

## SANAA MERCHANT

### BORN

- 1983 Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates  
Lives Sharjah and works in Sharjah & Dubai, UAE

### Education

- 2014 Adult Spring/Summer Education Program, Sharjah Art Foundation (SAF), Sharjah, UAE  
2013 SAF Young Artist Programme, Autumn 2013, Sharjah Art Foundation (SAF), Sharjah, UAE  
2006 Masters in International Business, University of Wollongong, UAE

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *Wall of Happiness*, Zee Arts Community, M Gallery, The Retreat Palm Dubai, UAE  
2017 *World Art Dubai, Ajala Project*, DWTC, Dubai, UAE  
2016 *World Art Dubai*, Freedom Art, DWTC, Dubai, UAE  
2016 *Emirates Boulevard*, Dubai Art Season 2016, Kobo Art, Emirates Towers, Dubai, UAE  
2015 *Arab Women Exhibition*, Patricia Christie Gallery, One & Only Royal Mirage, Dubai, UAE  
2015 *Artists for the Kids of Syria*, Art Auction by Fann A Porter Gallery, Grand Hyatt, Dubai, UAE  
2015 *Big Picture 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*, Street Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
2015 *Art Auction for SNF*, Grand Ballroom Le Meridien hotel, Dubai, UAE  
2015 *Deerfield's Art Exhibition*, Deerfield Mall, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
2015 *World Art Dubai*, DWTC, Dubai, UAE  
2015 *Noon Gallery*, Collage, Sharjah Ladies Club, Sharjah, UAE  
2014 *New Nomads*, Times Art Museum, Beijing, China  
2014 *Tawasul*, Emirates Fine Art Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah, UAE  
2014 *Art from the heart (silent auction to raise money for Syria)*, Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein Cultural & Islamic Centre, Dubai, UAE  
2014 *Eco Art*, Heritage House at Bastakiya, Dubai, UAE  
2014 *Art Beat*, DIFC Gate Village, Dubai, UAE  
2014 *Street Night Art*, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE  
2013 *Sheikha Manal Young Artist Award (shortlisted)*, Dubai Ladies Club, Dubai, UAE  
2013 *Maarij Al Huroof*, Sharjah Calligraphy Center, Sharjah, UAE  
2013 *Visions of Women*, Alliance Francaise, Dubai, UAE  
2013 *Middle East Community Art Project*, Clyde & Co, Dubai (catalogue)  
2013 *Islamic Art Splendour*, Ahmedia Art Gallery, Dubai  
2013 *Colors*, Saren Dip event, Address Hotel, Dubai Mall  
2013 *Arabian Touch*, Kambaa Lounge, Address Hotel, Dubai Marina  
2012 *Ramadan Night Market*, Dubai World Trade Center

- 2011 *Arabian Colors*, Kambaa Lounge, Address Hotel, Dubai Marina  
*Visions of The World*, Sharjah Arts Institute, Sharjah, UAE (catalogue)
- 2010 Print Sale, DUCTAC, Mall of Emirates, Dubai, UAE  
*Bastakia Art Fair organized by The Dubai Cultural Council*, Dubai, UAE
- 2009 *Tales*, Very Special Art Center, Sharjah, UAE (catalogue)
- 2007 Burjuman, Dubai, UAE  
 Ghazal Mall, Dubai, UAE
- 2006 *Students show*, University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
- 2005 Burjuman, Dubai, UAE  
*Summer Salon, Gallery 76, Dubai, UAE*  
*S. African Pavilion during DSF*, Global Village, Dubai, UAE
- 2004 *Graduation displays*, University of Wollongong, Dubai, UAE
- 2003 Mercato, Dubai, UAE  
*Students Exhibition, Sharjah Ladies Club, Sharjah, UAE*
- 2001 *Students Exhibition, Sharjah Ladies Club, Sharjah, UAE*
- 2000 *Untitled*, Dawn Gallery, Ajman Kempinski Hotel, Ajman, UAE

