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EDUCATION

1984 Diploma in Fine Art and Design, The Byam Shaw School of Art, London, United Kingdom

INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Hassan Sharif: I Am the Single Work Artist*, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden
Hassan Sharif: from daily experience to collective stories, gb agency, Paris, France
Hassan Sharif: I Am the Single Work Artist, KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany
- 2019 *Hassan Sharif: Blue*, Gallery Isabelle Van Den Eynde, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2018 *Hassan Sharif: Semi-Systems*, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
- 2017 *Reading is Making: Books and Boxes*, GB Agency, Paris, France
Hassan Sharif: I Am The Single Work Artist, Sharjah Art Foundation, United Arab Emirates
Hassan Sharif: Expérimentations, La Patinoire Royale, Brussels, Belgium
- 2016 *Hassan Sharif*, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
Hassan Sharif: Objects and Files, MATHAF Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar
- 2015 *Barjeel Art Foundation Collection*, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK
The Physical is Universal, gb agency, Paris, France
Images, Gallery Isabelle Van Den Eynde, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2014 *Hassan Sharif*, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
- 2013 *Approaching Entropy*, IVDE Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2012 *Hassan Sharif Works 1979-2011*, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
Hassan Sharif, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
Hassan Sharif, Level One, Paris, France
- 2011 *Hassan Sharif Experiments & Objects 1979-2011*, Qasr Al Hosn, Cultural Quarter Hall, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2009 *Press Conference*, 1x1 Contemporary, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2007 Sharjah Art Museum, United Arab Emirates
- 2003 Sharjah International Arts Biennial, United Arab Emirates
- 2001 Sharjah International Arts Biennial, United Arab Emirates
- 1995 Sharjah International Arts Biennial, United Arab Emirates
- 1986 Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 1985 Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 1976 *Caricature*, Central Public Library, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Taking Shape: Abstraction from the Arab World, 1950s to 1980s*, McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College, Boston, MA; University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2020 *To Speak with Many Tongues: Selections from the Sharjah Art Foundation Collection*, Royal College of Art, London
Taking Shape: Abstraction from the Arab World, 1950s to 1980s, Grey Art Gallery, New York University, New York; Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL; Herbert F. Johnson Museum at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 2019 *Contemporary Art. Asia, Australia and the Pacific: Selection of the Asia Pacific Triennial of the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art*, Centro Cultural la Moneda, Santiago, Chile
Popular Culture & the City, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2018 *Uniques: Cahiers écrits, dessinés, imprimés*, Fondation Martin Bodmer, Geneva, Switzerland
Artists and the Cultural Foundation: The Early Years, Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Crude, Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
The Monochrome Revisited, Jean-Paul Najjar Foundation, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
The 9th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art, Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA), Brisbane, Australia
Ways of Seeing, New York University Abu Dhabi Art Gallery, United Arab Emirates
Collection David H. Broliet, Geneva: 40 Years of Collector's Passion, Fondation Fernet-Branca, Saint-Louis, France
A Century in Flux: Highlights from the Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah Art Museum, United Arab Emirates
We Began By Measuring Distance, Musée d'art moderne et contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland
Odradek, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden
From Barcelona to Abu Dhabi, Manaret Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2017 *Ways of Seeing*, ARTER— Space for Art, Istanbul; Villa Empain, Boghossian Foundation, Brussels, Belgium
Good Printing, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Viva Arte Viva, 57th Venice Biennale, Italy
100 Masterpieces of Modern and Contemporary Art, Institut Du Monde Arabe and The Barjeel Art Foundation, Paris, France
The Creative Act: Performance • Process • Presence, The Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
But We Cannot See Them: Tracing a UAE Underground, 1988-2008, New York University Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Restless Earth, The Trussardi Foundation, Milan, Italy
- 2016 *Paper Stories*, Level One, gb agency, Paris, France
For an Image, Faster Than Light, Yinchuan Biennale, The Museum of Contemporary Art Yinchuan, China
Portrait of a Nation, Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Haptic, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
Looking at the World Around You. Contemporary Works from Qatar Museums, Santander Art Gallery, Madrid, Spain
Do It [In Arabic], Sharjah Art Foundation, United Arab Emirates
In Search of Lost Time, Brunei Gallery, London, UK
White Cube...Literally: on form and convention of display, Gallery Isabelle Van Den Eynde, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

