



## **Khalid Al Banna**

### **BORN**

1975                      Sharjah, United Arab Emirates  
Lives and works in Sharjah, UAE

### **EDUCATION**

1999                      BA of Engineering Architecture, UAE University, Al Ain, UAE  
  
2023                      Christie's Education Short Course "The Arts of the Middle East Across Time and Space",  
London, UK

### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2025                      Path, House of Arts Dubai, EXPO, Dubai, UAE  
  
2024                      Hard Edges, Maraya Art Centre, Sharjah, UAE  
  
2022                      Cycle, Foundry, Dubai, UAE  
  
2021                      Layered Contradictions, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
  
2017                      Disappearing Tense, Cuadro Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
  
2009                      Unlimited Spectrums, Department of Culture, Sharjah, High College Technologies,  
Sharjah, UAE  
Black & White, Yalsa, Dubai, UAE  
  
2006                      Solo Exhibition, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE

### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2025                      DHAI Dubai, Al Wasl Plaza, EXPO City, Dubai, UAE  
Interwoven Realities, Abu Dhabi Art, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Whispers of the Past, Sotheby's, Dubai, UAE  
  
2024                      Editions Art & Design Fair, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai Design District, Dubai, UAE  
Hour Eternal: 20 Years of Emirati Abstraction, Bassam Freiha Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Foresight, 39th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah Arts Museum, Sharjah,  
UAE  
  
2023                      Azeema, Misk Art Institute, The Art Centre, Bahrain  
Celebration with friends, AWC Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
Spirit of time, 38th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah Arts Museum,  
Sharjah, UAE  
  
2022                      Azeema, Misk Art Institute, Riyadh, KSA  
International Book Fair Guadalajara, Sharjah Book Authority, Guadalajara, Mexico  
Bologna Children Book Fair, Sharjah Book Authority, Bologna, Italy  
Gateway to the Metaverse, Morrow collective, House of Wisdom, Sharjah, UAE  
Al Burda Endowment Exhibition, UAE Ministry of Culture & Youth, EXPO 2020, Dubai, UAE  
50| 50, Morrow Collectives, Al Safa Library, Dubai, UAE



- 2021 "WELCOME! 10 years of Swatch Art Peace Hotel", Swatch Swiss, Al Serkal Avenue, Dubai, UAE  
Expo 2020, Emirates Fine Art Society, Expo 2020, Dubai, UAE  
Sharjah Entrepreneurship Festival 2012, Morrow Collective, Expo Centre Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE  
Interconnection, 37th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah Arts Museum, Sharjah, UAE  
Bayt Damas, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2020 Covid Conversation, Tashkeel, Dubai, UAE
- 2019 Al Burda Endowment Exhibition, UAE Ministry of Culture & Youth, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Abu Dhabi Art, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Convergence, 36th Emirate Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah Arts Museum, Sharjah, UAE  
Sharjah Exhibition for Children's Book Illustrations, Sharjah Book Authority, Expo Centre Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
- 2018 35th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE  
Sharjah Exhibition for Children's Book Illustrations, Sharjah Book Authority, Expo Centre Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
- 2017 Portrait of a Nation, ME Collectors Room Berlin / Olbricht Foundation, Berlin, Germany  
Abu Dhabi Art, Cuadro Gallery, Manarat Al Sadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2016 Domestic Affairs: Reshaped, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai, UAE  
Portrait of a Nation, Abu Dhabi Festival, Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
33<sup>rd</sup> Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE
- 2014 Abu Dhabi Art, Kashya Hildebrand Gallery, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
A Joint Exhibition of Emirati Art, Cuadro Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
32<sup>nd</sup> Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE  
Art Dubai, Special Project, Mohamed Al Abbar Desert Resort, Ara Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2013 31st Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE  
UEA | A Work of Art, Ara Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
Abu Dhabi Art, Kashya Hildebrand Gallery, Manarat Al Sadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
4<sup>th</sup> Tawasul, Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE  
Modern and Contemporary Arab, Iranian, and Turkish Arts Sale, Christie's, Emirates Tower, Dubai, UAE
- 2012 Scope Basel, Kashya Hildebrand Gallery, Basel, Switzerland  
Abu Dhabi Art, Kashya Hildebrand Gallery, Manarat Al Sadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
The Present, Contemporary Art from The Emirates, Maraya Art Centre, Sharjah, UAE  
CROSSROADS #4 – Diversified Union, Swiss Art Gate, YAS Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Sikka Art Fair, Dubai Culture Authority, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Dubai, UAE  
30th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE  
3rd Tawasul, Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE



