

AFRA AL DHAHERI

Born 1988, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Lives and works in Abu Dhabi, UAE

EDUCATION

2017 MFA in Painting, Rhode Island School of Design
Providence, USA

2011 BA in Graphic Design, Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, UAE

RESIDENCIES AND AWARDS

2022 VIR Viafarini-in-residence, Viafarini, Milan, Italy

2019 Porthmeor Studios, St. Ives, Cornwall, UK

2014 Salama bint Hamdan Emerging Artists Fellowship Program
in Collaboration with Rhode Island School of Design,
Rhode Island, USA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Split Ends*, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2016 *Inevitable Ephemera*, T + H Gallery, Boston, USA

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

2021 *Pillow Fort Playground*, Public Art Programme, Expo 2020,
Dubai, UAE

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022 *Portrait of a Nation II: Beyond Narratives*, Manarat Al
Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Zemanna, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Amplified Bodies, Alserkal Avenue, Dubai / Warehouse 421,
Abu Dhabi, UAE (forthcoming)

2021 *Tadaroj (Gradation)*, Sharjah Islamic Arts Festival, Sharjah,
UAE

Under Construction, Misk Art Institute, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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- Between The Sky and The Earth: Contemporary Art from the UAE*, Middle Eastern Institute, Washington, DC
- Hair Mapping Body; Body Mapping Land*, ICD Brookfield Place, Dubai, UAE
- Beyond: Emerging Artists*, Cromwell Place, London, UK
- Conscious Becoming*, Tatjana Pieters, Ghent, Belgium
- Concepts and The Divine Abstract*, The Farjam Foundation, Dubai, UAE
- 2020 *Beyond: Emerging Artists*, Abu Dhabi Art, Gallery S, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Intimate Dimensions*, Hafez Gallery, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- 2019 *From Within*, Riyadh, KSA
- Avoid Bad Dreams*, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- BAIT15 Founders Exhibition, Cuadro Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2018 *From Barcelona to Abu Dhabi*, group show with MACBA collection,
Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2017 *RISD MFA Painting*, 315 Gallery, New York, USA
- 2017 *Mutual Encounters*, Gelman Gallery, Rhode Island, USA
- 2016 *Hang Ten*, Field Projects, New York, USA
- 2015 *Emirati Expressions IV: Convention of Arts*, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2013 *Jalal's Art Trip 2013- Urban Trek*, Ghaf Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2011 *Emirati Expressions II*, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE

SELECTED PRESS

- 2021 "Expo 2020: Afra Al Dhaheri". *Canvas Magazine*, November/December 2021
- Shehmir, Ayesha. "Strands of Time". *Harper's Bazaar Art Book, Exhibition 002: Abu Dhabi*, November 2021
- Chaves, Alexandra. "'Pillow Fort': first glimpse of the public artwork at Expo 2020 Dubai". *The National*, September 2021
- Khalil, Nadine. "The Absent Body". *Alserkal.online*, July 2021
- Benton, Christopher Joshua. "Detangling ideology". *Identity Magazine*, May 2021

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- Nandkeolyar, Karishma H. "Dubai: Emirati artist Afra Al Dhaheri's work showcased at 'Concepts and The Divine Abstract' exhibition in DIFC". *Gulf News*, April 2021
- Beaney, Laura. "Profile: Afra Al Dhaheri". *Canvas Magazine*, March/April 2021
- Khalil, Nadine. "Critics' Picks Dubai: Afra Al Dhaheri". *Artforum*, February 2021
- 2020 Talass, Rawaa. "THE BREAKDOWN: Emirati artist Afra Al-Dhaheri discusses Abu Dhabi Art's 'Tasreeha'." *Arab News*, December 2020
- Khalil, Nadine. "UAE becomes an incubator to help careers of local emerging artists". *Financial Times*, November 2020
- Kazan, Sophie. "Afra Al Dhaheri". *Contemporary Identities*, September 2020
- 2019 "Contemporary art shines in Saudi Arabia's Diriyah". *Arab News*, December 2019
- 2018 Khalil, Nadine. "Bringing Art Home". *Canvas Magazine*, June 2018