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HAMRA ABBAS

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

2024	Canvas Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan Pilot Galerie, Istanbul, Turkey
2023	Frieze Seoul 2023, Seoul, South Korea
2023	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 <i>Lessons on Love</i> , Rohtas 2, Lahore, Pakistan

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024	The Lahore Biennale, Lahore, Pakistan MANZAR: Art and Architecture from Pakistan 1940s to Today, National Museum of Qatar, Museum Park Street, Doha, Qatar
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.
2021	Public Art Programme, EXPO 2020, Dubai, UAE 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
2019	Gateway: Fragments, Yesterday and Today, Abu Dhabi Art Fair, Abu Dhabi, UAE 2nd Karachi Biennale, Bagh Ibn e Qasim, Karachi, Pakistan She Persists, Palazzo Benzon, Venice, Italy
2018	Art Dubai Contemporary, with Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE 1st Lahore Biennale, Pakistan <i>Global Control and Censorship</i> , Galeria Arsenal, Bialystok, Poland
2017	Witness, 1st 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

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 2013 The 2013 DeCordova Biennial, DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, USA Signs Taken in Wonder, Kunstverein Hannover, Hannover ECHOES: Islamic Art and Contemporary Artists, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas, USA 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 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

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

2015

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

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

Open day, Vasl International Artists Workshop, Gadani, Pakistan

Zeitsprünge Raumfolgen, ifa Galerie, Berlin, Stuttgart, Germany Full House, Künstlerdorf Schöppingen, Schöppingen, Germany

KOVIDEO, 1st Durban Video Festival, Mumbai, India

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

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

2006

2005

Germany

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

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Art Jameel Collection, Dubai, UAE

Borusan Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey

British Museum, London, UK

Burger Collection, Hong Kong

Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, UAE

Devi Art Foundation, Guragon, 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
2005	Scholarship, Dorothea Konwiarz Stiftung, Berlin, Germany Residence scholarship, Kuenstlerdorf Schoeppingen, Schoeppingen, Germany
2004	Meisterschüler Prize, Universität der Künste (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