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Born 1976, Kuwait
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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, *Focus Asia* with Lawrie Shabibi, 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

- 2024 *Upcoming: Diriyah Contemporary Art Biennale, JAX District in Diriyah, KSA*
- 2023 *Highlights*, Ithra Museum, King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture, Dhahran, KSA
- Beyond the Page: South Asian Miniature Painting and Britain, 1600 to Now*, MK Gallery, Milton Keynes, UK
- 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
- MATERIALIZE*, Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE

- 2018 Art Dubai Contemporary, with Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE
1st Lahore Biennale, Lahore, Pakistan
Global Control and Censorship, 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
- 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, USA
Signs Taken in Wonder, Kunstverein Hanover, Hanover, Germany
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*, PhotoEspaña 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, 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 ARTWORKS

2024 *Every Color is a Shade of Black (2023)*, commissioned by Alserkal Avenue, Dubai, UAE

2021 *Garden (2021)*, large-scale floor sculpture, commissioned by Expo 2020 Dubai Public Art Programme, Dubai, UAE

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, 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), KSA
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