

MUHAMMAD ZEESHAN

b. 1980 Mirpurkhan, Pakistan

Lives and works in Lahore, Pakistan

EDUCATION

2000- National College of Arts, BFA in Miniature Painting

2003

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 Head of Department, Fine Arts and Textile Design at the Arts Council of Pakistan

2019 Visiting Faculty, Fine Arts, Arts council institute of Arts and Crafts

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2012 Visiting Faculty, Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, Karachi

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2011 Visiting Faculty, Visual Arts, Marriage Program, National College of Arts, Lahore

2010 External Advisor, Thesis Year, Centre for Excellence in Art University, Jamshoro

2008 External Advisor Thesis Year Fine Arts, National College of Arts, Lahore

2005 Miniature Core Studio Major, Huner Kada College, National

-2008 College of Arts, Lahore

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 *deMONSTERate*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK

2022 *Grass don't grow on my land*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Berlin

2021 *Nangeli*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London

Power Yawn, Sanat Initiative, Karachi

2020 *Money Provides, Culture Aspires*, Sanat Initiative, Karachi

2019 *Serving with White Gloves*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Berlin

No Fight, Be a Donkey, Oart Space, Lahore

Reinterpreting the Azakhana, Sanat Initiative, Karachi

2018 *Friday*, Sanat Initiative, Karachi

Yeh Pyara Parcham, Sanat Gallery, Karachi

Original Copy of Original Copy of Copy Original, Art Dubai, Dubai

2017 *Refreshment*, Sanat Initiative, Karachi

2015 *Funkier than a mosquito's twitter*, KH Gallery, London

Art Cash Hard Cash, Sanat Art Gallery, Karachi

India Art Fair, SOLO ART Projects, Curated by Girish Shahne, Delhi

- 2014 *One For the Birds*, Gandhara Art Space, Karachi
Safar Nama, Canvas Art Gallery, Karachi
- 2013 *Lines of Control: Partition as a Productive Space*, A Green Cardamom Project, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC
Poster Nama, Latitude 28, New Delhi
- 2012 *Lines of Control: Partition as a Productive Space*, A Green Cardamom Project, Herbert F. Johnson Museum, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
New works by Muhammad Zeeshan, Canvas Art Gallery, Karachi
- 2011 *Special 'Siri' Series*, Aicon Gallery, New York, USA
- 2010 *Beyond The Page*, Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena
Recent works of dying miniature, Canvas Art Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
- 2009 *Abrasive Drawings*, Rohtas II, Lahore, Pakistan
- 2008 *Dying Miniature*, Green Cardamom, London, UK
What Lies Beneath, Jahangir Nicholzen Art Gallery, Mumbai, India
Profane Illuminations, Aicon Gallery, New York, USA
- 2007 *New Work by Muhammad Zeeshan*, Chawkandi Art Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
Sublime Maladies, Anant Art Gallery, Delhi, India
- 2006 *Beyond Appearances*, Canvas Art Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Delegation of the Ismaili Imam, Ottawa, Canada
Beyond the Page: South Asian Miniatures and Britain 1600- Today, The Box, Plymouth & Milton Keynes Gallery, England UK
A Transformative Vision, commissioned by CAP, Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan, Omar Khayyam Exhibition Hall, AKU, Nairobi
A Transformative Vision, commissioned by CAP, Aga Khan University, Karachi, Kenya
- 2023 *A Transformative Vision*, commissioned by CAP, Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan
Conversations, Oart Space, Pakistan
Nyx, Sanat Initiative, Karachi
The Emperor's new clothes, Numaishgha, Lahore, Pakistan
The Figure of Sound, Shridharani Gallery, Triveni Kala Sangam, New Delhi
Figure 23, Curated by Sana Arjumand, Gallery 6, Islamabad, Pakistan
Creation of Eve, artvoice, online
- 2022 *'Untitled Miami Beach'*, with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Miami, USA
Fixed Price, Sanat Initiative, Karachi
- 2021 *Facing The Sun*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Schloss Goerne, Germany
- 2020 *All the Days and Nights*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
Pretty Art For Pretty People, Sanat initiative, Karachi
 Art Dubai with Kristin Hjellegjerde