#### **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- 2017 *Touch & Go*, Time Out, Gulf Today, October 5
- 2004 *Talent of Week*, Campus Journal, June 2004
- 2006 Gulf News Tabloid, Summer Spending, June 2006

#### **ONLINE PUBLICATIONS & FEATURED WEBSITES**

- Works by Sanaa Merchant*, Works presented by Peter Gressman of Art Forum UAE, Since 2008,  
<http://www.artforumuae.de/artist-gallery/works-by-sanaa-mERCHANT/>
- Art Feature: Sanaa*, Design Gourmade by blogger Arni Nauleau, August 2012
- Looking up*, Brownbook Magazine, August 2012, <http://www.brownbook.me/looking-up/>
- Featured Artist*, Kobo Art, since 2012, <http://www.koboart.com/artists.html>
- Inside the studio of Sanaa Merchant*, Kobo Art, July 16, <http://www.koboart.com/inside-the-studio-of-sanaa-merchant/>
- Featured Artist*, Freedom Art, since 2015, <http://www.freedomart.com>

#### **EXHIBITIONS ORGANIZED**

- 2017 Noon Art Award, Huwiyyati Sharjah Ladies Club
- 2017 *Thoughts*, Artist Sanaa Al Jefout, Noon Art Gallery, Sharjah Ladies Club
- 2016 *Identity*, Student Exhibition at Collage Talent Center, Sharjah Ladies Club

## **COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

- 2016 Atelier Picasso, The Senses
- 2016 Dubai Art Symposium, Rashid Disabled Center

## **TEACHINGS**

- 2017 Workshop Instructor, Jam Jar, Al Quoz
- 2017 Workshop Instructor, Creativa, Business Bay
- 2017 Workshop Instructor, Ajala Project, Impact Hub Dubai (ongoing)
- 2015 Workshop Instructor, Collage Talent Center (SLC) (ongoing)
- 2013 Workshop Instructor, Maraya Art Center (Qanat Al Qasba) (ongoing)
- 2013 Part time workshops, Collage center, Sharjah Ladies Club (ongoing)

## **AFFILIATIONS**

- 2103 Member, Kobo Art: Online Art Gallery , Dubai, UAE.
- 2013 Member, Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE.
- 2000 Member, Dubai International Art Center, Dubai, UAE.

## **AWARDS**

- 2008 4<sup>th</sup> Prize winner "Spirit of Ramadan" contest, Dubai Culture & Arts Authority, August 2013

## **WORKSHOPS/CERTIFICATES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- 2017 Noon Art Award, Sharjah Ladies Club
- 2017 Irthi Seminar, 23-24 May in association with Craft Council UK at Sheraton Sharjah
- 2017 Durar Creative Initiative, 16-17 May, 1971 Design Space, UAE
- 2014 Adult Spring/Summer Education Program, Sharjah Art Foundation (SAF), Sharjah, UAE
- 2013 SAF Young Artist Programme, Autumn 2013, Sharjah Art Foundation (SAF), Sharjah, UAE
- 2013 Contemporary Art Appreciation Programme (CAAP), Sharjah Art Foundation (SAF), Sharjah, UAE
- 2013 Adult Summer Education Program, Sharjah Art Foundation (SAF), Sharjah, UAE
- 2012 Sharjah Calligraphy Institute
- 2011 Sharjah Art Institute
- 2013 Public Seminars, Campus Art Dubai, Dubai, UAE
- 2010 Certificate from Very Special Arts

## **COMMISSIONS & CLIENTS**

- Norton Rose, Dubai, UAE
- Kempinski Hotel, Bahrain
- Forsan Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Movenpick Hotel, Dubai, UAE

Marriot Al Forsan Hotel, UAE

Change Initiative, Dubai, UAE

Various regional Interior Designers in the Middle East