



Dr. Najat Makki

BORN

1956 Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Lives and works in Dubai, UAE

EDUCATION

2001 Doctorate in Philosophy of Art, Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt
1998 Master's Degree of Arts in Ancient Egyptian Civilization, Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt
1996 General Diploma in Plastic Arts, Faculty of Fine Arts, Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt
1982 Bachelor's Degree of Relief Carving & Medals, Faculty of Fine Arts, Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Inner Light*, Sharjah Calligraphy Museum (part of 24th Sharjah Islamic Arts Festival), Sharjah, UAE
Sotheby's Presents: I Write in Colour: Dr. Najat Makki, Sotheby's, Dubai, UAE
The Rhythm of Patterns, Embassy of Mexico, Abu Dhabi, UAE
I Write in Colour, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2019 Exhibition, The Woman Museum, Dubai, UAE
Exhibition, The Military Museum, Montenegro
Luminescence, Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2018 Abu Dhabi Book Fair, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2015 Exhibition accompanied to Cairo Cinema Festival, Cairo Opera House, Cairo, Egypt
Exhibition, Royal Mirage Hotel, Dubai, UAE
2014 Exhibition, Women's Union Society, Sharjah, UAE
Exhibition, The Cultural & Scientific Association, Dubai, UAE
2012 Exhibition, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
Exhibition, Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2011 *Distinctive Mark*, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
A Journey, Faculty of Fine Arts, Sharjah University, Sharjah, UAE
2007 Exhibition, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE
Exhibition, Gallery Abbekas, Sweden
Exhibition, Islamic Arts Festival, Sharjah, UAE
2006 Exhibition, Sultan Al Owais Cultural Foundation, Dubai, UAE
2005 *Languages of the Desert - Contemporary Arab Art*, Bonn Museum of Contemporary Art, Bonn, Germany
Exhibition, Sharjah Art Gallery, Sharjah, UAE
2004 Exhibition, Emirates Cultural Festival, Trade Center, Dubai, UAE
1997 Exhibition, Faculty of Fine Arts, Cairo, Egypt
1988 Exhibition, Atelier of Literati & Writers, Cairo, Egypt
1987 Exhibition, Al Wasl Club, Dubai, UAE

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week, ADNEC, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2022 *While the Coffee Grounds Settle*, Fathom Gallery, Georgetown, Washington, DC, USA
Khaleej Modern: Pioneers and Collectives in the Arabian Peninsula, NYUAD Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Portrait of a Nation II: Beyond Narratives, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2021 *Confluence: Najat Makki & Bénédicte Gimmonnet*, Alliance Française Dubai, Dubai, UAE
Interconnection, 37 Emirati Fine Arts Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
2019 *Heya (She)*, Hend Gallery, Bahrain
Caravan, French Ambassador's House, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Alaia Art Event, Balqarn, Saudi Arabia
Her Story, Woman Museum, Dubai, UAE
7/7, Sultan Bin Ali Al Owais Cultural Foundation, Dubai, UAE



