

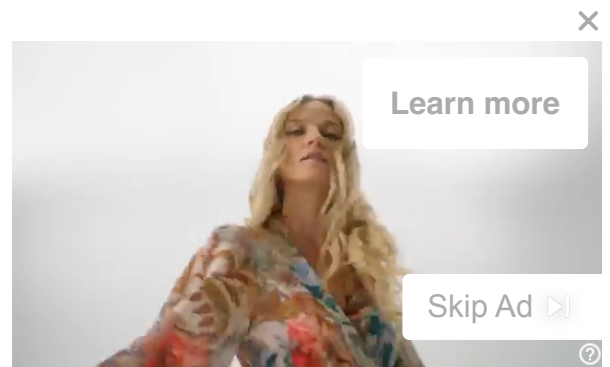
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Best Bets: 'Breaking Down Barriers: The Art Of Iran' In Sausalito Features Hundreds Of Works By Iranian Artists Based Around The World

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So much of what we see, hear and read about Iran these days comes through news accounts, and little of the information is positive: reports of government repression; women defying Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei's administration by refusing to wear hijabs, continued geopolitical hostilities with the U.S. and other Western countries. The steady stream of words and images centering on crackdowns and confrontations is enough to make one forget the Persian culture's rich, centuries-old history full of intellectual and artistic achievements. A free exhibit in Marin County is here to remind us. "Breaking Down Barriers: The Art of Iran" at the Sausalito Center for the Arts features some 240 works by Iranian artists based around the world, including paintings, antiques and artifacts, ceramic items, photographs and more. Some are ancient, some are created by contemporary artists living in Iran and the U.S. As the museum puts it, the exhibit "intends to showcase a compelling sampling of the scope and range of Persian art and artists that helps transcend the constraints of ideological and cultural borders." The exhibit, curated by Shiva Pakdel, runs through April 23. The museum is located at 750 Bridgeway and admission is free. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays–Sundays. Go to www.sausalitocenterforthearts.org.

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