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HASSAN SHARIF

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EDUCATION

1984 Diploma in Fine Art and Design, The Byam Shaw School of Art, London, United Kingdom

SELECTED ONE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2022	Hassan Sharif: Political Paintings (2008-2009), Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
	184 Nails, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
2021	Hassan Sharif: I Am the Single Work Artist, The Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain de Saint-Étienne Métropole (MAMC+), Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France
2020	Hassan Sharif: I Am the Single Work Artist, Malmö Konsthall, Sweden
	Hassan Sharif: from daily experience to collective stories, gb agency, Paris, France
	Hassan Sharif: I Am the Single Work Artist, KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany
2019	Hassan Sharif: Blue, Gallery Isabelle Van Den Eynde, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
2018	Hassan Sharif: Semi-Systems, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
2017	Reading is Making: Books and Boxes, gb agency, Paris, France
	Hassan Sharif: I Am The Single Work Artist, Sharjah Art Foundation, United Arab Emirates
	Hassan Sharif: Expérimentations, La Patinoire Royale, Brussels, Belgium
2016	Hassan Sharif, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
	Hassan Sharif: Objects and Files, MATHAF Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar
2015	Barjeel Art Foundation Collection, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK
	The Physical is Universal, gb agency, Paris, France
	Images, Gallery Isabelle Van Den Eynde, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
2014	Hassan Sharif, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
2013	Approaching Entropy, IVDE Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
2012	Hassan Sharif Works 1979-2011, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
	Hassan Sharif, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
	Hassan Sharif Level One Paris France

2011	Hassan Sharif Experiments & Objects 1979-2011, Qasr Al Hosn, Cultural Quarter Hall, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
2009	Press Conference, 1x1 Contemporary, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
2007	Sharjah Art Museum, United Arab Emirates
2003	Sharjah International Arts Biennial, United Arab Emirates
2001	Sharjah International Arts Biennial, United Arab Emirates
1995	Sharjah International Arts Biennial, United Arab Emirates
1986	Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
1985	Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
1976	Caricature, Central Public Library, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Matters Through Matter, Sharbatly House, Al-Balad, Jeddag, Saudi Arabia
 After Rain, Diriyah Contemporary Art Biennale, JAX District, Diriyah, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 2023 Triennale Art & Industrie: Chaleur Humaine, Frac Grand Large Hauts-de-France, Dunkerque, France Between Looking and Seeing, gb agency, Paris, France The Art Library: Manal AlDowayan and Hassan Sharif, Misk Art Institute, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Long Story Short, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 In the Heart of Another Country: The Diasporic Imagination in the Sharjah Art Foundation Collection, Deichtorhallen Hamburg, Germany

Khaleej Modern: Pioneers and Collectives in the Arabian Peninsula, The Art Gallery at NYU Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Stories of Paper, Louvre Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Dance of Life, GB Agency, Paris, France

The Living Studio, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK

- 2021 Taking Shape: Abstraction from the Arab World, 1950s to 1980s, McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College, Boston, MA; University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2020 To Speak with Many Tongues: Selections from the Sharjah Art Foundation Collection, Royal College of Art, London
 - Taking Shape: Abstraction from the Arab World, 1950s to 1980s, Grey Art Gallery, New York University, New York; Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL; Herbert F. Johnson Museum at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 2019 Contemporary Art. Asia, Australia and the Pacific: Selection of the Asia Pacific Triennial of the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art, Centro Cultural la Moneda, Santiago, Chile Popular Culture & the City, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2018 Uniques: Cahiers écrits, dessinés, inimprimés, Fondation Martin Bodmer, Geneva, Switzerland
 Artists and the Cultural Foundation: The Early Years, Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, United Arab
 Emirates

Crude, Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The Monochrome Revisited, Jean-Paul Najar Foundation, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The 9th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art, Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA), Brisbane, Australia

Ways of Seeing, New York University Abu Dhabi Art Gallery, United Arab Emirates

Collection David H. Brolliet, Geneva: 40 Years of Collector's Passion, Fondation Fernet-Branca, Saint-Louis, France

A Century in Flux: Highlights from the Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah Art Museum, United Arab Emirates

We Began By Measuring Distance, Musée d'art moderne et contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland Odradek, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden

From Barcelona to Abu Dhabi, Manaret Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

2017 Ways of Seeing, ARTER– Space for Art, Istanbul; Villa Empain, Boghossian Foundation, Brussels, Belgium

Good Printing, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Viva Arte Viva, 57th Venice Biennale, Italy

100 Masterpieces of Modern and Contemporary Art, Institut Du Monde Arabe and The Barjeel Art Foundation, Paris, France

The Creative Act: Performance • Process • Presence, The Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

But We Cannot See Them: Tracing a UAE Underground, 1988-2008, New York University Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Restless Earth, The Trussardi Foundation, Milan, Italy

2016 Paper Stories, Level One, gb agency, Paris, France

For an Image, Faster Than Light, Yinchuan Biennale, The Museum of Contemporary Art Yinchuan, China Portrait of a Nation, Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Haptic, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY

Looking at the World Around You. Contemporary Works from Qatar Museums. Santander Art Gallery, Madrid, Spain

Do It [In Arabic], Sharjah Art Foundation, United Arab Emirates

In Search of Lost Time, Brunei Gallery, London, UK

White Cube...Literally: on form and convention of display, Gallery Isabelle Van Den Eynde, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Emirates Fine Arts Society's 34th Annual Exhibition, Sharjah Art Museum and Manarat Al Saadiyat, United Arab Emirates

