

Ali Hassan was born in Doha in 1956 and is considered one of Qatar's most celebrated artists. Beginning his training as a calligrapher 1972, while working for numerous local newspapers he continued his studies, attending a workshop at the University of Lovan in Belgium in 1984 and graphic arts courses in Cairo in 1986. Hassan experimented with multiple forms of media, to create his signature style of semi-abstract compositions, mixing vibrant colors with calligraphic and other forms.

He explored his fascination of the Arabic letter nūn for over two decades, producing an enormous body of work, ranging from traditional black and white Arabic calligraphy, to watercolor compositions, and sculptures. Most recently, Hassan has explored the formal and spiritual qualities of letters and texts, through installation art.

Ali Hassan has exhibited internationally, including a solo presentation in Tokyo and group shows in Zurich, Paris and New York. His work is held in many prestigious museum collections worldwide. A self-taught artist, he received a BA degree in history from Qatar University in 1982. He presently lives and works in Doha, Qatar.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

al markhiya gallery	Doha 2020
Anima Gallery	Doha 2016
Qela Boutique	Doha 2016
Dar al Funoon	Kuwait 2010
Virginia Commonwealth University Qatar/ al markhiya gallery	Doha 2009
Hunar Gallery	Dubai 2009
al markhiya gallery	Doha 2009
Albareh Art Gallery	Manama 2008
Bissan Gallery	Doha 2004
Tokyo Art Club	Japan 2004
Kuwait National Museum	Kuwait 2004
Sharjah Calligraphy Biennial	UAE 2004

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

al markhiya gallery	Doha 2017
Art for Tomorrow	Doha 2017
Asan Gallery	Korea 2016

Art Busan	Korea 2016
Contemporary Istanbul	Turkey 2016
START Art Fair	London 2016
Art Dubai	UAE 2015
Bank al Maghrib Museum/al markhiya gallery	Morocco 2014
Bayt Qatar/London Olympics	UK 2012
QM Gallery Al Riwaq	Doha 2012
Sundaram Tagore Gallery	Hong Kong 2012
Anima Gallery	Doha 2012
al markhiya gallery	Doha 2011
Sharjah Calligraphy Biennial	UAE 2010
Art Miami	Florida 2009
LA Art Show	California 2009
Sundaram Tagore Gallery	New York 2009
Kashya Hildebrand	Zurich 2008
Art Paris/Abu Dhabi	UAE 2007
Institut du Monde Arabe	Paris 2007
Kunstmuseum Bonn	Germany 2005

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

British Museum	UK
Center for Islamic Studies	Turkey
Hamad International Airport	Qatar
Los Angeles County Museum of Art	USA
Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art	Qatar
Modern Graphic Museum	Egypt
National Museum of Qatar	Qatar
Sharjah Art Museum	UAE
Singapore Art Museum	Singapore
The National Art Museum of China	China

PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Bank BNP Paribas	France
Carnegie Mellon University Qatar	Qatar
Center for Islamic Studies	Turkey
Commercial Bank of Qatar	Qatar
Four Seasons Hotel	Qatar
Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts	Jordan

Qatar University

RasGas

The Ritz-Carlton

W Hotel

Qatar

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