- 2011 MinD-City Dialogue, Gallery of Light, Ductac, Dubai, UAE  
Color of the Emirates, Swiss Art Gate, Hotel Beau Rivage, Lausanne, Switzerland  
29th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE  
Color of the Emirates, Swiss Art Gate, Delta City Mall, Podgorica, Montenegro
- 2010 Art in Space, Salwa Zaidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Contemporary Reflections, UAE Embassy in Washington DC, Kennedy Center, Washington DC, USA  
Sikka Art Fair, Dubai Culture Authority, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Dubai, UAE  
1st Tawasul, Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE
- 2009 Emirati Expressions, Department of Culture and Tourism, Abu Dhabi, Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Selection of artwork for Khalifa Tower, Courtyard Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
The Seven, Qibab Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
28th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE
- 2008 Memory, 27th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Al Serkal House, Sharjah, UAE  
Suhoor, an Emirati Exhibition, Sikka Art Fair, Dubai Culture Authority, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Dubai, UAE
- 2007 Sharjah Cultural Week, Sharjah Culture Authority, Ludwig Museum, Koblenz, Germany  
Sharjah Cultural Week, Sharjah Culture Authority, Palais Pallavicini, Vienna, Austria  
26th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE  
Art Avenue Event, Al Seef Street, Dubai Culture Authority, Dubai, UAE
- 2006 25th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE
- 2005 Silver Jubilee, 24th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE
- 2004 Interchange, 23rd Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE
- 2003 Egypt International Triennial of Graphic Art, Egyptian Ministry of Culture, Cairo, Egypt  
22nd Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE  
7th GCC Exhibition of Art & Calligraphy, Kuwait Fine Art Society, Kuwait
- 2002 21st Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE
- 2001 20th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE
- 2000 Expo Hannover 2000, UAE Pavilion, Hannover, Germany  
UAE Cultural Week, UAE Ministry of Culture, Solidere Cultural Center, Beirut, Lebanon  
UAE Cultural Week, UAE Ministry of Culture, Royal Cultural Center, Amman, Jordan  
The Portrait, Emirates Fine Art Society, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE  
19th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE



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| 1999 | 18th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE<br>Sharjah International Arts Biennial 4th Session, Sharjah Culture Authority, Expo Centre, Sharjah, UAE   |
| 1998 | 17th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE<br>Emirates in the eyes of its artists, Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE<br>Abu Dhabi Company for Onshore Oil Operation (ADCO) Competition, ADCO Headquarters, Abu Dhabi, UAE |
| 1997 | A Joint Exhibition of Emirati & Omani students, UAE University & Sultan Qaboos University, Omani Fine Art Society, Muscat, Oman  |

## WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE

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| 2022 | Monoprint, Louvre Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE<br>Monoprint, Maraya Art Center, Sharjah, UAE<br>Monoprint, Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE<br>Fabric Collage Creations: Mixed Media Workshop, Abu Dhabi Executive Council, Abu Dhabi, UAE |
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## AFFILIATIONS

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| 2022           | Committee member of the children's competition arbitration, Sharjah Book Authority, Sharjah, UAE                        |
| 2021           | Committee member "Interconnection", 37th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah Arts Museum, Sharjah, UAE |
| 2019           | Committee member, Sheikha Latifa Bint Mohammed Childhood Creativity competition   |
| 2018           | Committee member, Sheikha Latifa Bint Mohammed Childhood Creativity competition   |
| 2014 - Present | Member of the Board of Directors of Emirates Fine Art Society, UAE  |
| 2004 - Present | Member, Architectural Heritage Society, UAE<br>Member, Society of Engineering, UAE                                      |
| 1998 - Present | Member, Emirates Fine Art Society, UAE  |