The Books of Asia, Part II, Asian Culture Institute, Gwangju, South Korea

Inventing the Museum: Works from Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, Fundación Banco Santander, Madrid, Spain

2015 Abu Dhabi Art, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Minaret Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE

A Prologue to the Past and Present State of Things, Delfina Foundation, London

1980-Today: Exhibitions in the United Arab Emirates, United Arab Emirates Pavilion, 56th Venice Biennale, Italy

Sharjah Biennial 12: The past, the present, the possible, United Arab Emirates

Adventures of the Black Square: Abstract Art and Society 1915-2015, Whitechapel Gallery, London
United Kingdom

- 2014 Mathaf Collection, Summary, Part 1, Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar
 Here and Elsewhere, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY
 Une Histoire, Art, Architecture et Design, Des Années 80 à Aujourd'hui, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
 artevida corpo [body], Fundação Casa França-Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 1a Bienal International de Arte Contemporáneo, Cartagena de Indias, Columbia
- 2013 New Beginnings, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates Trade Routes, Hauser & Wirth, London, United Kingdom Broken Spaces: Cut, Mark, and Gesture, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY Two Parallel Lines: Hassan Sharif and Luis Camnitzer, Satellite, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2012 18th Biennale of Sydney, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia MinD. Dubai Contemporary, Dubai Contemporary Theatre and Arts Centre, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 - Systems and Patterns, The International Centre of Graphic Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia Paper, Museé d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporain, Nice, France
- 2010 Vis Roboris, AB Gallery, Lucerne, Switzerland Dropping Lines, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates Interventions, Mathaf Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar Arab world meets Zurich, AB Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2009 Across the Gulf, ARC Biennial, Brisbane, Australia

It's Not You, It's Me, Unites Arab Emirates National Pavilion, La Biennale di Venezia, 53rd International Art Exhibition, Venice, Italy

ADACH Platform for Visual Arts, La Biennale di Venezia, 53rd International Art Exhibition, Venice, Italy Golden Gates, Contemporary Art from the Middle East, Paris, France

Performance Art of the 1980s. A Comparison, The Prague Contemporary Art Festival, Prague, Czech Republic

Contemporary Emirati Art, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

- 2008 Season of Art, DIFC, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 - The Flying House First Group Show, Mashreq Bank, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 The Flying House at the Creek Art Fair, Al Bastakiya, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 Selected United Arab Emirates Contemporary Artists Expo, Saragossa, Spain
 Breaking News. Contemporary Art from the Middle East, Paris, France
 Contemporary Emirati Art, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2007 The Masters, Royal Mirage, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 The Emirates and its Renowned Arab Artists, Dubai Community Theater and Art Center,
 - Mall of the Emirates, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2006 Window, 16 United Arab Emirates Artists, Total Art Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2005 *Cultural Diversity Exhibition*, Sharjah Art Museum, United Arab Emirates *Languages of the Desert*, Kunst Museum, Bonn, Germany

	The 7th Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
2003	The 6th Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
2002	5 UAE, Ludwig Forum for International Art, Aachen, Germany
2001	The 5th Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
2000	Emirates Identities, French Cultural Center, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
	The Contemporary Arts of the Arab World, Shoman Foundation, Darat AL Funun, Amman, Jordan
	The 7th Havana Biennial, Cuba
1999	The 4th Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
1998	United Arab Emirates Contemporary Art, Institute of Arab World, Paris, France
	The 7th Cairo International Biennial, Egypt
1997	United Arab Emirates Artists, French Cultural Center, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
	The 3rd Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
1996	The Six Exhibition, Sharjah Art Museum, United Arab Emirates
1995	Emirates Art, Sittard Art Centre, Sittard, The Netherlands
	The 2nd Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
1994	Five Artists Exhibition, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
1993	The 1st Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
1990	Exhibition of the Emirates Fine Art Society in the Soviet Union, Soviet Union of Fine Art, Moscow, USSR
1988	The 3rd Cairo International Biennial, Egypt
1985	Sea and Desert, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
	One Day Exhibition, Almirajah Art Atelier, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
1984	Central Market, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
1983	-/+ (minus/plus), Al Ahli Club, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
1976	Second Youth Exhibition, Dubai National Theatre, United Arab Emirates
1974	First Youth Exhibition, Dubai National Theatre, United Arab Emirates

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Aldar, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France
Frac Bretagne, Rennes, France
Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Guggenheim, New York
Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
JP Morgan Chase Art Collection, New York, NY
Louvre Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
M+ Museum, Hong Kong
Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar

Museé d'art moderne et contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland
Museum of Contemporary Art, Yinchuan, China
NYU Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Salama bint Hamdan Foundation, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Sharjah Art Foundation, United Arab Emirates
Sharjah Art Museum, United Arab Emirates
Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom
Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

AWARDS

Alice Award for Solo Exhibition in a Public Gallery
 John Jones Art on Paper Award
 Emirates Foundation Competitive Arts Grant

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"ADACH launches monograph of Emirati artist Hassan Sharif's work at Venice Biennale." WAM Emirates News Agency, June 4, 2011.

"ADACH opens monographic exhibition." WAM Emirates News Agency, March 18, 2011.

"ADACH to organise first major monographic exhibition of Emirati artist Hassan Sharif." WAM Emirates News Agency, March 15, 2011.

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