

HUDA LUTFI

**BORN**

1947 Born in Cairo, Egypt

Lives and works in Cairo

1983 Professor of Cultural History, The American University in Cairo (until 2012)

**EDUCATION**

1983 PhD in Arab Muslim Cultural History, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

**SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2025 *Unraveling*, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE

2021 *Healing Devices*, Dallas Museum of Art, Texas, USA

*Our Black Thread*, Gypsum Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

*The Shelf of Memories*, The Madonna dei Raccomandati, San Panfilo, Ocre, Italy

2019 *When Dreams Call for Silence*, The American University in Cairo and Tahrir Cultural Center, Cairo, Egypt

2018 *Still*, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE

2017 *Dawn Portraits*, Gypsum Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

2016 *Magnetic Bodies: Imaging the Urban*, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE

2015 *Magnetic Bodies*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

2014 *Traces*, The Art Centre, Cleveland, Ohio, US

*Cut and Paste*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

2011 *Zan'it al-Sittat*, Sultan Gallery, Subhan, Kuwait

*Huda Lutfi: Twenty Years of Art*, Tache Art, Cairo, Egypt

2010 *Making a Man out of Him*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

2008 *Zan'it al-Sittat*, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE

2006 *From Egypt with Love*, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE

*'Arayis*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

2005 *Beyond the Surfaces of Things*, Falaki Gallery, The American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt

*Retrospective of Recent Works*, al-Riwaq Gallery of Contemporary Art, Manama, Bahrain

2004 *Making Faces*, La Bodega Karim Francis Gallery, Zamalek, Egypt

- Femmes Plurielles*, The French Cultural Center in Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt  
*Calligraphic Abstractions*, La Bodega-Karim Francis Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 2003** *Found in Cairo*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 2002** *Dawn Portraits*, Fortis Circustheater Gallery, The Hague, Holland  
*Retrospective*, La Bodega-Karim Francis Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 2001** *Paintings by a Contemporary Egyptian Artist*, The Muscarelle Museum of Art, Virginia, USA
- 2000** *The New in the Old*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 1997** *Huda Lutfi: Recent Works*, Xenios Gallery, Frankfurt, Germany  
*Conjuring the Past*, Mashrabia Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 1996** *Magic and the Image*, Terra Viva Gallery, Uzes, France  
*Woman and Memory*, Ewart Gallery, The American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025** *Imagine Climate Dignity*, Kunstlerhaus Wien, Vienna, Austria  
*Hot Spots*, Sotheby's Dubai, Dubai, UAE
- 2024** *The Circle Was a Point*, Foundry Downtown, Dubai, UAE  
*autohistorias*, Palais des Beaux, Paris, France  
*Parfums d'Orient (Perfumes of the East)*, The National Museum, Riyadh, KSA  
*The Light Between*, WHATIFTHEWORLD, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2023** *Inside the Black Enclosure*, Islamic Arts Biennale, Jeddah, KSA  
*Women Defining Women In Contemporary Art of The Middle East And Beyond*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, USA  
*The Resistance of Pen and Paper*, Richard Saltoun, London, UK  
*Parfums d'Orient (Perfumes of the East)*, The Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France  
*Being and Belonging*, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada  
*Mu'awiyya's Hair*, 32Bis Cultural Centre, Tunisia, Tunisia
- 2022** *History Leads to Twisted Mountains*, ARD for Art, Cairo, Egypt  
Art Dubai with The Third Line, Dubai, UAE
- 2021** *Reflections Contemporary Art of the Middle East and North Africa*, The British Museum, London, UK