- Emirates Fine Arts Society's 34th Annual Exhibition*, Sharjah Art Museum and Manarat Al Saadiyat, United Arab Emirates
- The Books of Asia, Part II*, Asian Culture Institute, Gwangju, South Korea
- Inventing the Museum: Works from Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art*, Fundación Banco Santander, Madrid, Spain
- 2015 *Abu Dhabi Art*, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Minaret Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- A Prologue to the Past and Present State of Things*, Delfina Foundation, London
- 1980–Today: Exhibitions in the United Arab Emirates*, United Arab Emirates Pavilion, 56th Venice Biennale, Italy
- Sharjah Biennial 12: The past, the present, the possible*, United Arab Emirates
- Adventures of the Black Square: Abstract Art and Society 1915–2015*, Whitechapel Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2014 *Mathaf Collection, Summary, Part 1*, Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar
- Here and Elsewhere*, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY
- Une Histoire, Art, Architecture et Design, Des Années 80 à Aujourd'hui*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- artevida corpo [body]*, Fundação Casa França-Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 1a Bienal Internacional de Arte Contemporáneo*, Cartagena de Indias, Columbia
- 2013 *New Beginnings*, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- Trade Routes*, Hauser & Wirth, London, United Kingdom
- Broken Spaces: Cut, Mark, and Gesture*, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
- Two Parallel Lines: Hassan Sharif and Luis Camnitzer*, Satellite, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2012 18th Biennale of Sydney, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- MinD. Dubai Contemporary*, Dubai Contemporary Theatre and Arts Centre, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Systems and Patterns*, The International Centre of Graphic Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Paper*, Musée d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporain, Nice, France
- 2010 *Vis Roboris*, AB Gallery, Lucerne, Switzerland
- Dropping Lines*, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- Interventions*, Mathaf Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar
- Arab world meets Zurich*, AB Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2009 *Across the Gulf*, ARC Biennial, Brisbane, Australia
- It's Not You, It's Me*, United Arab Emirates National Pavilion, La Biennale di Venezia, 53rd International Art Exhibition, Venice, Italy
- ADACH Platform for Visual Arts*, La Biennale di Venezia, 53rd International Art Exhibition, Venice, Italy
- Golden Gates, Contemporary Art from the Middle East*, Paris, France
- Performance Art of the 1980s. A Comparison*, The Prague Contemporary Art Festival, Prague, Czech Republic
- Contemporary Emirati Art*, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2008 *Season of Art*, DIFC, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- The Flying House First Group Show*, Mashreq Bank, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- The Flying House at the Creek Art Fair*, Al Bastakiya, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Selected United Arab Emirates Contemporary Artists Expo*, Saragossa, Spain
- Breaking News. Contemporary Art from the Middle East*, Paris, France
- Contemporary Emirati Art*, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2007 *The Masters*, Royal Mirage, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- The Emirates and its Renowned Arab Artists*, Dubai Community Theater and Art Center, Mall of the Emirates, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2006 *Window, 16 United Arab Emirates Artists*, Total Art Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

- 2005 *Cultural Diversity Exhibition*, Sharjah Art Museum, United Arab Emirates
Languages of the Desert, Kunst Museum, Bonn, Germany
The 7th Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
- 2003 The 6th Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
- 2002 *5 UAE*, Ludwig Forum for International Art, Aachen, Germany
- 2001 The 5th Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
- 2000 *Emirates Identities*, French Cultural Center, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
The Contemporary Arts of the Arab World, Shoman Foundation, Darat AL Funun, Amman, Jordan
The 7th Havana Biennial, Cuba
- 1999 The 4th Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
- 1998 *United Arab Emirates Contemporary Art*, Institute of Arab World, Paris, France
The 7th Cairo International Biennial, Egypt
- 1997 *United Arab Emirates Artists*, French Cultural Center, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
The 3rd Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
- 1996 *The Six Exhibition*, Sharjah Art Museum, United Arab Emirates
- 1995 *Emirates Art*, Sittard Art Centre, Sittard, The Netherlands
The 2nd Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
- 1994 *Five Artists Exhibition*, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 1993 The 1st Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates
- 1990 *Exhibition of the Emirates Fine Art Society in the Soviet Union*, Soviet Union of Fine Art, Moscow, USSR
- 1988 The 3rd Cairo International Biennial, Egypt
- 1985 *Sea and Desert*, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
One Day Exhibition, Almirajah Art Atelier, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 1984 *Central Market*, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 1983 *-/+ (minus/plus)*, Al Ahli Club, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 1976 *Second Youth Exhibition*, Dubai National Theatre, United Arab Emirates
- 1974 *First Youth Exhibition*, Dubai National Theatre, United Arab Emirates

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Aldar, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France
Frac Bretagne, Rennes, France
Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Guggenheim, New York
Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
JP Morgan Chase Art Collection, New York, NY
Louvre Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
M+ Museum, Hong Kong, China
Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar
Musée d'art moderne et contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland
Museum of Contemporary Art, Yinchuan, China
NYU Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Salama bint Hamdan Foundation, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Sharjah Art Foundation, United Arab Emirates
Sharjah Art Museum, United Arab Emirates
Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

AWARDS

- 2012 Alice Award for Solo Exhibition in a Public Gallery
John Jones Art on Paper Award
- 2009 Emirates Foundation Competitive Arts Grant

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