

TAREK AL-GHOUSSEIN

1962 Born: Kuwait
2022 Died: New York, USA

EDUCATION

1989 Master of Arts in Photography, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA
1985 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography, New York University, NY, USA

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 Odysseus, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE
2018 Odysseus, Warehouse 421, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Al Sawaber, Bait15, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2017 Al Sawaber, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE
K Files, CAP Kuwait, Kuwait
Recent Work, New York University, New York, NY, USA
2016 K Files and Sawaber Series, Nevada Museum of Art, USA
Windows on Work, Brigitte Schenk Gallery, Koln, Germany
2014 K Files, Taymour Grahne Gallery, New York, USA
K Files, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE
Random Blue Oasis, Brigitte Schenk Gallery, Koln, Germany
2013 National Pavilion of Kuwait, 55th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
2011 E Series, Kalfayan Galleries, Athens, Greece
2010 A Retrospective: Works from 2003 – 2010, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
2009 In Absentia, Al Ma'mal Foundation for Contemporary Art, Jerusalem, Palestine
D Series, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE
Tarek Al-Ghoussein, Kalfayan Galleries, Athens, Greece
A, B, C and D Series, Brigitte Schenk Gallery, Koln, Germany
2008 Self Portrait, A, B, and C Series, Sharjah College of Fine Arts, Sharjah, UAE
2003 Randolph Street Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
1994 Recent Work, Roy Miles Gallery, London, UK

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 Rays, Ripples, Residue, 421, Abu Dhabi, UAE
The Only Way Out Is Through: The Twentieth Line, curated by Shumon Basar, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE
2024 At the Edge of Land, Jameel Arts Center, Dubai, UAE

- 2023 Brand New Ancients, Misk Art Institute, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
The Only Constant, NYU Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Summer In The City, Galerie Brigitte Schenk, Cologne, Germany
At the Edge of Land, Hayy Jameel, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
In the eyes of our present, we hear Palestine, Sharjah Art Foundation, UAE
- 2022 Portrait of a Nation II: Beyond Narratives, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Perpetual Inventory, Volume 1: An Exercise in Looking, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE
- 2021 The Guangzhou Image Triennial, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangdong, China
Between the Sky and the Earth: Contemporary Art from the UAE MEI Art Gallery, Middle East Institute, Washington, USA
- 2020 There Is Fiction In The Space Between, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE
Not Cancelled: Dubai, Online
- 2019 Theater of Operations, MoMA PS1, NY, USA
Intimate Horizons, International Academy of Art, Palestine
- 2018 Beirut Spring Festival, Beirut, Lebanon
Subcontracted Nations, AM Qattan Foundation, Ramallah, Palestine
Palestine through photography: 70 years after the Nakba, Beirut Spring Festival, Lebanon
- 2017 Negotiating the Future: 6th Asian Art Biennial, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taiwan
FOTOGRAFICA BOGOTA, FOTOMUSEO, Bogota, Colombia
The Art of Nature, ADMAF Festival, Abu Dhabi, UAE
The Creative Act: Performance, Process, Presence, Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, UAE
Presence: Reflections on the Middle East, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Center for Visual Art, CO, USA
- 2015 View from Inside: Contemporary Arab Photography, Video and Mixed-Media Art, Emirates Palace Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
On Site, NYUAD Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2014 FotoFest 2014 Biennial, the 15th International Biennial of Photography and Photo-related Art. Houston, USA
Oblique Land, Whitebox Art Space, New York, USA
Lost in Landscape, Museo di Arte Moderna e Contemporanea di Trento e Rovereto, Italy
- 2013 Photoquai, Photography Biennale, Paris, France
The Blue Route, Villa Empain, Brussels, Belgium
From Palestine With Hope, Art Space, London, UK
Voyage, Museum Of Anthropology, Vancouver, Canada
You and Me Behind the Horizon, Nevada Museum of Art, NV, USA

