

Listening Homes

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In *Listening Homes*, artist **Sumera Khan** turns her attention to the quiet interiors that shape our emotional lives. Through a series of intimate oil paintings Khan explores the emotional and psychological weight carried by domestic spaces.

Textured surfaces, layered light, and familiar everyday details, the work captures personal histories and traces of lived experience within the quiet corners of home. Within these familiar corners, Khan uncovers the subtleties of gendered experience, echoes of memory, and the role of interior environments in shaping our emotional lives.

The exhibition extends beyond the visual into a multisensory encounter. Visitors are invited to listen to recorded stories paired with each painting. Accounts of home, belonging, and memory that animate the scenes on view. A participatory component further invites reflection: a jar labeled “Domestic Spaces” will prompt visitors to contribute their own associations, adding names, objects, and places that resonate with their experiences.

Through painting, sound, and shared reflection, *Listening Homes* invites viewers to consider how the spaces we live in both hold and shape our emotional landscapes.



About the Artist

Sumera Khan is a visual artist, urban sketcher, and arts educator based in Katarokwi/Kingston. As a BIPOC artist and caregiver to individuals with invisible disabilities, she brings a strong commitment to accessibility, inclusion, and community-building through the arts. Her work centers on storytelling, memory, and identity, often rooted in themes of caregiving and domestic space.

Sumera has been deeply engaged with the local arts community through her presence at the Tett Centre's Creativity Studio Space, participation in exhibitions, curatorial and jury roles, and the 2024 Twofold Residency with Union Gallery and Modern Fuel. She is the founder of the Urban Sketchers Hub Facebook group that gathers regularly to sketch together at local spots.

She leads numerous creative programs in the community. In 2024, she received multiple grants by the Ontario Arts Council. Sumera's programs and artistic practice are rooted in connecting people through the meaningful stories found in everyday life.