

JANET RADY FINE ART

Focusing on the Middle East

AKIL

Born 1988, Syria

A dedicated artist, Akil was born in 1988 in Syria. He graduated from the Faculty of Fine arts in Aleppo and currently lives in Beirut, Lebanon. His passion for Arabic calligraphy began at a young age and to date he has held two solo exhibitions in Beirut: "Maqamat" and "Fi Hadrat Al-Harf" at Dar El-Nimer for Arts and Culture.

He has participated in several other exhibitions worldwide and his artworks can be found in private collections in Syria, Lebanon, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, USA, Austria and Ireland.

Akil's art works are based on Arabic musical 'Maqams', which mean place or position, and converts them from their audio pattern to an optical pattern. He explains, "When I hear a voice inside me, I try to hold all these moments of ecstasy and invert them into a letter, a word, an optical language." Akil searches for an optical modern language for the letter. He is also interested in researching ink compositions and natural paper manufacturing.

In Dubai 2015, he was awarded the Al-Burda Prize, and participated in Sharjah Biennial 2016 "Noqta" in addition to Bahrain Art 2015 and most recently Beirut Art Fair 2017.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 "The Forty Maqamat of Love, Dar al Funoon Gallery, Kuwait
- 2017 "في حضرة الحرف" " In the Presence of the Letter", Interactive exhibition, Dar El-Nimer for Arts, Beirut, Lebanon
- "Maqamat", Souk Al Thhab Gallery, Solidaire, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2015 City Theatre, Nuha al-Radi Hall, Beirut, Lebanon

Group Exhibitions

2018 Sharjah Calligraphy Biennial, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Beirut Art Fair, Beirut, Lebanon
Gallery opening event, Belvedere Art Space, Beirut, Lebanon

2017 Beirut Art Fair, Beirut, Lebanon
Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon

2016 Sharjah Calligraphy Biennial, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

2015 Art Bahrain Fair, Bahrain
Art Space Hamra Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon

2014 Sharjah Calligraphy Biennial, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Beirut Art Fair, Artheum Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
Artistique Gallery Doha, Qatar

2010 Annual Exhibition, Damascus, Syria

2009 Annual Exhibition, Damascus, Syria

2008 Annual Exhibition, Damascus, Syria

Participated in several exhibitions in Aleppo University and the Arab Heritage Institute.

Awards and Prizes

First place in the 15th year of the annual Global Burda award, 2018

Fifth prize award winner in Global Burda Award, 13th round, Dubai, 2016