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Born 1976, Kuwait
Lives and works in Lahore, Pakistan

EDUCATION

- 2004 Meisterschüler, 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

- 2023 Frieze Seoul 2023, Seoul, South Korea
- 2022 *COLOR / GARDEN*, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE
- 2020 *Every Colour is a Shade of Black*, COMO Art Museum, Lahore
- 2019 *Open Cube*, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE
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

- 2023 *Brand New Ancients*, Misk Art Institute, Riyadh, KSA
STILL, LIFE! MOURNING, MEANING, MENDING, 21c Museum Hotel in Bentonville, Arkansas, USA
- 2022 *Art Mill Museum 2030*, Al Najada Heritage House #15, Doha, Qatar.
 Public Art Programme, EXPO 2020, Dubai, UAE
- 2021 *Precaution*, ARTER, Istanbul, Turkey
Tonight No Poetry Will Serve, Barefoot Gallery, Colombo
- 2020 *We Do Not Dream Alone*, Asia Society Triennial, New York, NY, USA
Miniature 2.0, Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turkey
Gateway: Fragments, Yesterday and Today, Abu Dhabi Art Fair, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2019 2nd Karachi Biennale, Bagh Ibn e Qasim, Karachi, Pakistan
She Persists, Palazzo Benzon, Venice, Italy
MATERIALIZE, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE
 Art Dubai Contemporary, with Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE
- 2018 1st Lahore Biennale, Pakistan
Global Control and Censorship, Galeria Arsenal, Bialystok, Poland
 Witness, 1st Karachi Biennale, Karachi, Pakistan
Sanctuary, FOR-SITE Foundation, San Francisco, USA
- 2017 *Insights*, Art Basel Hong Kong, with Lawrie Shabibi, Hong Kong
The Making of an Institution, NTU CCA, Singapore
Text Edit, Manhattan Bridge Anchorage, Brooklyn, New York, USA
- 2016 Accademia di Brera, Milan, Italy
do-it, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
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
- 2015 *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
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
- 2014 *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
 The 2013 DeCordova Biennial, DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, USA
- 2013 *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, PhotoEspana 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, Cuetersloh, 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

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Art Jameel Collection, Dubai, UAE
 Borusan Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey
 British Museum, London, UK
 Burger Collection, Hong Kong
 Cincinnati Art Museum, Ohio, USA
 Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, UAE
 Devi Art Foundation, Gurugram, India
 Dubai Collection, Dubai, UAE
 EXPO 2020, Dubai, UAE
 Farjam Collection, Dubai, UAE
 Kadist Collection, Paris, France
 King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture (Ithra), Saudi Arabia
 Kiran Nader Museum of Art, New Delhi, India
 Koç Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey
 21c Museum Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, USA
 Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas, USA
 Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, USA
 Qatar Museums, Qatar
 Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada
 USA Art In Embassies Collection, USA
 Vanhaerents Art Collection, Brussels, Belgium
 Zayed National Museum, UAE

AWARDS

- 2021 Asia Arts Future, Asia Arts Game Changer Awards India
- 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
2006	Residencies at Gasworks, Victoria & Albert Museum and Green Cardamom, London, UK
	Scholarship, Dorothea Konwiarz Stiftung, Berlin, Germany
2005	Residence scholarship, Kuenstlerdorf Schoeppingen, Schoeppingen, Germany
	Meisterschüler Prize, Universität der Künste (UdK) Berlin, Germany
2004	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