

**MOHAMED MELEHI**

Born in 1936, Asilah, Morocco.

Died in 2020, Paris, France.

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2025 *Bienal de São Paulo: Not All Travellers Walk Roads – Of Humanity as Practice*, Ciccillo Matarazzo Pavilion, São Paulo, Brazil
- 2021 *National Gallery of Fine Arts, The Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts* Amman, Jordan
- 2020 *New Waves: Mohamed Melehi and the Casablanca Art School*, Alserkal Art Foundation, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Arabian Moucharabieh*, Cromwell Place with Lawrie Shabibi, London, United Kingdom
- 2019 *New Waves: Mohamed Melehi and the Casablanca Art School*, Musée d'Art Contemporain Africain – Al-Maaden (MACAAL), Marrakech, Morocco
- Melehi, 60 ans de création, 60 ans d'innovation*, Espace Expressions CDG, Rabat, Morocco
- New Waves: Mohamed Melehi and the Casablanca Art School*, The Mosaic Rooms, London, United Kingdom
- 2017 *Mohamed Melehi: 1959-1971*, Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar
- 1997 Galerie Bab Rouah, Rabat, Morocco
- 1995 *Melehi*, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
- 1984 *Melehi, Recent Paintings*, Bronx Museum of the Arts, New York, United States of America
- 1971 Galerie L'Atelier, Rabat, Morocco
- 1968 Pecamins Gallery, Mexico, Mexico
- 1965 Galerie Bab Rouah, Rabat, Morocco
- 1962 Galleria Trastevere, Rome, Italy
- 1959 Galleria Trastevere, Rome, Italy

2021 *Contemporary African Art from the permanent collection of the Jordan, 1957*  
American Library, Tangiers, Morocco

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Form and Rhythm*, Sotheby's, Dubai, in collaboration with Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2024 *Stranieri Ovunque – Foreigners Everywhere*, 60th Biennale Arte, Venice, Italy  
*The Casablanca Art School: Platforms and Patterns for a Postcolonial Avant-Garde (1962–1987)*, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates  
*Arab Presences Modern Art and Decolonisation: Paris 1908-1988*, Musée d'Art Moderne de Paris, France
- 2023 *The Casablanca Art School*, Tate St. Ives, Cornwall, United Kingdom  
*Modern and Contemporary Art of the Arab World*, organised with the Ministry of Culture and Youth of the UAE, and the Barjeel Art Foundation, Christie's London, United Kingdom
- 2022 *The other story*, curated by Abdelkader Benali, Cobra Museum, Amstelveen, Netherlands  
*Taking Shape: Abstraction from the Arab World, 1950-1980s*, Herbert F. Johnson Museum, Cornell University, Ithaca, United States of America  
*Taking Shape: Abstraction from the Arab World, 1950-1980s*, Block Museum of Art of Northwestern University, Evanston, United States of America
- 2021 *Feeling the Stones: The First Diriyah Biennial*, Al-Diriyah, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
*Taking Shape: Abstraction from the Arab World, 1950-1980s*, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, United States of America]  
*Group Dynamics, Collectives of the Modernist Period*, Lenbachhaus, Munich, Germany  
*Memory Sews Together Events that hadn't Previously Met*, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 2020 *Taking Shape: Abstraction from the Arab World, 1950-1980s*, McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College, Boston, United States of America  
*Upsurge: Waves, Colour and Illusion*, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
*Les Peintres marocains dans les collections nationales*, de Ben Ali R'bati m nos jours, Musée Mohammed VI d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Rabat, Morocco
- 2018 *A Century in Flux, Highlights from the Barjeel Art Foundation*, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates  
*Op Art In Focus*, Tate Liverpool + Riba North, Liverpool, United Kingdom
- 2017 *E-Mois, Autobiographie d'une collection*, Musée d'Art Contemporain Africain – Al-Maaden(MACAAL), Marrakech, Morocco
- 2016 *The Sea Suspended*, Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran, Iran



- Postwar: Art between the Pacific and the Atlantic 1945-1965*, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
- 2015 *Le Maroc Contemporain*, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
- 2014 *Sky Over the East*, Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates  
*1914-2012: 100 ans de création*, Musée Mohammed VI d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Rabat, Morocco
- 2013 *Modernités Plurielles*, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France  
*Un Été pour Matisse*, Musée d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporain, Nice, France
- 2007 *Art Contemporain Arabe*, Palais de la culture Moufdi-Zakaria, Algiers, Algeria
- 1989 *Peintres Marocains*, Centre de Cultura Contemporànea Conde Duque, Madrid, Spain
- 1988 *Peinture Contemporaine au Maroc*, Musée des Beaux-Arts d'Ixelles, Brussels, Belgium
- 1987 The 19th São Paulo Biennial, São Paulo, Brazil
- 1985 *19 Peintres du Maroc*, Centre National d'Art Contemporain de Grenoble, Grenoble, France
- 1980 Art Contemporain du Maroc, Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona, Spain
- 1978 First International Cultural Moussem, Asilah, Morocco
- 1976 The 2nd Arab Biennial, Oudayas, Rabat, Morocco
- 1975 *Palestine*, Galerie Bab Rouah, Rabat, Morocco
- 1974 The 1st Arab Biennial, Baghdad, Iraq
- 1972 Festival Al-Wasiti, Baghdad, Iraq
- 1969 *Présence Plastique*, Place du 16 Novembre, Casablanca, Morocco  
*Présence Plastique*, Jemaa El-Fna, Marrakech, Morocco
- 1966 Festival International des Arts Nègres, Dakar, Senegal  
*Group exhibition with Farid Belkahia, Mohammed Chebaa*, Hall du Théâtre Mohammed V, Rabat, Morocco
- 1963 *Hard Edge and Geometric Painting and Sculpture in New York*, MoMa, New York, United States of America  
*Formalists: from Mondrian to Kelly*, National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C., United States of America
- 1963 *Rencontre Internationale des Artistes*, Musée des Oudayas, Rabat, Morocco
- 1961 The 2nd Biennale des Jeunes, Paris, France

1959 The 1st Biennale des Jeunes, Paris, France

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

2008 Order of Merit by HRH Mohammed VI

1989 Aga Khan Award for Architecture for the rehabilitation of Asilah overseen by Association Culturelle Al-Mouhit, Cairo

Affiliations and Memberships

1978 Association Culturelle Al-Mouhit

2008-2020 President of the Association Marocaine des Arts Plastiques

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## **COLLECTIONS**

Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France

Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar

Musée d'Art Contemporain Africain – Al-Maaden (MACAAL), Marrakech, Morocco

Musée Mohammed VI d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Rabat, Morocco

Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

The Ramzi and Saeda Dalloul Art Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon

British Museum, London, United Kingdom

The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, USA