



Alia Hussain Lootah

BORN

1987 Dubai, UAE
Lives and works in Dubai, UAE

EDUCATION

2014 Sheikha Salama bint Hamdan Emerging Artists Fellowship (SEAF), Sheikha Salama Foundation, in partnership with the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), Abu Dhabi, UAE
2008-09 Scholar, the Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Scholarship, New York University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2009 B.S. Communication and Media Sciences, College of Communication and Media Studies, Zayed University, Dubai, UAE

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2024 Art Dubai, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai, UAE
2022 Abu Dhabi Art, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
The Quest, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2013 *Metamorphosis*, Tashkeel, Dubai, UAE
Sikka Art Fair, Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, Dubai UAE
2012 *Mawtini*, Tashkeel, Dubai, UAE
Abaya, The Ara Gallery, Dubai, UAE
Sikka Art Fair, Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, Dubai UAE
40 Poems from the Desert, The Ara Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2011 *Sikka Art Fair*, Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, Dubai UAE

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

2016 - present Co-Founder and Creative Director, Medaf Studio, Dubai, UAE
2019 Teacher's Assistant, Ceramics and Sculpture Course, College of Arts and Creative Enterprises, Zayed University, Dubai, UAE

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2013 Shortlisted, Van Cleef & Arpels *Métamorphose* Design Competition, Tashkeel, Dubai, UAE
2011 1st Place, *My UAE Art Competition*, Emirates NBD and Tashkeel, Dubai, UAE

COLLECTIONS

UAE Ministry of Culture and Youth



Biography

Alia Hussain Lootah (b. Dubai, 1987) is an Emirati artist, a mother of four, and the co-founder of Medaf Studio in Dubai. Alia's current work focuses on bodies of art with the theme of understanding the interpersonal relationship between mother and child in today's modern world. Uncertainty stems from both external and internal factors of unrest.

Alia recently had a solo presentation at Abu Dhabi Art, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2022). She has participated in several exhibitions including *The Quest*, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE (2022); Sikka Art Fair, Dubai, UAE (2011, 2012, and 2013); *Mawtini*, Tashkeel, Dubai, UAE (2013); *Metamorphosis*, Tashkeel, Dubai, UAE (2013); and *40 Poems from the Desert*, The Ara Gallery, Dubai, UAE (2011). Alia participated as one of the first artists in the Salama bint Hamdan Emerging Artist Fellowship Program (SEAF), graduating in 2014. Her SEAF thesis focused on exploring motherhood through different forms of sculptures. In 2017, Alia co-founded the Medaf Studio in Dubai, an art centre aimed at introducing children and adults to art as a form of self-expression and creativity.