



Abdulrahim Salim

BORN

1955 Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Lives and works in Dubai, UAE

EDUCATION

1981 Bachelor's Degree, Fine Arts specializing in sculpture, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Muheera & I, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2021 Exhibition, "Between Noise and Serenity" Abdu Dhabi Cultural Complex, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2019 Exhibition, "Colored Rhythm", Hunna Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2018 Exhibition, Live Performance, 38th Paris International Book Fair "PIBF 2018", Under the Patronage and presence of H.H. Dr. Sheikh Sultan Al Qasimi, Sharjah, UAE
- 2017 Exhibition, Live Performance, 46th UAE National Day, Dubai, UAE
- 2014 Exhibition, "Solo art exhibition organized by the Culture and Arts Symposium, Art Dubai, Dubai, UAE
Exhibition, Art À Portée Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2006 Exhibition, "Black and white", Total Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2002 Exhibition, "Negative" and "Positive", Sharjah Art Society, Sharjah, UAE
Exhibition, "Denmark Art Academy Gallery", Denmark, Copenhagen
- 1985 Exhibition, "One Day" show with artist "Hassan Sharif", Al Mareija, Sharjah, UAE

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Through the Years*, Abu Dhabi Cultural Centre, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2024 Editions Art & Design Fair, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai Design District, Dubai, UAE
Hour Eternal: 20 years of Emirati Abstraction, Bassam Freiha Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2023 Exhibition, Sharjah International Biennial, Sharjah, UAE
Exhibition, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Dubai, UAE
- 2022 Exhibition, "Journey of Color", Sharjah University, Sharjah, UAE
Exhibition, "Women: A Source of Color and Light", Emirates Fine art society, K Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2021 Exhibition, "UAE to Mexico", 9th art exhibition at the Mexico Embassy, Dubai, UAE
- 2020 Exhibition, 1st Gulf Arts Lounge Exhibition, Dubai, UAE
- 2015 Exhibition, Art Festival, Asilah, Morocco
Exhibition, UAE Pavilion, 56th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
- 2014 Exhibition, Saudi Emirati Festival, Asir, Saudi Arabia
Exhibition, Art Festival, Asilah, Morocco
- 2013 Exhibition, Group Exhibition, Seoul, Korea
Exhibition, Art workshop, Joint cultural exchange exhibition at Expo, Shenzhen, China
- 2012 Exhibition, UAE Cultural Days, Manama, Bahrain
- 2010 Exhibition, Sharjah Cultural Days, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2006 Exhibition, Paris arab institute, French Cultural Center Exhibition, Paris, France
Exhibition, "Desert Language", the Cultural Complex, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2005 Exhibition, "Desert Language" Bonn, Germany
- 2001 Exhibition, "League of Arab State" with the Frankfurt Book Fair, Frankfurt, Germany
Exhibition, 3rd Sharjah International Biennial for the Arts and subsequent editions, in collaboration with Ministry of culture, Sharjah, UAE
Exhibition, Portia Exhibition, the Emirates Society for Fine Arts at the Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
- 2000 Exhibition, UAE Pavilion, Expo, Hanover, Germany
Exhibition, Bangladesh Biennale, Dhaka, Bangladesh



- 1998 Exhibition, "Emirates Exhibition through the Eyes of Its Artists", the Cultural Complex, Abu Dhabi, UAE
1996 Exhibition, Dubai Shopping Festival, Dubai, UAE
Exhibition, Arab Colors exhibition at the Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
1995 Exhibition, Society Biennale, Sharjah, UAE
Exhibition, Cairo Biennale, Cairo, Egypt
Exhibition, Syria Biennale, Damascus, Syria
Exhibition, Bangladesh Biennale, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Exhibition, Madrid Biennale, Madrid, Spain
1994 Exhibition, 3rd Periodic Exhibition for Artists from GCC Countries, Doha, Qatar
1992 Exhibition, International Cairo Biennale, Cairo, Egypt
1990 Exhibition, The art Society group exhibition, Delhi, India
1988 Exhibition, Cairo Biennale, Cairo, Egypt
1986 Exhibition, 3rd National Arts Festival, Dubai, UAE
1985 Exhibition, 9th Edition of Arab world, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Exhibition, Second Exhibitions of visual arts and handicrafts for the youth of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Dubai, UAE
Exhibition, 2nd National Arts Festival of the United Arab Emirates, Sharjah, UAE
Exhibition, The Cultural Complex group show, Abu Dhabi, UAE
1984 Exhibition, Second Bazaar Al-Tashkeel exhibitions in Sharjah, UAE
Exhibition, Second Edition "Al Banoosh" Exhibitions, Sharjah, UAE
1983 Exhibition, First Edition "Al Banoosh" exhibitions, Sharjah, UAE
1982 Exhibition, Art Society's exhibition with JASCO and ADNOC companies, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Exhibition, First and Second Gulf Exhibitions, Doha, Qatar

