



Layla Juma

BORN

1977 Sharjah, UAE
Lives and works in Sharjah, UAE

EDUCATION

2001 B.A. Architectural Engineering, United Arab Emirates University, Al Ain, UAE

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Soft Lines, Strong Currents*, Aisha Alabbar, Art Dubai, Dubai, UAE
2025 *Architectures of the In-Between*, Aisha Alabbar Art Gallery, Dubai UAE.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Layla Juma & Carolin Kropff*, STUDIOSPACE Lange Strasse 31, Frankfurt, Germany

2021 *Squaring the Circle*, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE
Abu Dhabi Art (Aisha Alabbar Gallery), Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Interconnected, 37th Emirates Fine Arts Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE

2018 *From Barcelona to Abu Dhabi: Works from the MACBA Art Collection in dialogue with the Emirates*, Abu Dhabi Festival in partnership with Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE

2017 *Portrait of A Nation*, Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation (ADMAF), me Collectors Room Berlin / Stiftung Olbricht, Berlin, Germany
And Along Came Polyester, Athr Art Gallery, Jeddah, KSA
Homage Without An Homage, Julius Baer, Art Dubai, Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai, UAE
The Art of Nature, Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation (ADMAF), 14th Abu Dhabi Festival, Um Al Emarat Park, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Experiences for a Group of Artists, The College of Fine Arts and Design (CFAD), University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE

2016 *Portrait of A Nation*, Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation (ADMAF), 13th Abu Dhabi Festival, Emirates Palace Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Emirates Fine Arts Society Exhibition, Sikka Art Fair, Al Fahidi District, Dubai, UAE

2015 First gathering for Gulf Fine Artists Union, Doha, Qatar
There Are Too Many Walls But Not Enough Bridges, ORYX Foundation, Kunst(Zeug)Haus Rapperswil Museum, Switzerland

2014 *Turning Point*, Tashkeel, Dubai, UAE
8th Fine Arts Exhibition, the Cultural Center in collaboration with EFAS, Umm Al Quwain, UAE



- 2013 *Empty 10*, 1x1 Gallery, Dubai, UAE
Emirati Expressions: Realised, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2012 *MinD – Dubai Contemporary*, DUCTAC, Mall of the Emirates, Dubai, UAE
30th Annual Exhibition of Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
- 2011 29th Emirates Fine Arts Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE
- 2010 *Vis Roboris*, AB Gallery, Lucerne, Switzerland
- 2009 28th Emirates Fine Arts Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE
- 2008 27th Emirates Fine Arts Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE
Season of Art, The Flying House, DIFC, Dubai, UAE
Greek Art Fair, Al Bastakiya, Dubai, UAE
Wonder, 2nd Singapore Biennale, Singapore
- 2007 *Dubai Dubai*, Total Arts Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2006 *Beauty and the Beast*, Emirates Fine Arts Society with Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah, UAE
Miniatures Arts Exhibition, Kuwait Arts Association, Hawally, Kuwait
10th Cairo International Biennial, Cairo, Egypt
Window, Total Arts Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2005 *Women & Art Global Perspective*, Sharjah, UAE
Youth Flashes, The French Cultural League, Dubai, UAE
The UAE Cultural Week, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 2004 23rd Emirates Fine Arts Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
- 2003 22nd Emirates Fine Arts Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
- 2002 Summer Course Exhibitions of Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE
Dubai Youth Theatre Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2017 Member, Jury Committee, Sheikha Latifa Bint Mohammad bin Rashid Award for Painting, Dubai Women's Association, Dubai, UAE
- 2015 Member, Jury Committee, Sheikha Latifa Bint Mohammad bin Rashid Award for Painting, Dubai Women's Association, Dubai, UAE
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- 2012-11 Participant, Foreign Residency Program of the Emirates Foundation, Cite Internationale des Arts, Hotel de Ville, Paris, France
- 2011 Designer, 29th Annual Catalogue of Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE
- 2011-10 Curator, 29th Annual Exhibition of Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE
- 2010-09 Member, Jury Committee, Sheikha Latifa Bint Mohammad bin Rashid Award for Painting, Dubai Women's Association, Dubai, UAE
- 2009 Participant, Foreign Residency Program of the Emirates Foundation, Hangar Visual Arts



