



## 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, 38<sup>th</sup> 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, 46<sup>th</sup> 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

- 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", 9<sup>th</sup> 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



- 1995 Exhibition, Arab Colors exhibition at the Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE  
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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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).