

# ABDULNASSER GHAREM

Born in 1973 in Khamis Mushait, Saudi Arabia  
Lives and works in Khamis Mushait, Saudi Arabia

## EDUCATION

2003 Al-Meftaha Arts Village, Abha, Saudi Arabia

## COLLECTIONS

The British Museum, London, UK  
V&A Museum, London, UK  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA  
Palazzo Grassi, Venice, Italy  
Greenbox Museum, Amsterdam, Holland  
The Saudi Arabian Ministry of Culture & Information, Saudi Arabia  
BASMCCA: Basma Al Sulaiman Museum of Contemporary Art, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
The Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE  
Nadour Collection, Germany  
The Jameel Foundation  
The Farook Collection  
The Farjam Collection  
Kamel Lazaar Foundation

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022 *Hospitable Thoughts*, Marc Straus Gallery, 299 Grand Street, New York City, NY  
2020 *Smart Obedience Kluger Gehorsam*, Galerie Nagel Draxler, Berlin, Germany  
2019 *The Safe*, Art UNLIMITED, Art Basel, Basel, Switzerland  
2018 *Subversive Forms of Social Sculpture*, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE  
2017 *Abdulnasser Gharem: Pause*, LACMA, Los Angeles, USA  
2014 *The Awakening*, Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
2013 *Edge of Arabia*, Ayyam Gallery, London, UK  
*Abdulnasser Gharem*, Side by Side Gallery, Berlin, Germany  
2010 *Restored Behaviour*, XVA Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
2006 *The Path*, King Fahd Art Village, Abha, Saudi Arabia  
2004 *The White Tongue Who Speaks Slowly*, King Fahad Art Village, Abha, Saudi Arabia  
2004 *Who Keeps Watching the Sun (Sunflower field)*, Death Mattered – Attileh, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
2003 *Mute*, Attileh, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
2003 *UN Inspector*, Attileh, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Glasstress Boca Raton*, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL  
2017 *Desert to Delta: Contemporary Art in Memphis*, Art Museum of the University of Memphis, TN  
*Memories of a Journey Hajj – Exhibition*, Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
*Cities of Conviction: Contemporary Saudi Art in Salt Lake City*, Utah Museum of

- Contemporary Art, Salt Lake City, UT  
*Epicenter X: Contemporary Saudi Art in Detroit*, Arab American National Museum, Dearborn, MI  
*Glasstress*, Palazzo Franchetti, Venice, Italy
- 2016 *Phantom Punch: Contemporary Saudi Art in Lewiston*, Bates College Museum of Art, ME  
*Gener#tion Minnesota Street Project*, San Francisco, CA  
*Gonzo Arabia: Contemporary Saudi Art in Aspen Boogie's Retail*, Aspen, CO  
*Parallel Kingdom*, Station Museum, Houston, TX  
*Illumination*, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark
- 2015 *Ricochet* - Asia House Gallery, London, UK  
*Saudi Art Contemporary*, Chalet Saqqarah, Gstaad, Switzerland
- 2014 *View from Inside: Contemporary Arab Photography FotoFest*, Houston, TX  
*Word and Illumination*, Madinah, Saudi Arabia  
*Arab Contemporary*, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark
- 2012 *Light from the Middle East: New Photography*, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK  
*25 Years of Arab Creativity*, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France  
*#COMETOGETHER*, Edge of Arabia London, UK  
*Voice of Images*, Palazzo Grassi, Venice, Italy  
*Edge of Arabia: Contemporary Art From Saudi Arabia*, Galerie Krinzinger, Seilerstatte, Vienna, Austria  
*Arab Express: The Latest Art From the Arab World*, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan  
*Porta dell'Oriente*, Roma Contemporary, Italy  
*Bending History*, Katara Galleries, Doha Qatar  
*Hajj, Journey to the Heart of Islam* – British Museum, London  
*WE NEED TO TALK*, Edge of Arabia, Al Furusia Marina, Jeddah  
*Contemporary Istanbul*, Turkey
- 2011 *Political Patterns*, ifa-Galerie, Berlin, Germany  
*The Future of a Promise: Contemporary Art from the Arab World*, Magazzini del Sale, 54th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy  
*The Bravery of Being Out of Range*, Athr Gallery, Jeddah  
*The New Middle East*, Willem Baars Projects, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*Edge of Arabia Dubai: TERMINAL*, Building 9, Gate Village, Dubai, UAE  
*International Financial Centre*, Dubai, UAE  
*Uppers & Downers*, Traffic, Dubai, UAE  
*Nujoom: Constellations of Arab Art from The Farjam Collection*, The Farjam Collection @ DIFC, Dubai, UAE  
*I Don't Need Your Money Honey All I Need is Love*, Traffic, Dubai, UAE
- 2010 *Edge of Arabia Istanbul: TRANSITION*, Sanat Limani, Antrepo 5, Istanbul, Turkey  
*Opening the Doors: Collecting Middle Eastern Art*, Abu Dhabi Art, UAE  
*CAVE: Contemporary Arab Video Encounter*, Maraya Arts Centre, Sharjah, UAE  
*Emerging Asian Artists*, Gwangju Biennale, South Korea  
*Edge of Arabia Berlin: Grey Borders/Grey Frontiers*, Soho House, Berlin, Germany  
*Fuck Ups, Fables and Fiascos*, Galerie Caprice Horn, Berlin, Germany  
*Edge of Arabia World Tour Launch*, Global Competitiveness Forum, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 2009 *Taswir: Pictorial Mappings of Islam and Modernity*, Martin Gropius-Bau, Berlin, Germany  
*The 28th Annual Exhibition*, Gulf Fine Arts Society, Sharjah, UAE  
*Edge of Arabia Venice*, Palazzo Polignac, 53rd Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
- 2008 *Edge of Arabia London: Contemporary Art from Saudi Arabia*, SOAS Brunei Gallery, University of London
- 2007 *Still Life: Art, Ecology and the Politics of Change*, Sharjah, UAE

2006 Son of Aseer, Al-Meftaha Arts Village, Abha, Saudi Arabia  
2004 *Shattah*, Atelier Gallery, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

#### SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Hemming, Henry. Abdunasser Gharem: Art of Survival (London: Booth-Clibborn, 2011) ISBN 1861543247
- Jameel, Porter, King, Stapleton, Al-Turki. Edge of Arabia: Contemporary Art from Saudi Arabia (London: Booth Clibborn, 2012) ISBN 1861543239
- Porter, Venetia. Hajj, journey to the heart of Islam (London: Harvard University Press, 2012) ISBN 0674062183
- Lazaar, Lina and Downey, Anthony. The Future of a Promise (London: Ibraaz, 2011) ISBN 9780956914606