



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

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 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
33rd 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
32nd 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
4th 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
- 1999 18th Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arabic Art, Sharjah, UAE



	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 Emirates in the eyes of its artists, Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE 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

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

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 Member, Society of Engineering, UAE
1998 - Present	Member, Emirates Fine Art Society, UAE

AWARDS

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 “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.