- Ishraqat*, Virtual Exhibition, Fujairah Social & Cultural Association, Fujairah, UAE
Al-Gedar Group, Virtual Exhibition, Sultan Bin Ali Al Owais Cultural Foundation, Dubai, UAE
- 2018 *We Love Zayed*, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Pioneers, Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
International Symposium of Cairo Oman Bank for Fine Arts, Oman
Al-Gedar Art Group Exhibition, The Cultural & Scientific Association, Dubai, UAE
- 2017 The second Art Forum of Gulf Fine Arts, Al Doha, Qatar
The Creative Women, Sultan Bin Ali Al Owais Cultural Foundation, Dubai, UAE
Sky of The East, Emirates palace, Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Sinyar First Gulf, Sinyar Gallery, D3, Dubai, UAE
Expressions of Honor, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Colors' Charm, Al-Etihad Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE Art Abu Dhabi, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Art Abu Dhabi, Honar Gallery, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Exhibition with artist Tag Alser Hassan, Sultan Al Owais Cultural Foundation, Dubai, UAE
- 2016 *Treasures*, Auction & Exhibition, Christie's Dubai, Dubai, UAE
Realm (Contemporary Arabic Calligraphy), Ward Gallery, Dubai, UAE Exhibition, Bayat Gallery, Wafi Center, Dubai, UAE
Exhibition with Jewelry designer Maha Alsebaay, Wafi Center, Dubai, UAE
- 2015 Exhibition, Lamiatos Gallery, Dubai, UAE
Art for Sight, Auction & Exhibition, Christie's Dubai & Noor Dubai, Dubai, UAE
Al Asmakh International Symposium, Al Doha, Qatar
1980 – Today: Exhibitions in the UAE, UAE National Pavilion, 56th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
Sikka Art Fair, Art Week, Al Bastakiya, Dubai, UAE
Exhibition with a French artist, Armani Hotel, Burj Khalifa, Dubai, UAE
- 2014 *City of Diversity*, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Dubai, UAE
- 2013 Carving's First Forum, The Cultural & Scientific Association, Dubai, UAE
6th International Symposium of Luxor for painting, Luxor, Egypt
- 2012 5th Beijing International Art Biennale: *Future and Reality*, Beijing Museum, Beijing, China
Between Two Mountains, Al-Gedar Group Exhibition, Sultan Bin Ali Al Owais Cultural Foundation, Dubai, UAE
- 2011 *Painting & Poem*, Jordanian Fine Artists Association, Amman, Jordan
Sikka Art Fair, Art Week, Al Bastakiya, Dubai, UAE National Exhibition, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Exhibition, Emirates palace, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Culture & Arts Authority, Culture's Week, Dubai, UAE
Art On Tacks, Yass Center, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Islamic Art, Sharjah, UAE
A Painting & A book, Book Fair, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2010 Bibliotheca Alexandrina 7th International Biennale for Artist's Book, Alexandria, Egypt
Art Dubai, Hunar Gallery, Jumeirah, Dubai, UAE
Art Abu Dhabi, Hunar Gallery, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
The 4th Fine Arts Exhibition, Umm Al Quwain, UAE
Colored Papers, Sharjah Women's Club, Sharjah, UAE
Al Bastakiya Art Fair, Dubai, UAE
4 Artists from The Middle East, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Dubai, UAE
Exhibition with artist Mona Alkhaga, Sharjah Calligraphy Museum, Sharjah, UAE
- 2009 *Spirit of The Union*, Dubai Mall, Dubai, UAE
Jordan Forum of Fine Arts, Jordan
Emirati Expressions, Emirates palace, Abu Dhabi, UAE *Agenda*, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt
Art Lounge, Dubai, UAE
- 2008 *UAE in Arabic Eyes*, Dubai World Trade Center, Dubai, UAE
The Memory, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Alserkal, Dubai, UAE
The Experiment of The Local Artist, The International Day of Museums, Sharjah, UAE
French Art Festival, Mina A'Salam, Dubai, UAE
Cairo Book Fair Events, Cairo, Egypt
1st International Forum of Al Raqqa of Fine Arts, Al Raqqa, Syria
Shadow Women, with artist Abd Alraheem Salem, Hunar Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2007 The National Art Exhibition, Armed Forces Officers Club, Abu Dhabi, UAE



