

THAIER HELAL (SYRIA, B. 1967)

Education

1991 Graduate of Fine Arts, University of Damascus, Damascus, Syria

Professional Experience

2005-15 **Full-time Professor and Lecturer**, College of Fine Arts and Design - University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE

2010 **Jury Member**, Asian Art Biennale, Dhaka, Bangladesh

2007 **Jury Member**, Exhibition of Omani Artists, Muscat, Oman

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2024 Navigating Through Nothing, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE

2018 Beneath the Rubble, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE

2017 Landmarks II, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE

2015 Landmarks, Ayyam Gallery, London, UK

2014-15 Landmarks, Ayyam Gallery, DIFC, Dubai, UAE

2012 In Army We Trust, Ayyam Gallery, DIFC, Dubai, UAE

2011 Thaiier Helal, Ayyam Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

2010 Liberated Spatiality, Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon; Ayyam Gallery, Damascus, Syria

2007 Atassi Gallery, Damascus, Syria

2005 Maraya Art Gallery, Sharjah, UAE

2003 Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2002 Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE

2000 Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE

Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 AD Art of Living, Al Jubail Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2023 *Nostalgia*, 2023 CFAD faculty and alumni show, Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2022 *In the Footsteps of Cai Lun II, Selected Works on Paper*, Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2018 *you + topia*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
- 2017 *Sanctuary*, For-Site Foundation, San Francisco, USA
- Our Night is Long*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
- Painting Across Generations*, Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2015 *Light as Form*, Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2011 *Selections from the Samawi Collection*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
- 2010 *Beirut Summer Show*, Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- Shabab Uprising*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
- International Art & Science Festival, The University of Patras, Patras, Greece
- 2009 International Art & Science Festival, The University of Patras, Patras, Greece
- Alexandria Biennale, Cairo, Egypt
- Shabab Uprising*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
- 2008 International Symposium of Painting, Patras, Greece
- Contemporary Syria*, Ayyam Gallery, Damascus, Syria; Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2007 *Imagining the Book*, Alexandria International Biennale, Alexandria, Egypt
- People and Culture*, Inter-Art International Art Camp, Aiud, Romania
- 2006 **Two-Person Exhibition**, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- International Symposium of Contemporary Art, Carei, Romania
- 2005 Sultan Bin Ali Al Owais Cultural Foundation, Dubai, UAE
- Festival of Mediterranean People, Bisceglie, Italy

- 2005 *Imagining the Book*, Alexandrina International Biennale, Alexandria, Egypt
 Biennial of Contemporary Painting, Tehran, Iran
 Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE
- 2003 Exhibition of Syrian Artists, Ministry of Culture, Damascus, Syria
- 2002 Asian Art Biennale, Dhaka, Bangladesh
 French and Francophone Group Show, Dubai, UAE; Abu Dhabi, UAE; Beirut, Lebanon
- 2001 Exhibition of Syrian Artists, Ministry of Culture, Damascus, Syria
 13th Youth Salon, Palace of Arts, Cairo, Egypt
 Romanian Institute of Culture and Humanistic Research, Venice, Italy
- 2000 Arab Cultural Centre, Brussels, Belgium
- 1999 Galerie Bortier, Brussels, Belgium
 Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
- 1998-02 Majlis Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 1997 Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
 Department of Culture and Information – The Art Area, Sharjah, UAE Asian Art Biennale, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 1996 Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE
- 1995 Asian Art Biennale, Dhaka, Bangladesh
 Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
 Portrait Exhibition, Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
 Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE
- 1994 Dubai International Art Centre, Dubai, UAE
 Spring Exhibition, Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Awards

- 2008 **Al Burda International Award**, Ministry of Culture, Dubai, UAE

- 2005 **Grand Golden Award**, Biennial of Contemporary Painting, Tehran, Iran
- Judge Award**, Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE
- 1997 **Painting Award**, Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah, UAE
- 1996 **Distinguished Works Award**, Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE
- 1995 **Painting Award**, Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE
- Award**, Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Residencies and Workshops

- 2017 **Workshop**, *The Art of Upcycling*, Alserkal Avenue, Dubai, UAE
- 2010 **Residency and Workshop**, International Art & Science Festival, The University of Patras, Patras, Greece
- 2006 **Residency and Workshop**, International Symposium of Contemporary Art, Carei, Romania
- 2005 **Workshop**, *Imagining the Book*, Alexandrina International Biennale, Alexandria, Egypt
- 2002 **Workshop - Contemporary Art of Asia, Africa and Pacific**, Rajendrapour, Bangladesh
- 2001 **Workshop**, Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
- 2000 **Workshop - Contemporary Art of Asia, Africa and Pacific**, Rajendrapour, Bangladesh

Collections

- Ministry of Culture, Amman, Jordan
- Ministry of Culture, Damascus, Syria
- Ministry of Culture, Youth & Community, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- The Samawi Collection, Dubai, UAE
- Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Collection, Dubai, UAE

Presentations

2024 **Artist Talk**, *Kashidah Event*, 2024

2014 *Thaier Helal*, Edited by Maymanah Farhat, Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE

Memberships

1997 **Senior Member**, Sharjah Arts Institute – Department of Culture and Information, Sharjah, UAE