- Mind and Body, DUCTAC, Dubai, UAE
- 2012 Arab Express, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 2011 Emirati Expressions, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- The Bravery of Being Out of Range, Sultan Gallery, Kuwait & Athr Gallery, Saudi Arabia
- The Heart of Phoenix: Art and Culture of the United Arab Emirates-Sharjah, Gyeonggi Museum of Modern Art, Korea.
- Roaming Images, Maraya Art Center, Sharjah UAE
- Tarek alla Dawar, C and D Series on public billboards, Kuwait
- 2010 UNERWARTET / UNEXPECTED, From Islamic Art to Contemporary Art, Kunstmuseum Bochum, Germany
- 22nd Photography Biennial, E Series, Thessaloniki, Greece
- Global Studio, E Series, Blue Coat Gallery, Liverpool, UK
- Artscape Medina, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
- 2009 It's Not You It's Me, Inaugural UAE Pavilion at 53rd Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
- Across the Borders, Self Portraits, Damascus, Syria
- Disorientation II, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2008 Wonder, Singapore Biennale, Singapore
- Roads Were Open / Roads Were Closed, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE
- New Ends, Old Beginnings, Blue Coat Gallery, Liverpool, UK
- The Jerusalem Show, edition 0.1, Al-Ma'mal Foundation for Contemporary Art, Jerusalem, Palestine
- Dubai Next, Vitra Design Museum (Zaha Hadid Fire Station) Weil um Rhein, Germany
- Never Part, Beaux Art, Brussels, Belgium
- Reorientations, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium
- Nimes Museum of Contemporary Art, Nimes, France
- Self Portraits, Around The Coyote Gallery, Chicago, USA
- 2007 Languages of the Desert, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- C Series, XVA Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- Art in Public Spaces, Light Boxes, Muscat, Oman
- Self-Representation, Doha, Qatar
- Recognize, London, UK
- 2006 Invisible Cities Ideal Cities, Zamoc, Poland & Potsdam, Germany
- Under the Last Sky, Royal Photography Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Images of the Middle East, Banner, Copenhagen, Denmark

- Political Realities, Heidelberg Museum, Heidelberg, Germany
Tierra, exilio, CREACIÓN CUENCA, Madrid, Spain
Al Riwaq, Manama, Bahrain
Pat Binder's Kollwitz Light Box Project, Berlin, Germany
Checkpoints, Darat Al Funuun, Amman, Jordan
QArts-Gallery' in Derby, UK
Confronting Clichés, McColl Art Center, North Carolina, USA
Side Gallery, New Castle. UK
Gallery of Photography, Dublin, Ireland
Nazar, Institute Du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
2005 Gallery of Photography, Dublin, Ireland
Ifa Gallery, Stuttgart, Germany
Aperture Gallery, New York, USA
Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Bonn, Germany
Langhans Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
La Boca Gallery, Madrid, Spain
7th Sharjah International Biennial, Sharjah, UAE
Houston International fotofest, Houston, USA
2004 Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
Specta Art Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
Noorderlicht International Photography Exhibition, The Netherlands
Kathie Kollwitz Gallery, Berlin, Germany
Chobi Mella, International Photography Exhibition, Dhaka, Bangladesh
2003 The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, Denmark
6th Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah, UAE
2002 Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
2000 Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
1995 Zwemmers Fine Photographs, London, UK

PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 Tarek Al-Ghoussein: Transfigurations, Black Dog Publishing
2009 In Absentia: Photographs by Tarek Al-Ghoussein, The Third Line

AQUISITIONS

- Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

Solomon R. Guggenheim, New York, NY, USA
Freer and Sackler Gallery at Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C., USA
Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, NV, USA
Museum of Fine Art, Houston, TX, USA
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
British Museum, London, UK
Zwemmers Fine Photographs, London, UK
Royal Photography Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
Salsali Private Museum, Dubai, UAE
New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE
Cleveland Clinic Collection, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, Abu Dhabi, UAE
ADMAF (Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation), Abu Dhabi, UAE
Darat Al Funun, Amman, Jordan
Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar
Art Jameel, Dubai, UAE