## AWARDS

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| 2001 | 2nd prize of Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE |
| 1998 | 1st prize in Painting Competition at UAE University, Al Ain, UAE       |

## COLLECTIONS

UAE Embassy in Washington D.C, USA  
UAE Embassy in Podgorica, Montenegro  
Ministry of Culture & Youth, UAE



Department of Culture and Tourism-Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UAE  
Sharjah Art Museum, UAE  
Abu Dhabi Music & Art Foundation- ADMAF, UAE  
Barjeel Art Foundation, UAE  
Emaar Properties, UAE  
Emirates Fine Art Society, UAE  
Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company (du), UAE  
Abu Dhabi International Marine Sports Club, UAE  
Hyatt Regency Dubai Creek Heights Hotel  
Armed Forces Officer Club Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Private collection of Abu Dhabi Executive Council, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Private collection of H.H. Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander  
Private collection of H.H. Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahyan  
Private collection of H.H. Abdulla bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation  
Private collection of H.H. Sheikh Majed Jaber Al Sabah

## BIOGRAPHY

Khalid Al Banna (b. 1975, Sharjah) is a contemporary Emirati artist, where he continues to live and work. A prominent figure in the UAE's art scene since the early 1990s, Al Banna is recognized for his unique approach to collage as an expressive visual language through which he explores themes of identity, memory, and the rapid urban transformations shaping the Emirates. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Architectural Engineering from the United Arab Emirates University. This academic foundation has profoundly influenced his understanding of form, space, and proportion—principles that continue to shape both the visual and conceptual framework of his artistic practice. His body of work ranges from early black-and-white collages, which marked the beginning of his career, to vibrant, layered textile compositions rich in materials and color. In both series, negative space becomes a central arena for projecting inner narratives, inspired by his architectural sensibility and passion for constructing symbolic and spatial forms.

Alongside collage, Al Banna has developed a significant practice in sculptural design. His contemporary sculptures embrace geometric abstraction and minimalist aesthetics, drawing from fundamental shapes such as circles, squares, triangles, and cones. These sculptural forms offer contemplative balances between mass and void, fluidity and structure. Deeply informed by architectural principles, his works reflect symmetry, repetition, and layering, turning pure shapes into contemporary symbols that engage with concepts of time, place, and identity. He has participated in several sculpture design competitions, and in 2023, was commissioned by Dubai Culture and Arts Authority to create the Union Monument, in collaboration with a group of prominent Emirati artists. The project celebrates the spirit of the UAE's union and the values of national identity in public space.

Throughout his career, Al Banna has participated in numerous prominent exhibitions locally and internationally. These include EXPO's DHAI Dubai (2025), "Interwoven Realities" at Abu Dhabi Art (2025), Sotheby's "Whispers of the Past" (2025), Sharjah International Biennial (1999), and Expo 2000 in Hanover, Germany. He has also exhibited in Al Burda at Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi (2019), and Portrait of a Nation at the Abu Dhabi Festival (2016), which later toured to the me Collectors Room / Olbricht Foundation in Berlin (2017), the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. (2010) and the Cultural Foundation in Abu Dhabi (1989). His work has also been included in group shows in France, Austria, the UK, Italy, and Mexico.

His artworks are held in numerous prestigious public and institutional collections, including the Sharjah Art Museum, Barjeel Art Foundation, Abu Dhabi Music & Art Foundation (ADMAF), UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Culture and Youth, Sharjah Department of Culture, the Executive Council of Abu Dhabi, the UAE Embassy in Washington, D.C., Sharjah Investment and Development Authority (Shurooq), and the Sharjah Research, Technology and Innovation Park (SRTIP), among many other local and international institutions.