- Cairo Photo Week*, Downtown Cairo, Egypt
- 2020** *There Is Fiction In The Space Between*, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE
- 2019** *Reimagined Narratives*, Art D'Égypte, Cairo, Egypt  
*Occupational Hazards*, Apexarts, New York, USA
- 2018** *Feedback: Art, Africa and the Eighties*, Iwalewahaus, Bayreuth, Germany
- 2017** *Tell me the Story of all These Things*, Villa Vassiliev, Paris, France  
*Dawn Portraits*, Gypsum gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 2016** *The Turn: Art Practices in Post-Spring Societies*, Kunstraum Niederoesterreich, Vienna, Austria  
*Kitsch ou pas kitsch*, Institut des Cultures d'Islam, Paris, France
- 2015** *Something Else*, Off Cairo Biennale, Cairo, Egypt  
*La Bienal del Sur*, Caracas, Venezuela  
*Fotofest, View from Inside Contemporary Arab Photography, Video and Mixed Media Art*, Abu Dhabi Festival, Emirates Palace Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
*Futuropolis*, Saad Zaghloul Cultural Center, Cairo, Egypt
- 2014** *FotoFest 2014 Biennial*, the 15th International Biennial of Photography and Photo-related Art, Houston, USA  
*Alexandria Biennial for Mediterranean Countries*, Alexandria, Egypt
- 2013** *Hommage to Moustapha Hasnaoui*, Frederic Moison Gallery, Paris, France  
*Aya Haidar, Huda Lutfi, Sara Rahbar*, Bischoff/Weiss, London, UK  
*Terms & Conditions*, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore  
*De Colline en Colline*, Sidi Bou Said & Takrouna, Tunisia
- 2012** *I Am Not There*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt  
*Long Live Free Art*, Art Talks, Cairo, Egypt
- 2010** *My World Images*, Festival For Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Dak'Art – African Contemporary Art Biennale*, Dakar, Senegal
- 2009** *Icons Reloaded*, Elysee Arts Gallery, Liege, Belgium
- 2008** *Umm Kulthum*, The Arab World Institute, Paris, France  
*Trilogy*, The Palace of the Arts, Marseille, France
- 2007** *Contemporary Egyptian Art*, The Museum of Modern Art, Bonn, Germany  
*Contact Zone*, The National Museum of Art, Bamako, Mali

- What is Happening Now?*, The Palace of the Arts, Cairo, Egypt  
*Occidentalism*, Karim Francis Gallery, Cairo, Egypt  
*Out of Place*, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2005** *Recent Works by Egyptian Artists*, Mashrabia Gallery, Cairo, Egypt  
*Imagining the Book*, Library of Alexandria Biennial, Egypt
- 2004** *Ramadan Lights*, Goethe Cultural Institute and Mashrabia Gallery, Cairo, Egypt  
*Hybridity*, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt
- 2003** *Body*, New Falaky Gallery, The American University in Cairo, Egypt
- 2002** *Imagining the Book*, Library of Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt  
*Collage*, Atelier du Caire, Cairo, Egypt
- 2001** *Cairo Modern Art in Holland*, Fortis Circustheater Gallery, The Hague, Holland
- 1999** *Mixed Media Works*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 1998** *Four Women Artists*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt  
*Women Artists of the Mediterranean and Black Sea*, Salonika, Greece
- 1997** *Biennial for Women Artists of the Mediterranean*, Marseille and Arles, France

#### AWARDS/RESIDENCIES

- 2021** Artist Residency, Rehab With Art, Abruzzo, Italy
- 2014** Grand Prize, The Alexandria Biennial, Alexandria, Egypt  
Artist Residency, Creative Fusion International Artists in Residence, Cleveland, Ohio, USA
- 2013** Artist Residency, Association 24h pour l'art contemporain, Tunisia
- 2010** Artist Residency, Kunsthalle Nikolaj, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2009** Arab Fund for Arts and Culture Artist Grant
- 1999** Ford Foundation Artist Grant
- 1996** Second prize at the Biennial for Women Artists of the Mediterranean in Marseille, France

#### PUBLICATIONS

Lutfi, Huda, Huda Lutfi, 2012, The Third Line

## ACQUISITIONS

Marguerite Hoffman art Collection, Texas, USA  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), Los Angeles, USA  
Al-Ahram Beverages Company, Cairo, Egypt  
Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE  
Dubai Properties, Dubai, UAE  
Fortis Circustheater Foundation, The Hague, Holland  
Jean-Jacques et Michele de Fleurs Collection, Paris, France  
Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts, Amman, Jordan  
Indianapolis Museum, Indianapolis, USA  
Museum of Modern Art, The Hague, Holland  
Muscarelle Museum, University of Virginia, USA  
The American University in Cairo, Egypt  
The British Museum, London, UK  
The Law Court of Bahrain, Manama, Bahrain  
The World Bank, Cairo, Egypt