- 2019 *Drawing Room Diamonds*, Sanat Initiative, Karachi
Common Borders, Sanat Initiative, Karachi
- 2018 *In The Beginning Was The Word*, O Art Space, Lahore
Reflection, Sanat Gallery, Karachi
- 2017 *Who Ate The Birds*, Koel Art Gallery, Karachi Prophecy, Sanat Gallery, Karachi
Prophecies, Sanat Gallery, Karachi
- 2016 *Markings*, Chawkandi Art, Karachi
Signature, Studio Seven, Karachi
- 2015 *Silsila*, Sanat Art Gallery, Karachi
- 2014 *Present Re-inventions*, Grosvenor gallery, London UK
- 2010 *Drawn from Life*, Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, UK
Havelian Express, At Cais gallery, Curated by Whitney Ferrari, Seoul
- 2009 *Bazghashth*, Tradition Method And Modern Practices,' Art Gallery of Mississauga, Canada,
April 'Kein Ding', Acc Galerie, Weimar, Germany
Safavid Revisted, British Museum, London, England
- 2008 *Ghost of Souza*, Aicon Gallery, New York, USA
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Afghanistan: Future, Gemak/GemeenteMuseum, Holland
- 2007 *Does size matter II?* Jahangir K.S. Nicholson Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai
Aug dialogue with tradition, National Art Gallery, Islamabad, Pakistan
Contemporary Arts from Pakistan, Thomas Erben Gallery, New York, USA
From Pakistan to Monmartre, Gallerie Chappe, Paris, France
- 2006 *LILA/PLAY: Contemporary Miniatures and New Art from South Asia*, Melbourne Australia
- 2005 *Contemporary Chronicles*, Art Alive, Delhi, India
Segregation, Anant Art Gallery, Delhi, India
LOVE/HATE, The Third Line Gallery, Dubai
Reinventing Narratives, La Galerie Mohammed El Fassi, Rabat, Morocco
- 2004 *Contemporary Miniature Paintings From Pakistan*, Fukouka Asian Art Museum, Japan
Terror can not be exterminated by war, Metropolitan Museum Tokyo, Japan
- 2003 *Top of the Pops*, National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan

COMMISSIONS AND PUBLIC PROJECTS

- 2019 Curator of Karachi Biennale Trust (KBT), Karachi
- 2017 Karachi Art Summit, Aao Picture Dekein (lets see picture), Karachi Flag Ceremony, Public Performance, Sanat Gallery, Karachi 2015 India Art Fair, On Indefinitness, Solo booth installation, Delhi

- 2008 Dubai Art Fair, Art Park Project Chosen for Commissioned Project by the Committee, Project by the Committee Dubai, Committee, Dubai, UAE.
Represented by Green Cardamon
- 2008 Ishtehaar Lagaana Mana Hai, Public Art Project, KoCa, Germany
- 2005 Miniatures Contemporaries du Pakistan, Villefranche de Rouergue, La Halle, France

BIENNALES

- 2018 Lahore Biennale 01, Lahore
- 2017 KB17 Biennale, Karachi
- 2012 Baku Biennale, Azerbaijan

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

- The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
- British Museum, London
- Pacific Asia Art Museum, Pasadena, USA
- Metropolitan Museum, New York, USA
- British Museum, UK
- Fukouka Asian Art Museum, Japan
- Asal Collection, UK
- Devi Art Foundation, India
- Aan Collection, Hong Kong
- Wolton Family Collection, USA
- The Bunker Art Space, USA
- Easton Capital Collection, USA

ART FAIRS

- 2022 Untitled, Art Miami Beach, USA
- 2021 Drawing Room Lisboa, Drawing Room Fair, Lisbon
- 2018 India Art Fair, Art Dubai
- 2017 Contemporary Istanbul Art Fair
Art Dubai
India Art Fair
- 2015 Hong Kong Art Fair
- 2015 India Art Fair
- 2013- India Art Fair

2008- Hong Kong Art Fair
11 Art Dubai
2009 India Art Summit Pulse Art Fair

RESIDENCY/WORKSHOPS AND CAMPS ATTENDED

2024 'Once Upon a Rain', Dastaangoi & Bayt AlMamzar, Dubai
2016 Kalakriti Artist in Residency, Hyderabad, India
2015 Lares Projects, Finland
2013 June Seoul Art space Geumcheon, Korea
2008 Acc Galerie Weimar, Weimar, Germany
2007 Gas Works Artists in Residency at gas works, London, UK Braziers
International Artists Workshop at Brazier Park, UK
2006 International Workshop at Gaddani, Pakistan
2005 'Taj by day Taj by night', artist camp at agra, India

AWARDS

2021 Sadequain: Pride of Performance Award
2017 Nigaah Curatorial Award, Pakistan
2008 Acc Weimar galerie scholarship, Germany
2007 CHARLES WALLACE-RANGOON WALA TRUST AWARD
2003 BHATTI FASHION SHOW SCHOLARSHIP
2002 NATIONAL COLLEGE OF ARTS GRANT SCHOLARSHIP
2001- NATIONAL COLLEGE OF ARTS MERIT SCHORLARSHIP CURATORIAL
2003 PROJECTS
2016 Hiatus, Solo show of Ramla Fatima at Sanat Initiative, Karachi
2016 #hashtag, Solo show of Samreen Sultan at Full Circle Gallery, Karachi
2016 NEON, GROUP SHOW AT SANAT ART INITIATIVE, KARACHI, PAKISTAN
2016 AGOGIC ACCENT, GROUP SHOW AT SANAT INITIATIVE, KARACHI,
PAKISTAN
2014 Sanat Art Initiative, Curatorial Residency project in Karachi followed by a
catalogued exhibition of the artists, in the Sanat Gallery, Karachi.
2013 SIND- Reverberating Sounds Echo Through The Desert, KOEL GALLERY
KARACHI
2013 Drawing Mandalas, Canvas Art Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
2012 Five Frostings, Canvas Art Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan