

MALIEH AFNAN

Born 1935 in Haifa, Palestine

She passed away in London in January 2016

EDUCATION

- 1955 BA from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 1962 MA in Fine Arts, Corcoran School of Art, Washington DC, USA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Tracing Memories*, Art Dubai Modern, with Laurie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE
- 2014 *Tonight, The Door Towards Words Will be Opened*, Galerie Kornfeld, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 *Speak Memory*, Rose Issa Projects, London, UK
- 2010 *Traces, Faces, Places*, Rose Issa Projects, London, UK
- 2006 *Selected Works*, England and Co, London, UK
- 2000 *Maliheh Afnan: Retrospective*, England and Co, London, UK
- 1996 Galerie Mouvances, Paris, France
- 1994 Théâtre de Beyrouth, Beirut, Lebanon
- 1993 Galerie 10 Bonaparte, Paris, France
Leighton House Museum, London, UK
- 1987 Galerie Arcadia, Paris, France
- 1982 A&A Turner Galerie, Paris, France
- 1980 Galerie Brigitte Schehadé, Paris, France
- 1978 Galerie Principe–Anne Merlet, Paris, France
- 1974 Presented by Michel Tapié, Galerie Cyrus, Paris, France
- 1971 Jafet Library, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
The Alumni Association, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Presented by Mark Tobey, Galerie Claire Brambach, Basel, Switzerland

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Signs, Gestures, Words: Between Writing and Image*, Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich, Germany
Nadia Saikali & Her Contemporaries, Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
- 2024 *Arab Presences: Modern Art and Decolonisation: Paris 1908–1988*, Musée d'Art Moderne de Paris, Paris, France
From the Baroque to Today: New Acquisitions of Works on Paper, The Courtauld Gallery, London, UK
- 2023 *Action, Gesture, Paint: Women Artists and Global Abstraction 1940–70*, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 *Taking Shape: Abstraction from the Arab World, 1950s–1980s*, The Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, USA
- 2020 *Taking Shape: Abstraction from the Arab World, 1950s–1980s*, Grey Art Gallery, New York

- University, New York, USA
The Symmetry of Fragility, Fondazione ICA Milano, Milan, Italy (online/virtual exhibition)
- 2019 *À la plume, au pinceau, au crayon : dessins du monde arabe*, Institut du Monde Arabe (IMA), Paris, France
- 2018 *A Century in Flux*, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
- 2015 Cologne Fine Art, with Galerie Kornfeld, Cologne, Germany
Paper Plains, Galerie Kornfeld, Berlin, Germany 2015
 Abu Dhabi Art, with Lawrie Shabibi, Abu Dhabi, UAE 2014
Paper Plains, Galerie Kornfeld, Berlin, Germany 2014
Asemic, Cultuurcentrum Brugge, Bruges, Belgium
- 2013 *The Blue Route: Journeys and Beauty from the Mediterranean to China*, Boghossian Foundation, Brussels, Belgium
Hope Map, Cultuurcentrum Brugge, Bruges, Belgium *Persian for Beginners*, Rose Issa Projects, London, UK
- 2011 *The Art of Writing*, Kurhaus Kolonnade, Wiesbaden, Germany
Zendegi: Twelve Contemporary Iranian Artists, Curated by Rose Issa Projects, Beirut Exhibition Center, Beirut, Lebanon
Miragens, touring exhibition at the Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Brasilia, Brazil
- 2010 *Modern Times – Responding to Chaos*, Kettle’s Yard, Cambridge and De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-On-Sea, UK
- 2009 *Taswir: Pictorial Mappings of Islam and Modernity*, Martin-Gropius-Bau Museum, Berlin, Germany
 Courtauld Institute of Art, London, UK
- 2008 *Contained Thoughts*, Courtauld Institute of Art, London, UK
Re-Orientations: Contemporary Arab Representations, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium
Routes, Waterhouse & Dodd, London, UK
Occupied Space, AM Qattan Foundation, London, UK *Word into Art*, DIFC, Dubai, UAE
Art Contemporain Arabe, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
- 2007 *The Dance of Pen and Ink*, The State Museum of Oriental Art, Moscow and The State Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg, Russia
- 2006 *Word into Art*, The British Museum, London, UK
Routes, British Museum, London, UK
- 2001 *Iranian Contemporary Art*, Curve Gallery, Barbican Centre, London, UK Galerie du Château, Noirmoutier-en-l’Île, France
Salon des Réalités Nouvelles, Espace Eiffel Branly, Paris, France
- 1997 *Traditions of Respect: Britain and Islamic Cultures*, The British Council, London, UK *Salon des Réalités Nouvelles*
- 1996 *EuropeArt*, International Art Fair, Geneva, Switzerland *Salon des Réalités Nouvelles*, Espace Branly, Paris, France
- 1995 *Salon Comparisons*, Espace Eiffel Branly, Paris, France
Salon du Dessin et de la Peinture m l’Eau, Espace Eiffel Branly, Paris, France
Recent Acquisitions, The British Museum, London, UK *Salon des Réalités Nouvelles*, Espace Branly, Paris, France
- 1994 *Salon d’Automne*, Thorigny-Sur-Marne, France
Salon des Réalités Nouvelles, Espace Branly, Paris, France 1993
Salon d’Automne, Grand Palais, Paris, France
- 1992 *Exposition Inaugurale*, Galerie du Chêne – Donald Vallotton, Lausanne, France *Salon d’Automne*, Grand Palais, Paris, France

- 1991 *Collecting 20th-Century Art*, The British Museum, London, UK 1990–91 Salon d'Automne, Grand Palais, Paris, France
- 1989 *Contemporary Artists & Calligraphy*, Egee Art, London, UK
- 1988 *Painting and Sculpture at the End of the 20th Century*, European Cultural Centre of Delphi, Greece
Galerie Faris, Paris, France
Galerie du Chateau, Noirmoutier-en-L'île, France
Selected Artists, Kufa Gallery, London, UK
- 1985 *Paysages*, Galerie Faris, Paris, France
- 1984 Salon des Réalités Nouvelles, Espace Eiffel Branly, Paris, France
- 1972–87 *Mac 2000*, Grand Palais, Paris, France Kufa Gallery, London, UK
Salon Comparaisons, Grand Palais, Paris, France Galerie Faris, Paris, France Galerie d'Art Contemporain, Paris, France
Paysages, Galerie Faris, Paris, France
Écritures du Temps Present, Centre d'Action Culturelle Pablo Neruda, Corbeil-Essones, France Salon des Réalités Nouvelles, Grand Palais, Paris, France
FIAC, Galerie Cyrus, Grand Palais, Paris, France
Petit Formats, Galerie Principe, Anne Merlet, Paris, France Salon d'Automne, Grand Palais, Paris, France
Les Dessins de l'Été, Galerie Principe, Anne Merlet, Paris, France Centre Culturel Valéry Larbaud, Vichy, France
Young Artists 1973, sponsored by the United Nations, New York, USA 1971
Centre d'Art de Beyrouth Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 1964 66th and 67th National Exhibition of the Washington Watercolour Association, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, USA
- 1962–64 15th and 16th Area Exhibitions, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington DC, USA

PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Written Art Foundation, Frankfurt, Germany The
Metropolitan Museum, New York, USA The British
Museum, London, UK
Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
Akkram Ojjeh Foundation, Paris, France BAI
Bank Collection, Paris, France
Tate, London, UK
Musée d'Art Moderne de Paris, France The
Courtauld Institute, London, UK