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HAMRA ABBAS

Born 1976, Kuwait

Lives and works between Boston and Lahore

EDUCATION

2004

Meisterschueler, Universitaet der Kuenste, Berlin, Germany

2002

MA, Visual Arts, National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan

1999

BFA (Sculpture), National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2020

Every Colour is a Shade of Black, COMO Art Museum, Lahore

2019

Open Cube, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE

2019

Gardens in Which Rivers Flow: Plastic Flowers and Everyday Miracles, Art Dubai with Canvas Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2017

Colour, Canvas, Karachi, Pakistan

2016

Bodies, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE

2015

But Can You Show this in Pakistan?, PILOT, Istanbul, Turkey

2014

Kaaba Picture as a Misprint, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE

2013

Hamra Abbas: Wall Hanging, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

2012

City and the Everyday, PILOT, Istanbul, Turkey

Idols, Jhaveri Contemporary, Mumbai, India Idols, Canvas, Karachi, Pakistan

2011

Cities, Green Cardamom, London, UK

2010

Cityscapes, OUTLET, Istanbul, Turkey

2009

Video Art by Hamra Abbas, Babusch Project Space, Berlin, Germany

2008

Adventures of the Woman in Black, Green Cardamom, London, UK

New works by Hamra Abbas, NCA Gallery, Rawalpindi, Pakistan

God Grows on Trees, Schultz Contemporary, Berlin, Germany

Hamra Abbas, Zahoor-al-Akhlaq Gallery, NCA, Lahore, Pakistan

2006

Hamra Abbas, Dorothea Konwiarz Stiftung Galerie, Berlin, Germany

Lessons on Love, Rohtas 2, Lahore, Pakistan

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020

We Do Not Dream Alone, Asia Society Triennial, New York, NY, USA

Between the Sun and the Moon, Second Lahore Biennale (LB02), Lahore, Pakistan

2019

Gateway: Fragments, Yesterday and Today, Abu Dhabi Art Fair, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Second Karachi Biennale, Bagh Ibn e Qasim, Karachi, Pakistan

She Persists, Palazzo Benzon, Venice, Italy

MATERIALIZE, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE

2018

Art Dubai Contemporary, with Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE

Lahore Biennale, Pakistan

Global Control and Censorship, Galeria Arsenal, Bialystok, Poland

2017

Karachi Biennale, Karachi, Pakistan

Sanctuary, FOR-SITE Foundation, San Francisco, USA

Insights, Art Basel Hong Kong, with Lawrie Shabibi, Hong Kong

The Making of an Institution, NTU CCA, Singapore

2016

Text Edit, Manhattan Bridge Anchorage, Brooklyn, New York, USA

Accademia di Brera, Milan, Italy

do-it, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE

OUT OF PLACE, Curated by Belu-Simion Fainaru and Avital Bar-Shay,

Mediterranean Biennale, Sakhnin, Israel

2015

And Nothing but the Truth: Parrhesia II, KOEL Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan

Art Dubai Contemporary, with Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE

Istanbul. Passion, Joy, Fury, MAXXI, Rome, Italy

Globale: Global Control And Censorship, ZKM | Zentrum für Kunst und Medien, Karlsruhe, Germany

ALL ABOUT THESE... LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, Gallery on the move, Cologne, Germany

What is Home? Pump House Gallery, London, UK

The Body And Other Small Tales, Thessaloniki Centre of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece

2014

Whorled Explorations, Kochi-Muziris Biennale, Kochi Island, India

UNTITLED Art Fair, with Lawrie Shabibi and Copperfield gallery, Miami Beach, Florida, USA

Abu Dhabi Art, with Lawrie Shabibi, Abu Dhabi, UAE

The Shade of the Moon, Changwon Sculpture Biennale, Changwon, South Korea

The Importance of Staying Quiet, Yallay Gallery, Hong Kong

Censorship, The 7th Move on Asia, Alternative Space Loop, Seoul, South Korea

ALL ABOUT THESE... LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, Soma Mexico DF, Mexico City, Mexico

LIEBE / LOVE, Wilhelm-Hack-Museum, Ludwigshafen am Rhein, Germany

2013

The 2013 DeCordova Biennial, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA

Signs Taken in Wonder, Kunstverein Hannover, Hannover

ECHOES: Islamic Art and Contemporary Artists, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas, USA

Signs Taken in Wonder: Searching for Contemporary Istanbul, MAK, Vienna Austria

2012

The Collectors Show: Chimera, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore

2011

Medi(t)ation – 2011 Asian Art Biennial, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taichung, Taiwan

Home Spun, Devi Art Foundation, Gurgaon, India

Everyday Miracles (Extended), Walter and McBean Galleries, SFAI, San Francisco California, USA

Sympathy for the Devil, Vanhaerents Art Collection, Brussels, Belgium

The Power of Doubt, PhotoEspagna 2011, Museo Colecciones ICO, Madrid, Spain | Guangdong Times Museum, Guangzhou, China

2010

The Rising Tide: New Directions in Art from Pakistan 1990-2010, Mohatta Palace Museum, Karachi, Pakistan

UNERWARTET/UNEXPECTED, Kunst Museum Bochum, Germany

ResembleReassemble, Devi Art Foundation, Gurgaon, India

Beyond the Page: The Miniature as Attitude in Contemporary Art from Pakistan, Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, California, USA

2009

Aluminium, 4th International Biennial of Contemporary Art, Baku, Azerbaijan

2nd International Incheon Women Artists' Biennale, Incheon, South Korea

Everyday Miracles (Extended), Walter and McBean Galleries, SFAI, San Francisco, California, USA

Everyday Miracles (Extended), REDCAT, Los Angeles, California, USA

Hanging Fire, Asia Society Museum, New York, New York, USA

Read, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada

Mashq, Green Cardamom, London, UK

Jameel Prize, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK

International Artists' Workshop, PRAXIS: Art in Times of Uncertainty, 2nd Thessaloniki Biennale, Greece

Anomalies, Rossi & Rossi, London, UK

Starring the Artist, Indus Valley School Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan

Provisions for the Future, 9th Sharjah Biennale, Sharjah, UAE

2008

Recently Seen and Admired, Galerie Kunstagenten, Berlin, Germany

The Audience and the Eavesdropper: New Art From India and Pakistan, Phillips de Pury & Company, London, UK

Drawn From Life, Green Cardamom, London, UK

Buffaloes in Combat, Scotiabank Nuit Blanche, Toronto, Canada

Farewell to Post-Colonialism, 3rd Guangzhou Triennial, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China

Crossroads, Elementa Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

In-Situ, Shake Before Use, ARTIUM de Alava, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

2007

Not Only Possible But Also Necessary-Optimism In The Age Of Global War, 10th International Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul, Turkey

Urban Myths and Modern Fables, UTS Gallery, Sydney, Australia

Inaugural show, National Art Gallery, Islamabad, Pakistan

Contemporary Art from Pakistan, Thomas Erben, New York, New York, USA

Politics of Fear, Albion Gallery, London, UK

2006

Zones of Contact, 15th Biennale of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

Beyond the Page, Asia House, London and Manchester Art Gallery, UK

Open day, Vasl International Artists Workshop, Gadani, Pakistan

2005

Zeitsprünge Raumfolgen, ifa Galerie, Berlin, Stuttgart, Germany

Full House, Künstlerdorf Schöppingen, Schöppingen, Germany

Meisterschueler Prize Winners of UdK, Galerie Michael Schultz, Berlin, Germany

KOVIDEO, 1st Durban Video Festival, Mumbai, India

Beyond Borders, Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai, India

2004

Meisterschueler Prize Exhibition, Universitaet der Kuenste (UdK) Berlin, Berlin, Germany

Aarpaar 3, Lahore and Karachi, Pakistan, Mumbai, India

Miniature from Pakistan, Fukuoka Museum of Asian Art, Fukuoka, Japan

Open Studios, Triangle Artists' Workshop, Brooklyn, New York, USA

8th Symposium Junge Kunst, Guetersloh, Germany

FreiRäume, A Project by FreiStil e.V., Berlin, Germany

Love It or Leave It, 5th Cetinje Biennial, Cetinje, Montenegro Creative Insecurity, Harbourfront

Centre, Toronto, Canada Meisterschueler Exhibition, Universitaet der Kuenste (UdK) Berlin, Germany

Along the X-Axis: Digital Art From India and Pakistan, New Delhi, India

Playing with a Loaded Gun, Kunsthalle Fridericianum, Kassel, Germany

2003

Junger Westen 2003, Kunsthalle Rechlinghausen, Rechlinghausen, Germany

RESIDENCIES AND AWARDS

2019

Artist in Residence, Civitella Ranieri Foundation, Umbertide, Italy

2016

Artist-in-Residence, The Marble House Project, Dorset, Vermont, USA

2015

Nanyang Technological University CCA Singapore Residencies: Insights, Nanyang, Singapore

2011

Abraaj Capital Art Prize Winner, Dubai, UAE

2010

Triangle Artist Residency, Brooklyn, New York, USA

2009

Jury Prize, Sharjah Biennial 9, Sharjah, UAE

Shortlisted for the Jameel Prize, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK

2006

Residencies at Gasworks, Victoria & Albert Museum and Green Cardamom, London, UK

2005

Scholarship, Dorothea Konwiarz Stiftung, Berlin, Germany

Residence scholarship, Kuenstlerdorf Schoeppingen, Schoeppingen, Germany

2004

Meisterschueler Prize, Universitaet der Kuenste (UdK) Berlin, Germany Triangle Artists' Workshop, Brooklyn, New York, USA

8th Symposium Junge Kunst, Guetersloh, Germany

2003

Fellowship Award, artist-in-residence, Vermont Studio Center, Vermont, USA

DAAD Scholarship, Germany

COLLECTIONS

British Museum, London, UK

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas, USA

21 C Museum, Louisville, Kentucky, USA

Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, USA

USA Art In Embassies Collection, USA

Burger Collection, Hong Kong

Koç Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey

Borusan Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey

Kadist Collection, Paris, France

Vanhaerents Art Collection, Brussels, Belgium

Devi Art Foundation, Guragon, India

Kiran Nader Museum of Art, New Delhi, India

King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture (Ithra), Saudi Arabia

Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, UAE