Member – Wenson Lodge Art & Culture Center, Norwich, UK

### 2005–2018

Art Teacher – Christian Schools, Texas

- Guided students to award-winning placements in Houston Chamber of Commerce competitions, Mayor’s Office competitions, TAPPS, and school-organized exhibitions.
- Developed comprehensive art curriculum across multiple mediums.

### 2014–2018

Host – TV Art & Gospel Show “*Sweet Conversations*” (5 Seasons). Broadcasted in Iran, Turkey, Azerbaijan, and “Sweet Conversations” YouTube channel.

### Ongoing

Professional Visual Artist & Silk Painter

- Commissioned artwork
- Gallery exhibitions
- Art markets and festivals
- **Live painting at private events, weddings, church gatherings, and cultural celebrations**

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## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

**2009** – Turkish Grill, Houston, TX

**2023** – Russian Cultural Center, Baku, Azerbaijan

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## GROUP & JURIED EXHIBITIONS

**1998** – Group Student Exhibition, Avant-garde Fashion Show

**2003** – Juried Exhibition, *Sharing Our Vision*, Cleveland, OH

**2007** – Juried Exhibition, Clear Lake Art Alliance, TX

**2009** – Juried Exhibition, Works in Textile, Clear Lake Art Alliance, TX

**January 15-18, 2019** – Group Exhibition, Maestro & Artists, Baku, Azerbaijan

**March 9, 2021** – Online Women’s Exhibition, *Action des Femmes: La Beauté du Printemps*, Paris, France

**March 23, 2021** – Online Women’s Exhibition (Curated by Asmar Narimanbekov), Paris, France

**September 12-14, 2025** – Sawyers Yard, Winter Street Studios, Pet shelter Fundraising exhibition

**June 2021** – *Les Salles du Carrousel* – Art Shopping at the Louvre Museum, Paris, France

**December 2021** – Group Exhibition, Galerie Beauté du Matin Calme, Paris, France

**March 28, 2026** – Group Exhibition, Texas City Art Festival, Texas

**May 8, 2026** – Solo Exhibition, Our Texas Art Gallery, Houston, TX

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## **ART MARKETS & FESTIVALS**

**2022** – White Linen Nights Art Market, League City, TX

**2023** –

- Galveston Arts & Crafts Show, Galveston Island, TX
- Celebrating Seabrook Arts & Crafts Market, Seabrook, TX
- Santa in the Park Arts & Crafts Market, Friendswood, TX

**2024** –

- Galveston Arts & Crafts Show, Galveston Island, TX
- Celebrating Seabrook Arts & Crafts Market, Seabrook, TX

**2025** –

BACS Craft Market – League City, TX

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## MEDIA FEATURES

**March 2025** – Featured & Interviewed, *Canvas Rebel Magazine*

**August 2025** – Featured & Interviewed, *Bold Journey Magazine*

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## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

**2009** – Clear Lake Christian School Eagles Volunteer Award

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## SPECIALTIES

- Silk Painting (Batik Techniques)
- Fine Art & Mixed Media
- Fashion Illustration & Design
- Art Education (PK–12)
- Live Event Painting (Private & Church Events)
- Workshops & Art Classes