	Production Center, Barcelona, Spain
	Executive Editor, UAE Fine Art Society Magazine, Al Tashkeel #20 and Al Tashkeel # 21, Sharjah, UAE
	Author, Al Tashkeel Magazine # 20, Sharjah, UAE
2007	Author, Al Tashkeel Magazine # 19, Sharjah, UAE
2006	Curatorial Assistant, 25 th Annual Exhibition of the Emirates Fine Arts Society Silver Jubilee, Sharjah, UAE
	Member, Jury Committee, Sheikha Latifa Bint Mohammad bin Rashid Award for Painting, Dubai Women's Association, Dubai, UAE
	Dubai Police Competition for Children's photography, Dubai, UAE
2006-05	Journalist, Al Khaleej Newspaper, Sharjah, UAE
	Author, Emirates Fine Arts Society Catalogues for the 24 th & 25 th Silver Jubilee Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE
2005	Member, Jury of Graphic Design Competition at GITEX Exhibition, Dubai, UAE
	Author, Al Tashkeel Magazine # 18, Sharjah, UAE
2004	Member, Jury Committee, Sheikha Latifa Bint Mohammad bin Rashid Award for Painting Dubai Women's Association, Dubai, UAE
	Dubai Police Competition for Children's Photography, Dubai, UAE

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2010	3rd prize in Tawasol 1 Exhibition, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE
2005	2nd prize, Emirates Lady Award, Sharjah, UAE
2004	3rd prize in The Annual Exhibition. Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE

AFFILIATIONS

Since 2004	Administrative Member of Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE
Since 2002	Member of Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE
Since 1999	Member of Youth Theatre, Dubai, UAE
	Member of Engineering Society, UAE
2017-14	Administrative member, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UA
2014-12	Secretary General, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE
2010-08	Secretary General, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE
2008-06	Public Relations Officer, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE
2006-04	Media Officer, Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE

COLLECTIONS

ADMAF Art Collection, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Al Dar Hotel & Hospitality, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Art Towada Center, Nanjo & Associates, Aomori, Japan
Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah UAE
Environment Agency, Abu Dhabi, UAE
JP Morgan Chase Bank New York, Dubai branch, Dubai, UAE
Sharjah Child Friendly Office, Sharjah, UAE
Ministry of Presidential Affairs, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Biography

Layla Juma (b. Sharjah, 1977) is a multidisciplinary artist from the Emirates. An artist as well as architectural engineer, Layla is interested in compositions of visible and felt connections. Experimenting with abstract concepts and physical forms, she explores links between elements of being. Her work is often open-ended yet balanced, where each composition presents a layer of traced links.

A member of the Emirates Fine Arts Society since the early 2000s, Layla is among the third-generation of Emirati artists and takes inspiration from prolific UAE conceptual pioneers – including Hassan Sharif and Mohammed Kazem.

In 2021, Juma had a solo exhibition titled *Squaring the Circle* at Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE. She participated in exhibitions in the UAE and internationally, including Layla Juma & Carolin Kropff, STUDIOSPACE Lange Strasse 31, Frankfurt, Germany (2023); *From Barcelona to Abu Dhabi: Works from the MACBA Art Collection in dialogue with the Emirates*, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi (2018); *Portrait of a Nation*, Me Collectors Room, Berlin, Germany (2017); *There Are Too Many Walls But Not Enough Bridges*, Kunst(Zeug)Haus, Rapperswil-Jona, Switzerland (2015); *Emirati Expressions III: Realised*, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2014); *Mind - Dubai Contemporary*, DUCTAC's Gallery of Light, Dubai, UAE (2012); Singapore Biennial (2008); and Cairo Biennial (2006).

Her works are in several collections in the UAE, including ADMAF, Environment Agency, Al Dar Hotel & Hospitality, and the Ministry of Presidential Affairs in Abu Dhabi; Barjeel Art Foundation, and Sharjah Child Friendly Office in Sharjah; JP Morgan Chase Bank in Dubai; and internationally in Art Towada Center, in Aomori, Japan.