

# NOHRA HAIME GALLERY

## NESSIM BASSAN

Born in Panama, in 1950  
Lives and works in Panama

## EDUCATION

- 1970 Master of Fine Arts, Colgate University
- 1969 Art Students League, New York
- 1968 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Peddie School, New Jersey
- 1963 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Isabel Almolda Academy, Panama

## AWARDS

- 1992 Second Prize, Panama Biennial of Paintings, Panama, Panama
- 1971 Second Prize, Xerox Art Contest, Panama, Panama (Jury member, Lester Cooke, former Curator from the National Gallery, Washington, DC)
- 1971 First Prize, Xerox Art Contest, Panama, Panama (Jury member, Thomas Messer, former Curator of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York)
- 1970 Second Prize, Xerox Art Contest, Panama, Panama (Jury member was renown art critic José Gómez Sicre)
- 1969 Honorary Mention, Xerox Art Contest, Panama, Panama

## ONE PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Los mundos Inimaginables de lo perfecto - Nessim Bassan: 50 años* (The Unimaginable Worlds of Perfection, Nessim Bassan: 50 Years), Museo de Arte Moderno Carlos Mérida, Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala
- Los mundos Inimaginables de lo perfecto - Nessim Bassan: 50 años* (The Unimaginable Worlds of Perfection, Nessim Bassan: 50 Years), Museo de Arte de el Salvador, Ciudad de San Salvador, El Salvador
- Los mundos Inimaginables de lo perfecto - Nessim Bassan: 50 años* (The Unimaginable Worlds of Perfection, Nessim Bassan: 50 Years), Museo para la Identidad Nacional, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- 2022 *Los mundos Inimaginables de lo perfecto - Nessim Bassan: 50 años* (The Unimaginable Worlds of Perfection, Nessim Bassan: 50 Years), Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Panama, Panama
- Nessim Bassan*, Yaco Art Gallery, Panama, Panama
- 2015 Shevet Ahim Sinagoga de Panama, Bassan was commissioned by the synagogue to paint the ceiling and design the stain-glass windows.
- 1973 *Nessim Bassan*, Art Museum of the Americas, Organization of American States, Washington DC
- 1971 *Nessim Bassan*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Panama, Panama
- 1968 *Nessim Bassan*, Peddie School, New Jersey

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Collective Exhibition*, Marión Gallery, Panama, Panama
- 2012 *La abstracción en el arte panameño* (Abstraction in Art of Panama), Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Panama, Panama
- 1994 *Bienal de Arte Pictórico* (Panama Biennial of Paintings), Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Panama, Panama
- 1992 *Bienal de Arte Pictórico* (Panama Biennial of Paintings), Panama, Panama
- 1985 *Décadas* (Decades), Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Panama, Panama
- 1981 XVI Sao Paulo Biennial, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 1972 *Bienal de Arte Coltejer*, Medellin, Colombia

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- 1972 *Nessim Bassan*, University of Panama, Panama  
1970 *Student Show*, Colgate University, Panama, Panama  
1969 *Student Show*, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

National Bank of Panama  
Caja de Ahorros de Panamá

## VIDEOS

- Museo para la Identidad Nacional de Honduras. "Nessim Bassan – Recorrido con el curador Pancho López," *Facebook*, uploaded by the Museo para la Identidad Nacional de Honduras, July 17, 2023, <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=266339045716145>  
Judaic Art. "Artwork 20 años en Adelante," *Youtube*, uploaded by Judaic Art, June 30, 2015, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfWGMhaoYog>

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*Los mundos inimaginables de lo perfecto – Nessim Bassan: 50 años* (The Unimaginable Worlds of Perfectio – Nessim Bassan: 50 Years), November 24, 2022 - August 2023, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Panamá, Panama, exhibition catalogue, illustrated.  
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*Nessim Bassan, 1971*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Panamá, Panama, exhibition catalogue.