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#### **Education**

2014 – 2016 MA Documentary Film Practice Brunel University London  
2003 – 2007 Fine Arts Corcoran College of Art and Design Washington DC  
1985 – 1995 Vocals, Theory, Composition Conservatory of Music Jerusalem  
Choir studies Levinsky College Tel Aviv  
Artist residency: Micro-Macro Air Sea and Soil 2023 Orkney Islands

#### **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

The Way We Are 2025 Brighstone Open Air Studio | Unseen Terrain 2017 Daniel Raphael Gallery London  
| Stems and Strains 2014 1Shantiroad Art Centre Bangalore | Of Earth and Air 2011 Bill Lowe Gallery  
Atlanta | Ella Benami Paintings 2011 Miami International Airport Seth Jason Beitler Gallery | Landscapes  
of Changing Mind 2009 Willow Street Gallery Washington DC | Winds 2004 Amber Gallery Emeryville CA  
| Upper Ground 2003 Amber Gallery Emeryville CA | Around Video and Sound 2000 Amber Gallery  
Emeryville CA | The Back and Front 1999 with composer Dikla Baniel Ultrasound Festival Tel Aviv | The  
Whole in One 1998 with composer Dikla Baniel Stir Studios Tel Aviv | Transference Sound and Video  
1997 Stir Studios Tel Aviv.

#### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

Bread and Roses 2016 Minshar Art Gallery Tel Aviv | Unfolding Paths 2015 BB Contemporary Art NYC |  
Under the Light 2015 Art event Ein Shemer | Random | 2015 BAAD Gallery Tel Aviv | Shukran 2015  
Chelouche Gallery Tel Aviv | Working Artists 2015 Ramat Gan Museum of Israeli Art Bread and Roses  
Minshar Gallery Tel Aviv | Abstraction 2007 Corcoran College of Art and Design Washington DC |  
Aromatic 2006 Art Washington DC | Landscapes 2006 Amber Gallery Albany CA | Origins | 2003 East  
Bay Gallery Berkeley CA | One Inside 2002 Stir Studios Tel Aviv

#### **Film**

*Past Forward* 28 mins. 2019 Documentary  
Awards : Best Global Shorts 2021 | Hodu international film Festival 2021  
World premiere: Chain NYC Film Festival, 2019 |  
Screened at : Worldwide Women's Film Festival Phoenix | Toronto Indie Filmmakers Festival 2024 | New  
York International Women Festival 2022 | Serbet International Film Festival 2022 | LA Independent  
Women Film Awards 2021 | Mediterranean Film Festival Cannes 2020 | East Valley JCC Movie series,  
Arizona 2020 | Dumbo Film Festival, NYC 2020 | Chicago Indie Film Awards 2021 | LA Independent  
Women Film Awards 2021 | Hudu International Film Festival 2021 Award Winner | Best Global Shorts  
2021- Best Short Doc. Award winner  
*I Am From This Place* 23 mins. 2017 Documentary  
Premiered in: Near Nazareth Film Festival, 2018  
Screened at: Los Angeles CineFest, 2017

#### **Music Performance: 1990-1995**

Ella Benami & Sihar Ensemble Beit Lessin Theatre Tel Aviv | Ella Benami & Sihar Ensemble Rimon  
School of Music | Ella Benami & Sihar Ensemble JM Music Club Tel Aviv  
Ella & Sihar Khan Theatre Jerusalem | Poetry and music performance Bookwarm Tel Aviv