



Mleiha, Sharjah. Photo: Ali Omran.

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## **SHARJAH BIENNIAL REVEALS ARTISTS TAKING PART IN 2023 EDITION**

Organizers of the Sharjah Biennial have released the names of more than 140 artists participating in the event's hotly anticipated 2023 iteration, conceived by the late Okwui Enwezor and curated by Hoor Al Qasimi, director of the Sharjah Art Foundation, which oversees the biennial. Artists from over seventy countries will be represented across sixteen venues scattered around the city, including a former kindergarten, a vegetable market, and a power station. The event is slated to take place February 7–June 11, 2023.

Delayed two years by the Covid 19 crisis, the biennial is widely seen as representing the last project by the highly respected Enwezor, who died in 2019. “Okwui saw Sharjah Biennial's 30-year anniversary as an opportunity to reflect on the role that biennials serve in the ecosystem of contemporary art, particularly the Sharjah Biennial itself and the broader Foundation that grew from it,” noted al Qasimi. “With gratitude to Okwui and the ambitious intellectual project he conceived, we are organizing a Biennial that builds on and honors his vision to probe the past, present, and future role that biennials and institutions, including the Sharjah Biennial and the Foundation can serve.”

Among the international artists taking part in the event are John Akomfrah, Kader Attia, Sammy Baloji, María Magdalena Campos-Pons, Carolina Caycedo, Destiny Deacon, Manthia Diawara, Coco Fusco, Hassan Hajjaj, Mona Hatoum, Lubaina Himid, Isaac Julien, Amar Kanwar, Bouchra Khalili, Mohammed Ibrahim Mahama, Kerry James Marshall, Steve McQueen, Almagul Menlibayeva, Aline Motta, Wangechi Mutu, Philippe Parreno, Doris Salcedo, Berni Searle, Yinka Shonibare, Vivan Sundaram, Fatimah Tuggar, Hajra Waheed, Barbara Walker, Nari Ward, and Carrie Mae Weems. These thirty artists have been commissioned to present new works in celebration of the biennial's thirtieth anniversary, as originally imagined by Erwezor.

A list of participating artists announced to date is below.

Basel Abbas and Ruanne Abou-Rahme	Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons	David Hammons
Maittha Abdalla	Cao Fei	Archana Hande
Fathi Affi	Carolina Caycedo	Fathi Hassan
Hoda Afshar	Ali Cherri	Mona Hatoum
John Akomfrah	Wook-kyung Choi	Lubaina Himid
Jawad Al Malhi	Iftikhar Dadi and Elizabeth Dadi	Laura Huertas Millán
Monira Al Qadiri	Solmaz Daryani	Saodat Ismailova
Farah Al Qasimi	Annalee Davis	Isaac Julien
Mounira Al Solh	Destiny Deacon	Saddam Jumaily
Moza Almatrooshi	Manthia Diawara	Robyn Kahukiwa
Marwah AlMugait	Imane Djamil	Reena Saini Kallat
Hangama Amiri	Anju Dodiya	Hanni Kamaly
Brook Andrew	Kimathi Donkor	Amar Kanwar
Malala Andrialavidrazana	Heri Dono	Bouchra Khalili
Rushdi Anwar	Tania El Khoury	Naiza Khan
Kader Attia	Nabil El Makhloufi	Kiluanji Kia Henda
Au Sow Yee	Rehab Eldalil	Ayoung Kim
Dana Awartani	Ali Eyal	Emily Kame Kngwarreye
Omar Badsha	Brenda Fajardo	Hiroji Kubota
Natalie Ball	Raheleh Filsoofi	Nusra Latif Qureshi
Sammy Baloji	Nina Fischer and Maroan el Sani	Lee Kai Chung
Mirna Bamieh	Coco Fusco	Ibrahim Mahama
Pablo Bartholomew and Richard Bartholomew	Flavia Gandolfo	Waheeda Malullah
Shiraz Bayjoo	Theaster Gates	Maharani Mancanagara mandla
Bahar Behbahani	Gabriela Golder	Lavanya Mani
Asma Belhamar	Gabrielle Goliath	Kerry James Marshall
Diedrick Bracns	Yulia Grigoryants	Queenie McKenzie
	Joana Hadjithomas and Khalil Joreige	Steve McQueen
	Hassan Hajjaj	

Marisol Mendez	Wendy Red Star
Almagul Menlibayeva	Veronica Ryan
Helina Metaferia	Doris Salcedo
Kimowan Metchewais	Abdulrahim Salem
Meleanna Meyer	Sangeeta Sandrasegar
Joiri Minaya	Varunika Saraf
Tahila Mintz	Khadija Saye
Roméo Mivekannin	Berni Searle
Tracey Moffat	Mithu Sen
Aline Motta	Nelly Sethna
Wangechi Mutu	Aziza Shadenova
Eubena Nampitjin	Smita Sharma
Dala Nasser	Nilima Sheikh
Pipo Nguyen-Duy	Yinka Shonibare
Mame-Diarra Niang	Felix Shumba
Shelley Niro	Semsar Siahaan
Thenjiwe Niki Nkosi	Mary Sibande
Elia Nurvista	Kahurangiariki Smith
Okwui Okpokwasili	Inuuteq Storch
Kambui Olujimi	Vivan Sundaram
Zohra Opoku	Pamela Phatsimo Sunstrum
Erkan Özgen	Obaid Suroor
Pak Khawateen Painting Club	The Living and the Dead Ensemble
Pushpakanthan	Hank Willis Thomas
Pakkiyarajah	Akeim Toussaint Buck
Hyesoo Park	Fatimah Tuggar
Philippe Parreno	Hajra Waheed
Angela Ponce	Barbara Walker
Prajakta Potnis	Wang Jianwei
Anita Pouchard Serra	Nari Ward
Jasbir Puar and Dima Srouji	Carrie Mae Weems
Michael Rakowitz	Nil Yalter
Umar Rashid	