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## SHAIKHA AL MAZROU

Born 1988 in the UAE

Lives and works between Dubai and Abu Dhabi, UAE

## BIOGRAPHY

Shaikha Al Mazrou is considered to be among the most dynamic and promising artists of her generation from the UAE. Her sculptural experimentations and investigations are expressions of materiality—articulations of tension and the interplay between form and content as well as an intuitive, keenly felt understanding of materials and their physical properties. She combines and evolves ideas from contemporary artistic movements similarly preoccupied with formal and material elements, from colour theory to geometric abstraction.

## EDUCATION

2014 MFA Chelsea College of Fine Art, University of the Arts, London, UK

2010 BFA College of Fine Arts and Design, University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 Art Basel Hong Kong, with Lawrie Shabibi, Hong Kong, China

2022-23 *Dwelling in the Gap*, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE

2021 Art Dubai with Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE

2020 *Rearranging the Riddle*, Maraya Art Centre, Sharjah, UAE

- 2019      *Expansion/Extension*, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE
- 2017      *Solo Projects*, Abu Dhabi Art with Lawrie Shabibi, Abu Dhabi, UAE

## **SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2025      Aichi Triennale: A Time Between Ashes and Roses, Nagoya and Seto City, Japan  
             Abu Dhabi Art with Lawrie Shabibi, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
             Abu Dhabi Art, In and Around Program, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
             Manarat Abu Dhabi, Department of Culture and Tourism Abu Dhabi, UAE  
             Art Basel Hong Kong, Lawrie Shabibi Galleries booth, Hong Kong  
             Art Week Riyadh, Lawrie Shabibi booth, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
             *Form and Rhythm*, with Lawrie Shabibi, Sotheby's Dubai, UAE
- 2024      Art Dubai with Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai  
             Art021 Shanghai with Lawrie Shabibi, Shanghai, China  
             *Hour Eternal - Emirati Abstraction*, Bassam Freiha Art Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2023      Art Dubai with Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai
- 2022-23    Louvre Abu Dhabi *Art Here* exhibition in collaboration with Richard Mille, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2022      Frieze Sculpture, with Lawrie Shabibi, London, UK  
             Art Dubai with Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE  
             *Portrait Of A Nation II: Beyond Narratives*, organised by ADMAF, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
             Desert X AlUla 2022, AlUla, Saudi Arabia
- 2020      Paulo Cunha e Silva Art Prize Finalist Exhibition, Galeria Municipal do Porto, Porto, Portugal  
             *Upsurge: Waves, Colour and Illusion*, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE  
             *MATERIALIZE*, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE

- 2018      Artissima, Dialogue section, with Lawrie Shabibi, Torino, Italy  
*From Barcelona to Abu Dhabi: Works from the MACBA Art Collection in Dialogue with the Emirates*, organised by ADMAF, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2017      *Beyond: Emerging Artists*, Abu Dhabi Art, UAE  
*Art of Nature*, Abu Dhabi Festival, Umm Al Emarat Park, UAE  
*Homage Without An Homage*, curated by Cristiana De Marchi, Art Dubai, Julius Baer Lounge, UAE  
Faculty Show, Al Rewaq Gallery, College of Fine Art, University of Sharjah, UAE
- 2016      *Past Forward: Contemporary Art from the Emirates*, Bolivar Art Gallery, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, USA
- 2015      Abu Dhabi Art, with Lawrie Shabibi, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Art Dubai Contemporary, with Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE  
*A Public Privacy*, Inaugural edition of UAE Unlimited Arab Exploration, Curated by Cristiana de Marchi and Mohammed Kazem, DUCTAC, Dubai, UAE  
*Past Forward, Contemporary Art from the Emirates*, Fowler Museum, UCLA, Los Angeles, California USA
- 2014      *Make Art Possible*, Commissioned by The Arab Fund for Art and Culture (AFAC), Jalila Cultural Centre for Children, Dubai, UAE  
Empty 10 and 1 x 1 Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2013      1° International Arezzo Biennial of Art, Arezzo, Italy Art Dubai, Dubai, UAE
- 2011      House 44, Al Bastakiya, Dubai, UAE

- 2010 Sharjah Cultural Days in Passau, Museum of Modern Art, Passau, Germany  
*Bytes and Pieces*, Bait Al Serkal, Sharjah, UAE  
 14th Asian Art Biennale, National Art Gallery, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
*Experiment*, Maraya Art Centre, Sharjah, UAE  
*Exit 5*, College of Fine Arts and Design, Sharjah, UAE  
 28th Annual Exhibition of the Emirates Fine Arts Society, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2022 Finalist of Louvre Abu Dhabi Richard Mille Prize  
 2020 Paulo Cunha e Silva Art Prize, Galeria Municipal do Porto, Portugal  
 2014 MFA Student Prize, Chelsea College of Fine Art, University of the Arts, London, UK

## PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS

- 2025 *Deliberate Pauses*, Hatta mountains, commissioned by Alserkal Arts Foundation and Dubai Culture & Arts Authority, Hatta, Dubai, UAE  
 2024 *Union of Artists* (2024), a collaborative project with Afra Al Dhaheri, Mohamed Ahmed Ibrahim, Asma Belhamar and Khalid Albanna, commissioned by Dubai Culture and Art Dubai under the Dubai Public Art Initiative, Al Hudaiba park, Dubai, UAE  
 2022 *Red Stack* (2022), Frieze Sculpture, London, UK  
 2022 *Measuring Physicality of Void* (2022), Desert X AlUla, AlUla, Saudi Arabia  
 2021 *The Plinth* (2021), commissioned for Expo 2020 Dubai's Public Art Programme, curated by Tarek Abou El Fetouh, Dubai, UAE  
 2018 *Green House: Interior yet Exterior, Manmade yet Natural* (2018) commissioned by Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, UAE

## **COLLECTIONS**

Art Jameel Collection, Dubai

Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Ellie Khouri Collection, Dubai, UAE

EXPO Dubai collection, UAE

Salama Bint Hamdan Al Nahyan Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE

The Dubai Collection, Dubai, UAE

The Farjam Foundation, Dubai, UAE

The Pizzuti Collection of the Columbus Museum of Art, Ohio, USA

The Royal Commission for AlUla, Saudi Arabia

University of Birmingham, UK