- Emirates & Its Pioneer Artists*, The Art Center, Dubai Al Ahli Theatre, Dubai, UAE *Art pioneers*, Royal Mirage Hotel, Dubai, UAE
- 2nd Exhibition of Al Juman Group, Cairo Opera House, Cairo, Egypt
- 1st Gulf Cultural Festival Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE
- 2006 *Runways of The Circle*, Moroccan poet Hakim Anker, Sultan Al Owais Cultural Foundation, Dubai, UAE
The Wind Movement, Hessen, Germany
Exhibition in Conjunction with the silver Jubilee of the Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE
Creative Arabs in UAE, Meem Gallery, Dubai, UAE
Arabian Masterpieces, Tehran, Iran
- 2005 Al Juman Group First Exhibition, Sultan Bin Ali Al Owais Cultural Foundation, Dubai, UAE
Exhibition, Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Exhibition with artist Karima Alshomely, Sharjah Cultural Palace, Sharjah, UAE
Exhibition of a charity auction, Nelson Mandela Foundation, Dubai Cinema Festival, Beach Hotel, Jumeirah, Dubai, UAE
Kuwait Fine Arts Society Exhibition, Kuwait Exhibition, Knowledge Village, Dubai, UAE
Concept, Dubai Women's Club, Dubai, UAE
Asilah international cultural forum, Asilah, Morocco Al-Baha Fine Arts Exhibition, Al-Baha, Saudi Arabia
- 2nd Emaar Global Art Forum, Dubai, UAE
- 2004 *The Environment*, Financial Center, Dubai, UAE Frankfurt Book Fair, Frankfurt, Germany
Exhibition with artist Mona Al Khaga, Dubai International Airport, Dubai, UAE
- 9th International Cairo Biennale "*Mythology: A Bet on Imagination, a Bet on Art*", Cairo, Egypt
- 1st Emaar Global Art Forum, Dubai, UAE
- 2003 Exhibition, Al Dhaid Cultural Center, Al Dhaid, Sharjah, UAE
- 2002 Tehran Contemporary Art Biennale, Tehran, Iran
Kuwait International Biennale, Kuwait
For You, Abu Dhabi Media (Emirates Media previously), Dubai, UAE
- 2000 Al-Gedar Group Exhibition, Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Woman & Art (A Global View), Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
- 1999 *Carpet Oasis*, Posts, Customs, & Free Zone Corporation, Dubai, UAE
Fine Artists from UAE, The Cultural Foundation & The French Embassy, Abu Dhabi, UAE
The Arab World Institute Exhibition, Paris, France
Emirates Fine Arts Society Exhibition, Hannover, Germany
- 3rd Al-Mhabba Biennale, Latakia, Syria
- 1998 *Figurative Art*, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
17th Exhibition of The Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
Welcome February (Hala February), Kuwait
Exhibition in conjunction with selecting Sharjah to be The Arab Cultural Capital, France
- 8th Student Forum Exhibition, The National Union of Emirates Students, Ireland, UK
- 1997 *Art for Everyone*, Department of Culture, Sharjah, UAE
16th Exhibition of The Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
Exhibition with artist Mohammed Abdullah Bulheya, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
- 3rd Sharjah International Art Biennale, Sharjah, UAE
- 1996 Al-Gedar Group Exhibition, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE Garash Festival for Arts and Culture, Garash, Jordan
Exhibition, Emirates Fine Arts Society, El-Hanager Art Center, Cairo, Egypt
- 1995 Dubai Women Society Exhibition, Dubai, UAE
Arab Women Artists, Sharjah, UAE
Al-Gedar Group Exhibition, The Cultural Center, Department of Culture, Sharjah, UAE
Emirates Fine Artists, El-Hanager Art Center, Cairo, Egypt
- 2nd Sharjah International Art Biennale, Sharjah, UAE
- 1st Arab Women Artists Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE
- 1994 6 *Gulf Women Artists*, The Cultural Center, Sharjah, UAE
3rd Fine Arts Exhibition of GCC Artists, Sharjah, UAE
1st Girls Clubs Fine Arts Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE
13th Exhibition of The Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE



