

Open Call to Visual Artists

March 2024 Exhibition

Deadline: 11:59pm 19 January 2024

About the exhibition:

The aim of the **Our Story Is One exhibition** is to enable visual artists in Aotearoa to:

- inspire and raise consciousness about the struggles for gender equality around the world;
- stimulate conversations about gender equality, justice and human rights;
- honour the sacrifices and resilience of all who stand up to prejudice and injustice, regardless of nationality, ethnicity and faith; and to increase their solidarity.

The Call is open to all visual artists at any career stage, including, for example, sculptors, weavers, filmmakers, photographers and animators.

A selection panel will nominate the artists based on their recent and proposed artworks. The artwork must be original and inspired by the **Our Story Is One** themes.

Individual artists and groups of artists can submit a proposal. Artists who submit a proposal for a collaborative work must appoint someone based in Aotearoa to liaise with the exhibition organisers and media.

Artists can sell works at the exhibition, with no commission charged by the sponsoring organisations or Studio One.

Your proposal should include:

- A brief description of your proposed work/s
- Artist(s) bio (statement up to 200 words or video up to 3 minutes)
- Images of recent work or work in progress

Email to publicaffairs@bahai.org.nz with the subject line 'Our-Story-Is-One'

Timeframe:

- 19 January 2024 by 11:59pm – Open Call closes
- 18 – 31 March 2024 - Exhibition, Studio One, Auckland

Background:

The exhibition is part of a year-long campaign, [#OurStoryIsOne](#), begun in honour of the 40th anniversary of the execution of 10 Bahá'í women in Iran on 18 June 1983. Over six months in prison, they suffered harsh interrogations and torture to coerce them to recant their faith. In a final attempt to pressure them, they were forced to watch the hanging of those who preceded them. The last to be hung was 17 years old.

'Our Story Is One' connects their courage with the call of 'Woman, Life, Freedom' for Iranian women's rights, equality and justice. It offers you an opportunity to honour the sacrifice and resilience of all people around the world who stand up for principles of justice and equality at any cost, even their lives.

Sponsors:

The Bahá'í community and Iranian Women in New Zealand are sponsoring the exhibition.