



Faris Alshafar

BORN

1995 Dubai, UAE
Lives and works in Dubai, UAE and New York, USA

EDUCATION

2021 Master's in Arts and Cultural Management, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, USA
2017 Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing, American University in Dubai, UAE

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *The Two Walks*, Carbon 12, Dubai, UAE
2025 *Rhythm of Existence*, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Art Dubai, UAE
 Bawa Gallery Art Dusseldorf, Dusseldorf, Germany
2024 *Narratives of Belonging*, Dubai Culture, Al Safa Art and Design Library, Dubai, UAE

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

2021-2024 Curated the 'Jubilee' UAE 50th's anniversary National Day exhibition, Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations Artwork courtesy of the Barjeel Art Foundation

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Permanent Mission of the UAE to the United Nations, New York City
UAE Consulate in New York City
Abu Dhabi Executive Office



Biography

Faris Alshafar (b. 1995, Dubai, UAE) is an Emirati artist based between Dubai and New York City. A self-taught artist, Alshafar's practice is shaped by music and other time-bound sensory experiences. His works, rooted in rhythmic mark-making and layered abstraction, explore memory as a self-contained universe. Through glyph-like symbols and sonic landscapes, he investigates philosophical themes such as determinism, transforming personal and impersonal experiences into immersive visual arrangements.

Alshafar recently participated in Carbon 12's *The Two Walks* exhibition (2026) *The Rhythm of Existence*, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Art Dubai, Dubai, UAE (2025); Art Düsseldorf, Bawa Gallery, Düsseldorf, Germany (2025); and *Narratives of Belonging*, Dubai Culture, Al Safa Art and Design Library, Dubai, UAE (2024). From 2021 to 2024, he curated *Jubilee*, a three-year exhibition marking the UAE's 50th anniversary at the Permanent Mission of the UAE to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Barjeel Art Foundation (2021–2024).

His work is part of several notable collections, including the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Permanent Mission of the UAE to the United Nations, New York City; the UAE Consulate, New York City; and the Abu Dhabi Executive Office.

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