



Azim Al Ghussein

BORN

1989 Abu Dhabi, UAE
Lives and works in Dubai, UAE

EDUCATION

2018 MFA in Printmaking, VCU Arts, Richmond, VA, USA
2012 BFA, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA
2011 BFA in Visual Communication, American University in Dubai, Dubai, UAE

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Press Print!*, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2019 *The Alumni Return*, Tashkeel, Dubai, UAE
Phone Home, EFA Project Space, New York City, NY, USA
Intima' - Tanmiyah, The Firestation, Doha, Qatar
2018 *Rose Arcade: Anise Hyssop*, 64-09 Woodside Ave, Queens, NY, USA
MFA Thesis Exhibition, The Anderson Gallery, VCU, VA, USA
2017 *Weltformat Dubai*, D3, Dubai, UAE
L'HeauxspitaliTEA, VCU FAB Gallery, VA, USA
2016 *Made in Tashkeel 2016*, Tashkeel, Dubai, UAE
FAB Painting Show, VCU FAB Gallery, VA, USA
2015 *Art: Process and Practice*, Warehouse 411, Abu Dhabi, UAE
RCA Secret Dubai, Art Dubai, Dubai, UAE
2014 *SIKKA Art Fair*, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Dubai, UAE
FAKIE, FN Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2013 *Art Dubai Projects: MAG*, Mobile Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
SIKKA Art Fair, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Dubai, UAE
2012 *Sheikha Manal Young Artist Awards*, Dubai Ladies Club, Dubai, UAE
2011 *Brave New World* (AUD Senior Exhibition), The Ara Gallery, Dubai, UAE

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

2021 - Present Library and Research Manager, Jameel Art Centre, Dubai, UAE
2020 - 2021 Forsa School Tutor, Sharjah Art Foundation and Naqd Critique, Sharjah, UAE
2019 - 2021 Education and Outreach Coordinator, Tashkeel, Dubai, UAE
2019 - 2020 SEAF Faculty Fellow, Salama bint Hamdan AlNahyan Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2018 - 2019 Artist-in-Residence and Instructor, VCU Qatar, Doha, Qatar
2017 - 2018 Adjunct Instructor, VCUarts, Richmond, VA, USA
2016 - 2017 Teaching Assistant, VCUarts, Richmond, VA, USA



- 2013 - 2016 Freelance Illustrator and Graphic Designer, Dubai, UAE
Illustrator and Workshop Instructor, The Animation Chamber, Dubai, UAE
- 2014 Graphic Designer, Space Oddity, Dubai, UAE
Teaching Assistant, American University in Dubai, Dubai, UAE
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, American University in Dubai, Dubai, UAE
Artist Assistant, Dina Faour, Dubai, UAE

GRANTS/AWARDS

- 2019 SEAF Faculty Fellowship, Salama bint Hamdan AlNahyan Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2018 MFA Residency Program, VCU Qatar, Doha, Qatar
- 2017 E.I.Kirkland Scholarship, VCU Arts, Richmond, VA, USA
- 2016 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, VCU Arts, Richmond, VA, USA
- 2014 Salama Emerging Artist Fellowship (and Scholarship), Salama bint Hamdan AlNahyan Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2012 Honorable Mention, Sheikha Manal Young Artist Awards, Dubai, UAE
- 2011 Honors Merit Scholarship, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA



BIO

Azim Al Ghussein (b. Abu Dhabi, 1989) is an artist and illustrator living and working in Dubai. His studio practice involves comics, illustration and kinds of making that allow him to consider sharing (and caring), distribution and hospitality more thoughtfully.

Azim has exhibited work in *The Alumni Return*, Tashkeel, Dubai, UAE (2019); *Phone Home*, EFA Project Space, New York City, NY, USA (2019); *Intima' - Tanmiyah*, The Firestation, Doha, Qatar (2019); *Rose Arcade: Anise Hyssop*, 64-09 Woodside Ave, Queens, NY, USA (2018); *MFA Thesis Exhibition*, The Anderson Gallery, VCU, VA, USA (2018); *L'HeauxspitalITEA*, VCU FAB Gallery, VA, USA (2017); *Made in Tashkeel*, Tashkeel, Dubai, UAE (2016); *Art: Process and Practice*, Warehouse 421, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2015); *RCA Secret Dubai*, Art Dubai, Dubai, UAE (2015); *Sikka*, Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, Dubai, UAE (2013, 2014); *Art Dubai Projects: MAG*, Mobile Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE (2013); *Sheikha Manal Young Artist Awards*, Dubai Ladies Club, Dubai, UAE (2012); and *Brave New World*, The Ara Gallery, Dubai, UAE (2011).

Azim has received a number of grants and awards, including the Salama Emerging Artist Fellowship (SEAF) Faculty Fellowship, Salama bint Hamdan AlNahyan Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2019); MFA Residency Program, VCUQatar, Doha, Qatar (2018); E.I.Kirkland Scholarship, VCU Arts, Richmond, VA (2017); Graduate Teaching Assistantship, VCU Arts, Richmond, VA (2016); and the Salama Emerging Artist Fellowship (SEAF), Salama bint Hamdan AlNahyan Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2014).

Azim holds a BFA in Visual Communication from the American University of Dubai (2011), a BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA (2012), and an MFA in Printmaking from Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, USA (2018). He currently works as the Library and Research manager at Jameel Arts Centre in Dubai.