- 1993 Fine Arts & Sports, Ministry of Youth & Sports, Dubai, UAE
3 *Women Artists*, The Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE The Art Group Exhibition, Istanbul, Turkey
1st Sharjah International Art Biennale, Sharjah, UAE
- 1992 Cairo International Art Biennale, Cairo, Egypt
- 1991 4 *Women Artists*, The Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 1990 Solidarity with Kuwait Exhibition, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Emirates Fine Arts Society Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE Solidarity with Kuwait Exhibition, Kuwait
Oman Art Biennale, Muscat, Oman Emirates Fine Arts Society Exhibition, India
- 1989 *Gulf Artists*, Bonn, Germany
- 1987 Emirates Fine Arts Society Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE
- 1986 Emirates Fine Arts Society Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE
Exhibition in conjunction with The Regional Conference in the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula, Muscat, Oman
- 1985 The Cultural Festival Exhibition of GCC Youth, Japan
9th Kuwait Exhibition of Arab Artists, Kuwait
- 1984 *Fine Arts*, Sheraton Hotel, Dubai, UAE
- 1984-1983 1st & 2nd Banosh Exhibition, Dubai, UAE
- 1983 *Traditional Manufactures*, Gulf News, Dubai, UAE Emirates Fine Arts Society Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE
- 1970-1980 Emirates' Students Exhibition, Cairo, Egypt
- 1965 1st Fine Arts Exhibition, Public Library, Dubai, UAE

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- 2019 Emirates Environment Society Tribute, Arab Network of Social Associations, UAE
H. H. Sheikha Latifa Bint Muhammed for Children Creativity Tribute, UAE
- 2018 Sharjah Ladies' Club Tribute, Sharjah, UAE
- 2015 Ministers of GCC Countries' Tribute, Al Doha, Qatar
Directorate of Nationality & Foreign Affairs' Tribute, Dubai, UAE
- 2013 Arab Woman Award of the Art, UAE
- 2008 The 2nd Session of The Country's Award of Appreciation in Science, Literature & Art, UAE
Emirates Fine Arts Society's Tribute, Sharjah, UAE
- 2007 The Cultural Attaché of the UAE tribute, Cairo, Egypt
- 2005 H. H. Prince Sultan Bin Abd Al Aziz, Al-Baha, Saudi Arabia
- 2004 Sultan Bin Ali Al Owais Foundation tribute, Dubai, UAE
- 2003 The Emirates Embassy tribute, Cairo, Egypt
- 1999 Al Mahabba International Biennale Award, Damascus, Syria
- 1998 The Arab League tribute, Pioneer Arab Festival, Cairo, Egypt
- 1996 Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research tribute, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 1994 Al Owais Award, The Cultural & Scientific Association, Dubai, UAE
- 1993 Jury Committee Award, 1st Sharjah International Art Biennale, Sharjah, UAE
- 1991 Culture Department tribute, Sharjah, UAE
Appreciation Award, 1st Al-Ain Fine Arts Exhibition, Al-Ain, Dubai, UAE
- 1975 Ministry of Youth & Sports tribute, Dubai, UAE
- 1969 Ministry of Youth & Sports Award, Dubai, UAE

AFFILIATIONS

- Member of Emirates Fine Arts Society
- Member of Art's Friends Group of Gulf Countries
- Member of Al-Gedar Group in Sharjah
- Member of Al-Eiyab Fine Arts Association in UNESCO
- Member of the Supreme Committee of Tolerance



- Consultant of The Art Committee of Down's syndrome

COLLECTIONS

- Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
- Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
- The Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- General Authority for Competition, Dubai, UAE
- The Cultural & Scientific Association, Dubai, UAE
- Sultan Bin Ali Al Owais Foundation, Dubai, UAE
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- The American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
- The Embassy of The United States of America, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Emaar Company, Dubai, UAE
- EDCO Company, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Grand Hyatt Hotel, Dubai, UAE
- Woman Museum, Dubai, UAE
- Al-Wasl Club, Dubai, UAE
- Women's Association, Dubai, UAE
- Dubai International Airport, British Airlines, UAE
- Ministry of Youth & Community Development, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Dolphin Company, Al-Doha, Qatar
- Emirates Diplomatic Academy, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- VIP Lounge, Military Airport, Dubai, UAE
- UAE Ministry of Culture and Youth
- Mubadala Investment Company, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE