



## 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 a radical intimacy of hanging out, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
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 a radical intimacy of hanging out, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE (2025); 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).