



Taqwa Alnaqbi

BORN

1994 Khorfakkan, UAE
Lives and works in Abu Dhabi, UAE

EDUCATION

2018 Sheikha Salama bint Hamdan Emerging Artists Fellowship (SEAF), Sheikha Salama Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2016 Bachelor of Fine Arts, College of Fine Arts and Design, University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Sikka Art & Design Festival*, Sikka Art Fair, Dubai, UAE
2023 *Dubai Calligraphy Biennale*, Foundry DOWNTOWN, Dubai, UAE
Time and Identity, Al Safa Arts and Design Library, Dubai, UAE
2022 *Sikka Art & Design Festival*, Sikka Art Fair, Dubai, UAE
2021 *37th Annual Exhibition*, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
2018 *Beyond: Emerging Artists, Art Abu Dhabi*, Manarat Alsaadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Community and Critique: SEAF, Warehouse 421, Abu Dhabi, UAE
The New Identity, Etihad Modern Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Galleries Week, Warehouse 421, Abu Dhabi, UAE
35th Annual Exhibition, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
2017 *Transition*, Reconnecting Art, Menior Gallery, London, UK
Art Suop, Etihad Modern Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Mind The Gap, Tashkeel Studio, Dubai, UAE
Is Old Gold, Dubai Community Theatre & Arts Centre, Dubai, UAE
2016 *Art Nomad - Made in the Emirates Exhibition*, Berlin, Germany
Visions of the Future, Etihad Modern Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Exit 11, College of Fine Arts and Design, Sharjah, UAE
Contemporary Heritage Interpretations, Sharjah Heritage Days, Sharjah, UAE
ECU and UOS Student Exhibition, Greenville, USA
2015 *Silence*, Sharjah Collection of Art, Khor Fakkan, Sharjah, UAE
Two Sides, Back Load Gallery, College of Fine Arts and Design, Sharjah, UAE.
2014 *Original Features*, Sharjah Collections of Art, UAE
2011 *Summer Art*, Kalba Art Center, Kalba, UAE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 - Printmaking Workshop, Papermaking Workshop, Casting Workshop, Bookbinding
2022 Workshop, Summer Art Lab, Louver Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2016 The Gulf Capital-Abu Dhabi Festival Visual Arts Award, Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Biography

Taqwa Alnaqbi (b. Khorfakkan UAE, 1994) is an Emirati artist whose works incorporate handmade papers and mixed media. Her works are inspired by personal experiences that come from her surroundings, which she savors and celebrates through her art. In the Grandmother's Dress series, Taqwa incorporated fibers from her grandmother's dresses into the handmade papers process and embroidered her grandmother's drawings onto the paper with Talli threads as a means to preserve memories of her grandmother and to celebrate the UAE's intangible cultural heritage of embroidery practice.

Taqwa received a Bachelor of Fine Arts at College of Fine Arts and Design in University of Sharjah in 2016 and completed the Salama Emerging Artists Fellowship in 2018. She participated in a number of regional exhibitions, most recently *Sikka Art & Design Festival*, Sikka Art Fair, Dubai, UAE (2025); *Dubai Calligraphy Biennale*, Dubai (2023); *Time and Identity*, Al Safa Arts and Design Library, Dubai, UAE (2023); *Sikka Art & Design Festival*, Sikka Art Fair, Dubai, UAE (2022); *37th Annual Exhibition*, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE (2021); *Beyond: Emerging Artists*, Art Abu Dhabi, Manarat Alsaadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2018); *Community and Critique: SEAF*, Warehouse 421, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2018); *35th Annual Exhibition*, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE (2018); *Transition Reconnecting Art*, Menior Gallery, London, UK (2017); *Art Suop*, Etihad Modern Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2017); *Mind The Gap*, Tashkeel Studio, Dubai, UAE (2017); *Is Old Gold?*, DUCTAC, Dubai, UAE (2017); *Art Nomad - Made in the Emirates*, Berlin, Germany (2016); *Visions of The Future*, Etihad Modern Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2016); *Exit 11*, College of Fine Arts and Design, Sharjah, UAE (2016); *Contemporary Heritage Interpretations*, Sharjah Heritage Days, Sharjah, UAE (2016); *ECU and UOS Student Exhibition*, Greenville, USA (2016); *Silence*, Sharjah Collection of Art, Khor Fakkan, Sharjah, UAE (2015); *Two Sides*, Back Load Gallery, College of Fine Arts and Design, Sharjah, UAE (2015); *Original Features*, Sharjah Collections of Art, UAE (2014); *Summer Art*, Kalba Art Center, Kalba, UAE (2011).