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

RESIDENCIES AND AWARDS

2023	Artist-in-Residence, The Watermill Center, NY
2022	Finalist, Richard Mille Art Prize 2022, Louvre Abu Dhabi, UAE
	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

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2027	National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington DC (forthcoming)
2025	Restless Circle, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
2023	Give Your Weight To The Ground, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2021	Split Ends, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2016	<i>Inevitable Ephemera,</i> T + H Gallery, Boston, MA

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

2024	Union of Artists, commissioned by Dubai Culture in collaboration
	with Art Dubai (with artists Khalid Albanna, Shaikha Al Mazrou,
	Asma Belhamar and Mohamed Ahmed Ibrahim)
2021	Pillow Fort Playground, Public Art Programme, Expo 2020, Dubai,
	UAE

PROJECTS

2024 *Collective Exhaustion*, inaugural production supported by the National Grant for Culture and Creativity at the Ministry of Culture and Youth of the United Arab Emirates

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- Whispers on the Horizon, Taipei Biennial 2025, Taiwan

 A Time Between Ashes and Roses, Aichi Triennale 2025, Japan
 Perfect is the Question, OG Gallery, Istanbul
 What are you looking for?, Société, Berlin, Germany
 The Sculpture Park, Jaipur, India
- Public Matter, Public Art Abu Dhabi Biennial, Abu Dhabi, UAE
 Between the Tides: A Gulf Quinquennial, NYUAD Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
 On Ma, Galleria Pedro Cera, Lisbon, Portugal
 Acacia Seeds, Galerie Balice Hertling, Paris, France
- ICON. ICONIC., Art Here 2022 x Richard Mille Art Prize, Louvre Abu Dhabi, UAE
 I Shouted My Laughter to the Stars, Aicon Contemporary, New York, NY
 Portrait of a Nation II: Beyond Narratives, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
 - Zemanna, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Tadaroj (Gradation), Sharjah Islamic Arts Festival, Sharjah, UAE
 Under Construction, Misk Art Institute, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
 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

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	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, NY
2017	Mutual Encounters, Gelman Gallery, Rhode Island, USA
2016	Hang Ten, Field Projects, New York, NY
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
SELECT	TED PRESS
2025	"The Aichi Triennale opens its sixth edition curated by Hoor Al Qasimi, featuring Emirati artists." <i>ArtDayME</i> , September 2025
	Lo, Zabrina. "Aichi Triennale 2025: 10 artworks you must not miss at this contemporary art festival in Japan." <i>Tatler Asia</i> , September 2025
	"The Transcendent Art of Afra Al Dhaheri: A Luminous Exploration of Time and Tension." <i>The Neo Art Magazine</i> , September 2025
	Bedirian, Razmig. "Afra Al Dhaheri on how pregnancy helped her break new artistic ground." <i>The National</i> , September 2025
	"Restless Circle: Afra Al Dhaheri at Sharjah Art Foundation." <i>Art Africa Magazine</i> , September 2025
	Singhal, Poorvi. "What to see at Jaipur's Sculpture Park: Noelle Kadar's top picks." <i>Condé Nast Traveller</i> , February 2025
2024	Mansilla, Alexandra. "Collective Exhaustion And Endless Ropes. Interview With Afra Al Dhaheri." <i>The Sandy Times</i> , August 2024
	Jalal, Maan. "Emirati artist Afra Al Dhaheri's solo exhibition implores visitors to slow down." <i>The National</i> , January 2024
2023	Chesire, Lee. "Habits, hair and hardware stores: Afra Al Dhaheri on her artistic inspirations." <i>The Art Newspaper</i> , March 2023
2022	Kell, Laura. "Emirati Artist Afra Al Dhaheri On The Art Ecosystem, And The Importance of Grassroot Initiatives." <i>Harper's Bazaar Arabia</i> , December 2022
2021	"Expo 2020: Afra Al Dhaheri". <i>Canvas Magazine</i> , November/December 2021

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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

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

- 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