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MORE IRANIANS ARE COMING

Artnet News has previously announced exhibitions of art by Persian artists living both inside Iran and elsewhere taking place this month at the **Chelsea Art Museum** (opening June 26) and at the **Leila Taghinia-Milani Heller Gallery** in Manhattan (open now).

Now, our correspondents inform us that two other exhibitions of contemporary Iranian art are currently on view. **Thomas Erben Gallery** at 526 West 26th Street in Manhattan's Chelsea art district presents "Looped and Layered: A Selection of Contemporary Art from Tehran," May 14-June 27, 2009. Erben notes that it is the "tautness" in the Islamic Republic's society that makes for the country's "rich and fertile" artistic production. Artists in the show -- all members of Tehran's post-revolution generation -- include **Mohsen Ahmadvand, Ala Dehghan, Bita Fayyazi, Siamak Filizadeh, Shahab Foutohi, Amirali Ghasemi, Barbad Golshiri, Ramin Haerizadeh, Rokni Haerizadeh, Khosrow Hassanzadeh, Farshid Maleki** and **Sadegh Tirafkan**. For a "virtual tour," see www.thomaserben.com

And across the pond in London, **Eleven Howland Gallery** is presenting "Guns and Roses," May 22-June 27, 2009, featuring work by 12 Iranian artists, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Iranian revolution. Artists in the show include **Shahriar Ahmadi, Farhad Ahrarnia, Samira Alikanzadeh, Pooya Aryanpour, Alireza Dayani, Reza Derakshani, Golnaz Fathi, Khosrow Hassanzadeh, Reza Lavassani, Farhad Moshiri, Afshin Pirhashemi** and **Ghass Rouzkhosh**. For more info, see www.eleven-howland.com