

## **SABA QIZILBASH (b. 1977, Lahore, Pakistan)**

Lives and works in Dubai, currently at Oxford University.

### **EDUCATION**

- 2022 Ruskin School of Drawing, Oxford University, MFA, Oxford, UK
- 2004 Rhode Island School of Design, M.A. Art Education, with Honors, Providence, RI
- 2000 National College of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Painting, with Distinction, Lahore, Pakistan

### **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITONS**

- 2021 *Grey Area*, 1x1 Gallery, Al Serkal Avenue, Dubai UAE
- 2020 *Phantom Limbs*, 1x1 Gallery, Al Serkal Avenue, Dubai UAE
- 2017 *By Land – New Drawings*, Koel Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
- 2013 *The Empress' New Clothes*, Cuadro Fine Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2011 *Not For The Faint of Heart*, ArtChowk, Karachi, Pakistan
- 2008 *Inside Insight*, Rohtas II Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan
- 2002 *Correct 20*, Rohtas II Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITONS**

- 2022 *Wamda*, Al Serkal Avenue, Dubai, UAE
- 2021 *Love, Labour, Leisure*, Goethe Institut, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Delhi Contemporary Art Fair, Gallery Exhibit 320, New Delhi, India  
Art Dubai, Aicon Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2020 *Tapestry of Fading Gardens*, 1x1 Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
Art Dubai, Aicon Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2019 *Microcosm 3 – Girl Power*, AAN Gandhara Art Space, Karachi, Pakistan  
*Intricacies*, Aicon Gallery, New York  
Shaikha Salama Foundation for the Arts Fellowship Open Studios, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Art Dubai, Aicon Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
*Crossings and Corridors*, Two person exhibition, NYU AD – Project Space, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2018 *Pale Sentinels*, Aicon Gallery, New York  
Summer Show, 1x1 Gallery, Al Serkal Avenue, Dubai, UAE  
*Art for Education*, Contemporary Artists from Pakistan, Italian Friends of the Citizens Foundation, Museo Diocesano Carlo Maria Martini, Milan, Italy  
*Ishara: Signs, Symbols and Shared Languages*, Commissioned by UAE UNLIMITED, Concrete, Dubai, UAE

2017	Sovereign Art Prize Gala Show, Hong Kong
2016	<i>Universal Post</i> , Art Dubai, Dubai, UAE
2015	<i>Radio Project</i> , Art Dubai, Dubai, UAE
2014	<i>Identity</i> , Women Caucus for Art, New York
2013	Sikka Art Fair 2013, Al Fahidi, Dubai, UAE
2012	<i>Piece of Land</i> , Rohtas II, Lahore, Pakistan <i>Mawtini (Home)</i> , Tashkeel Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2010	Summer Show, XVA, Dubai, UAE <i>Jadeed</i> , Bastakiya Art Fair, Dubai, UAE
2009	<i>Once Upon a Sting</i> , Jam Jar Gallery, Dubai, UAE <i>That Fleeting Moment</i> , DUCTAC Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2008	South Asian Woman Art Exhibition, South Asian Foundation, Srinagar, India <i>How I Bought Myself a Diamond</i> , American University in Dubai, Dubai, UAE Creek Contemporary Art Fair, Bastakiya, Dubai, UAE
2007	<i>Al Quolliya</i> , Meem Gallery, Dubai, UAE Summer Collection, XVA Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2004	<i>Combined Talents</i> (Juried show), FSU Museum of Fine Arts, Florida
2003	<i>ArtWallah</i> (Juried show), South Asian Diasporic Art show, Los Angeles, CA <i>Seamlessness</i> , Momentum Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2002	<i>Studio in the Museum</i> , process exhibition, RISD Museum, Providence, RI <i>Installation as Drawing</i> , Pawtucket, RI Artist Association of Punjab, Al Hamra Art Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan
2001	<i>Resonance and Rebirth: Woman Experience</i> , Francis Mill Gallery, San Francisco, CA <i>Post-Post Card Show</i> , Southern Exposure, San Francisco, CA <i>Open Studios</i> , Sitka Center of Art and Ecology, Oregon
2000	<i>Paintings from Across the Street</i> , The Crow Eaters, Lahore, Pakistan <i>Welcoming the Millennium</i> , National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan

## AWARDS

2022	South Asia Artist of the Year, UC Berkely
2021	Shortlisted for Skeikha Salama Foundation for the Arts Scholarship
2020	Vogue HK Woman Artist of the Year award
2020	Finalist for Sovereign Asian Art Prize, Hong Kong
2020	Art Jameel Research Grant
2018-19	Recipient of the Campus Art Dubai Grant, in partnership with Art Jameel
2018	Finalist for Sovereign Asian Art Prize, Hong Kong

2017	Finalist for Sovereign Asian Art Prize, Hong Kong
2015-16	Selected for Campus Art Dubai 4.0 – 6-month course for artists (Art Dubai initiative)
2014-15	Selected for Campus Art Dubai 3.0 – 6-month course for artists (Art Dubai initiative)
2014	Elected as RISD GULF ALUMNI CHAIR
2013	Shortlisted for International Emerging Artist Award, IEAA, Dubai
2003-2004	Honor Student, Rhode Island School of Design, RI
2003	Community Service Learning Grant, Rhode Island School of Design, RI
2002	Fellowship, Rhode Island School of Design, RI
2000-01	Artist-in-Residence, Sitka Center for Art and Ecology, Oregon
1999	Award of Distinction, Degree Show, National College of Arts, Pakistan
1996-1999	Academic Achievement scholarship, National College of Arts, Pakistan

## CONFERENCES

2014	Crossing the Line - Conference 1, American University in Dubai
2015	Crossing the Line - Conference 2, SACI Florence, Italy

## WORKSHOPS

2016	<i>Figure Drawing Masterclass</i> : 2 day workshop commissioned by Nadi Al Qouz, Al Serkal Avenue Dubai, UAE
2008	<i>At the End of the Rainbow</i> : Designed a photography workshop for manual labourers taught by Visual Communication Students of American University in Dubai, Commissioned by Art Dubai.
2006	<i>Colouring Outside the Lines</i> : Intercultural conflict management through collaborative art projects, New Delhi, India - Sponsored by KHOJ Workshops, New Delhi
2004	<i>Aik Defa Ka Zikr Hay (Once Upon a Time)</i> : Storybook making workshop for young carpet weavers. Sheikhpura, Pakistan, Commissioned by BUNYAD Foundation
2004	<i>Super Heroes of Palo Alto</i> . Identity and superhero capes, Palo Alto Art Center, CA, USA
2003	<i>East Meets West Dance Workshop</i> . A fusion dance workshop combining Pakistani dance with urban HipHop, CityArts, Providence, RI. USA. Funded by RISD's Community Service Grant
2002	<i>Free-Zone Art</i> : Artists work with Special Children. Ameen Maktab – The Pakistan Society for the Welfare of Special Children. Lahore, Pakistan  <i>Earth-Bound</i> , workshop on Site-Specific/Installation Art. Lahore Grammar School, Pakistan

## PUBLICATIONS & REVIEWS

Hashmi, S. (2015). *The Eye Still Seeks*. India: Penguin books

## REVIEWS

Abbasi N, "ArtNow Pakistan", April 2017.

Hello! Indo-Arabia. Nov 2015

Studio International, Jan 2015

Seaman A., "The National". August 2013

Malik S, The Express Tribune. March 2012

Srinivasan K, Masala Magazine. March 2011

Shamim A, "Pakistan Art" Review. 2011

Janahi S, The Gulf News. July 2010

Barrett N, Time out Dubai. June 2010

Lord C., "Time Out Dubai". October 2009

Fikri R., "Art Dubai Journal". Issue 5. July 2009

Sukhera L., "The Blue Chip". December 2008

Khanna R., "Kohl Magazine". Issue 5. August 2008

Rehman, L., "Herald". May 2008

Bhattacharya, R., "Art India". June 2006

Akhtar. A., "The News on Sunday". 15 March 2002

Hashmi, S., "Dawn". 20 September 2000

Mirza, Q., "The News on Sunday". 12 January 2000