



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
Greenbox Museum of Contemporary Art, Netherlands



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 deeply influenced by music and sensory experiences tied to time. He approaches songs as self-contained universes, with the principles of music theory functioning as the physical laws governing these auditory realms. This philosophy manifests in his art through rhythmic mark-making and layered abstractions, which come together to form visually resonant landscapes. His work explores themes of determinism and interconnectedness, using the interplay between form and formlessness, and the contrast between ornamentation and natural textures, to evoke a sense of harmony and tension.

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, the Abu Dhabi Executive Office, and the Greenbox Museum of Contemporary Art in the Netherlands. 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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