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- 2018 The Appreciation Award for Fine Arts by Kuwait
2008 The Appreciation Award for Fine Arts by the UAE
1999 Placed 3rd in the environmental arts competition on the second Environment Day
Won the Golden dhow Award at the annual exhibition in Kuwait on the National Day of the country UAE
1998 Placed second in the professional artists category at the exhibition held at the Cultural Complex in Abu Dhabi (Emirates through the Eyes of Its Artists)
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1994 Won first prize at the Dubai International Exhibition
1993 Won first prize in the Al-Owaisi Competition for Studies and Innovation
Won the Silver Award at the 6th Bangladesh Biennale for Asian Artists
Won first prize at the 1st Sharjah Biennial
1992 Awarded the Jury Award at the Cairo Biennale

COLLECTIONS

Sharjah Art Museum
ADNOC
Al-Futtaim Automotive
Sheikh Hassan Al Thani Museum in Qatar
General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council
Abu Dhabi Company for Onshore Petroleum Operations (ADCO)
Guggenheim Abu Dhabi
Collection of works at the Cultural Media Center in Paris
UAE Embassy in Dublin
Abu Dhabi Executive Office
Georges Pompidou Center
Tate Modern
Ministry of State for Foreign Affairs



Private collections of individuals within and outside the country, including former Minister of Culture Abdul Rahman Al Owais, His Excellency Anwar Gargash

Biography

Abdulraheem Salim (1955, UAE) is one of the first contributors to the fine art movements in the UAE alongside Najat Makki, Hassan Sharif, Abdul Qader Al Raes and others. He received a bachelor's degree in sculpture from the College of Fine Arts, Cairo University (1981). The sculpture and painting of Abdulraheem Salim reflect a fascination with both figurative and abstract forms and depict the artist's longstanding engagement with Emirati culture and the history of the Arabian Gulf.

Numerous solo exhibitions of Salim's work have been presented in the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait and Egypt. Group exhibitions include 1980–Today: Exhibitions in the United Arab Emirates, UAE Pavilion, 56th Venice Biennale (2015); Sharjah Biennial 5(2001); UAE Expo, Hanover, Germany (2000); The UAE in the Eyes of Its Artists, Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation (1998); Arabian Colours, Sharjah Art Museum (1996); Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh, Dhaka (1995); fifth International Cairo Biennial (1992); first exhibition of the Emirates Fine Arts Society in India (1990); third International Cairo Biennial (1988); second National Arts Exhibition, Sharjah (1985); first and second Al Banoosh Exhibitions, Dubai (1983, 1984); Gulf Cooperation Council Art Exhibition, Doha (1983) and Negative-Positive, Al Ahli Club, Dubai (1983). He was also an active participant in Emirates Fine Arts Society exhibitions between 1981 and 2001. Salim's work is in the collections of the Sharjah Art Museum and ADNOC, Abu Dhabi.

The artist was the recipient of the State Honour Award for Fine Arts, UAE (2008); third prize in the exhibition Al Bahar, Saudi Arabia (2007); first prize at the Dubai International Exhibition (1994); the Silver Award at the sixth Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh, Dhaka (1993) and the Jury Award at both Sharjah Biennial 1 (1993) and the fifth International Cairo Biennial (1992).