



## 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

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  
*Perceptions*, Capital Club, DIFC, Dubai, 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  
*Al Burda*, Alserkal Avenue, 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

#### 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 based in Sharjah, UAE. He has staked his place in the local art scene since the early 90s, renowned now for using collage as a primary technique to explore subject matter pertinent to the history and rapid transformations of his home country. Al Banna's work is a reflection of his world view. Drawing primarily from elements of design, his canvas is the negative space, and his art is life projected against it. His fascination with world-building, borrowed from the field of architecture, gave rise to his hallmark Black and White collages: a diaristic series of abstract paper works using ink and collage which foreground process. He weaves together vague depictions of his landscape, the past and the present as well as blurry scenes from world affairs as experienced through his status quo.

After a decade of Black and White collages, he moved on to expanding the limits of his practice and perception. By 2009, after wandering into an old souq by his studio at Bait Al Shamsi, he stumbled upon an abundance of textile shops. The quaint storefronts, the fast-paced mercantile spirit and the muffled cacophony of overlapping cries for attention by the sellers, beckoned him into a new world – one in dizzying motion. Enter his sculptural fabric collages which are both the medium and the message. In his textile compositions, Al Banna addresses tradition as an agent in constant flux, using artifacts of a bygone period through a contemporary lens. Fabrics, crystals, beads and mirrors are worked and reworked in cathartic repetition, calling upon practices prevalent in Islamic ritual such as prayer and ablution, as well as the shapes of sacred geometry.

Al Banna has participated in several prominent exhibitions, including Editions Art & Design Fair, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai Design District, Dubai (2024), Al Burda Endowment Exhibition at Manarat Al Sadiyat, Abu Dhabi (2019), *Portrait of a Nation*, Abu Dhabi Festival, Abu Dhabi (2016), which traveled to me Collectors Room Berlin / Olbricht Foundation, Berlin (2017) as well as Kennedy center, Washington DC (2010) in addition to group exhibitions in France and Austria. He took part in the Emirates Fine Arts Society's annual exhibitions since 1998 where, in 2006, he staged his first solo exhibition. In addition to many solo exhibitions such as *Hard Edges*, Maraya Art Centre, Sharjah (2024), *Cycle*, Foundry, Dubai (2022), *Layered Contradictions*, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai (2021), *Disappearing Tense*, Cuadro Gallery, Dubai (2017), *Unlimited Spectrums*, Department of Culture, Sharjah, High College Technologies, Sharjah (2009), *Black & White*, Yalsa, Dubai (2009), *Solo Exhibition*, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah (2006).

His works are held in the collections of the Sharjah Art Museum, Barjeel Art Foundation, Abu Dhabi Music & Art Foundation (ADMAF), UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Culture and Knowledge Development, the Culture Department of Sharjah and the UAE embassy in the USA, among many.