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* "Art touches my soul, vision, work, home and beliefs"

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Much of Tahniat Darbandi's art celebrates, by simple suggestion, the female form. She sees women as complicated beings who find meaning in simplicity. Her drawings depict women who express and expose their soul and body freely.

"I look at women with awe—beautiful strongwilled creatures who can create anything they put their heart into. They are my God."

Tahniat's art has imitated her life. She's defied the expectations of her Persian culture by zealously pursuing a nontraditional career behind a camera.

Tahniat was born in Iran. Beginning at a young age, when asked about her future plans, she always said she wanted to be a film director. She loved to study art and literature. Today she is a producer at "Voice of America."

Extraordinary Women, Embracing Equality

^{* &}quot;I call my artwork feminine, not feminist."