



Faris Alshafar

BORN

1995 Dubai, UAE
Lives and works in Dubai, UAE and New York, USA

EDUCATION

2021 Master's in Arts & Cultural Management, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, USA
2017 Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing, American University in Dubai, UAE

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 *Narratives of Belonging*, Dubai Culture, Al Safa Art and Design Library, Dubai, UAE

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

2021 - 2024 Curated the 'Jubilee' UAE 50th's anniversary national day exhibition, Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations Artwork courtesy of the Barjeel Art Foundation.

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Permanent Mission of the UAE to the United Nations, NYC
UAE consulate in NYC
Abu Dhabi Executive Office



Biography

Faris Alshafar (b. 1995, Dubai) is an Emirati artist based between Dubai and New York City. A self-taught artist, Alshafar's practice is informed by music and other time-bound sensory experiences. He perceives memories of these experiences as self-contained universes. Distinct forms and textures from these experiences come into being through rhythmic mark-making and layered abstractions in his paintings and drawings. Glyph-like symbols and gestures coalesce into sonically resonating landscapes and arrangements that evoke and reference sensations themselves. Meditations on determinism and other philosophical facets are woven into the bodies of these works. By evoking the record of his experience both personally and impersonally, he opens flickering channels of perception for the viewer to move through.

His work is held in several notable collections, including the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Mission of the UAE to the United Nations in New York City, the UAE Consulate in New York City and the Abu Dhabi Executive Office. In 2021, during his post-graduate studies, Alshafar curated a three-year major exhibition for the Permanent Mission of the UAE to the UN in collaboration with the Barjeel Art Foundation.

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