

SABA QIZILBASH (b. 1977, Lahore, Pakistan)

Lives and works in Dubai, UAE and currently at Oxford University

EDUCATION

- 2022 MFA, Ruskin School of Drawing, Oxford University, Oxford, UK
- 2004 MA (Honors), Art Education, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island, USA
- 2000 BFA (Distinction), Painting, National College of Art, Lahore, Pakistan

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Contested Cartography - An Inquiry into Nuanced History*, Lahore University of Management and Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan
- 2022 *Paths of Desire*, Pembroke College, University of Oxford, UK
- 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 EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *No Place Like Home*, ArtHouse Jersey Capital House, Jersey, UK
- In the Thicket, Where the Birds Sing...*, 1x1 Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2022 *Wamda*, Al Serkal Avenue, Dubai, UAE
- Trinity Wharf Drawing Prize Exhibition*, various locations across the UK
- It's a Conversation - Degree Show*, Ruskin School of Art, Oxford, UK
- 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
- Mundane Future* curated by Fatma Shah, The Wrong Biennale, Lahore, Pakistan
- Imagined Archives* curated by Fatma Shah, 11 Temple Road, Lahore, Pakistan
- 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: Fragment and Meaning*, Aicon, New York, USA
- 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, New York, USA
 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 *Universal Post*, Art Dubai, Dubai, UAE
- 2015 *Radio Project*, Art Dubai, Dubai, UAE
- 2014 *Identity*, Women Caucus for Art, New York, USA
- 2013 Sikka Art Fair 2013, Al Fahidi, Dubai, UAE
- 2012 *Piece of Land*, Rohtas II, Lahore, Pakistan
Mawtini (Home), Tashkeel Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2010 Summer Show, XVA, Dubai, UAE
Jadeed, Bastakiya Art Fair, Dubai, UAE
- 2009 *Once Upon a Sting*, Jam Jar Gallery, Dubai, UAE
That Fleeting Moment, DUCTAC Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2008 South Asian Woman Art Exhibition, South Asian Foundation, Srinagar, India
How I Bought Myself a Diamond, American University in Dubai, Dubai, UAE
 Creek Contemporary Art Fair, Bastakiya, Dubai, UAE
- 2007 *Al Quolliya*, Meem Gallery, Dubai, UAE
 Summer Collection, XVA Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2004 *Combined Talents* (Juried show), FSU Museum of Fine Arts, Florida, USA
- 2003 *ArtWallah* (Juried show), South Asian Diasporic Art show, California, USA
Seamlessness, Momentum Gallery, California, USA
- 2002 *Studio in the Museum*, process exhibition, RISD Museum, Rhode Island, USA
Installation as Drawing, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, USA
 Artist Association of Punjab, Al Hamra Art Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan
- 2001 *Resonance and Rebirth: Woman Experience*, Francis Mill Gallery, California, USA
Post-Post Card Show, Southern Exposure, California, USA
Open Studios, Sitka Center of Art and Ecology, Oregon, USA
- 2000 *Paintings from Across the Street*, The Crow Eaters, Lahore, Pakistan
Welcoming the Millennium, National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Imee Marriott, “Repatriation and Reconnection: An Interview with Saba Qizilbash,” *ISIS*, 2023.
 “Crossing and Corridors” curated by Flounder Lee, *Islamic Arts Magazine*, 2019.

Beena Sarwar, “An India-Pakistan Art Exhibit,” *The News on Sunday*, 2018.

Salima Hashmi, *The Eye Still Seeks*, (India: Penguin Books), 2015.

SELECTED ARTIST TALKS, LECTURES & CONFERENCES

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

WORKSHOPS

- 2016 *Figure Drawing Masterclass*: 2 day workshop commissioned by Nadi Al Qouz, Al Serkal Avenue Dubai, UAE
- 2008 *At the End of the Rainbow*, commissioned by Art Dubai, designed a photography workshop for manual laborers taught by visual communication students of American University in Dubai, Dubai, UAE
- 2006 *Coloring Outside the Lines*, intercultural conflict management through collaborative art projects, Sponsored by KHOJ Workshops, New Delhi, India
- 2004 *Aik Defa Ka Zikr Hay (Once Upon a Time)*: storybook making workshop for young carpet weavers, commissioned by BUNYAD Foundation, Sheikhpura, Pakistan
- 2004 *Super Heroes of Palo Alto*, Identity and Superhero Capes, Palo Alto Art Center, California, USA
- 2003 *East Meets West Dance Workshop, A Fusion Dance Workshop Combining Pakistani Dance with Urban HipHop*, funded by RISD’s Community Service Grant, CityArts, Rhode Island, USA
- 2002 *Free-Zone Art*, Artists work with special children, Ameen Maktab, the Pakistan Society for the Welfare of Special Children, Lahore, Pakistan

Earth-Bound, workshop on site-Specific/installation Art, Lahore Grammar School, Lahore, Pakistan

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Nigaah Art Award – Outstanding Drawing Award
- 2022 South Asia Artist of the Year, UC Berkely, California, USA
Finalist Trinity Bouy Wharf Drawing Prize
Recipient of Mansfield-Ruddock Art Prize
Recipient of Emery Prize / Pembroke College, University of Oxford, UK
- 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 Guld Alumni Chair
- 2013 Shortlisted for International Emerging Artist Award, IEAA, Dubai, UAE
- 2003-04 Honor Student, Rhode Island School of Design, Rhode Island, USA
- 2003 Community Service Learning Grant, Rhode Island School of Design, Rhode Island, USA
- 2002 Fellowship, Rhode Island School of Design, Rhode Island, USA
- 2000-01 Artist-in-Residence, Sitka Center for Art and Ecology, Oregon, USA
- 1999 Award of Distinction, Degree Show, National College of Arts, Pakistan
- 1996-99 Academic Achievement scholarship, National College of Arts, Pakistan