

Thuraya Al-Baqsamī Curriculum Vitae

Education & General

Born in Kuwait, 1951.

Studied at the College of Fine Arts, Cairo, Egypt, 1972-74.

Completed her bachelor's degree in fine arts & Master's degree in book illustration at the Surikov Arts Institute, Moscow, Russia, 1974-81.

Completed several technical courses in the silk painting, batik and ceramics in Dakar, Senegal, between 1980-1983.

Participated in more than 40 arts workshops (engraving, silkscreen, linocut printing, mixed media) in many European cities, between 1991-2005.

Memberships

Member of the Kuwait Arts Association since 1969.

Founded Ghadir Gallery in 1988.

Founding member of the group 'Friends of Art for the Gulf Cooperation Council' for the Arab Gulf States.

Founding member of the 'Association of Amateur Crafts', Kuwait Science Club.

Founding member of the 'Union of European Artists.'

Publications

Writer of articles and short stories since the mid-1960s.

Published 10 books of short stories since 1977.

Published her first book of art criticism in Kuwait entitled "25 Years of The Free Atelier" in 1986.

Collective exhibitions

Participated in numerous exhibitions by the Kuwait Arts Association since 1969.

Kuwaiti Student Union's exhibition, Cairo, Egypt, 1973.

World Youth Festival Berlin, Germany, 1973.

Kuwaiti Student Union's exhibition, Moscow, Russia, 1975.

World Youth Festival Moscow, Russia, 1985.

Safat square public murals, Kuwait, 1985.

Kuwait Physiotherapy hospital murals, Kuwait, 1985.

Participated in 18 international exhibitions of the 'Friends of Art for the Gulf Cooperation Council' since 1985.

Moscow International Women's Conference, Russia, 1987.

Baghdad International Arts Festival, Iraq, 1988.

Bratislava Children's World Expo, Slovakia, 1989.

London Modern Islamic Arts Exhibition, U.K., 1989.

Albert Gallery group exhibition, London, U.K., 1992.

Kuwaiti Society of Human Rights exhibition, Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait, 1993.

Cairo International Graphic Triennial, Egypt, 1993.

'Forces of Change' exhibition at the National Museum of Women Artists, Washington, U.S.A., 1994.

Kuwaiti Society for Human Rights exhibition at the Alumni Association, Kuwait, 1994.

Brussels Very Special Arts festival, Belgium, 1994.

"Art from the Heart" exhibition by the Women's Association of America, Manama, Bahrain, 1994.

Participated in the Kuwait Al-Gurain cultural festival exhibitions between 1994-1999.

Florence International Exhibition of Modern Art, Italy, 1994.

Bahrain National Museum exhibition, Manama, Bahrain, 1994.

2nd Sharjah Biennial, United Arab Emirates, 1995.

Arab Contemporary Art Exhibition, Grosvenor Hotel, London, 1995.

"Love Exhibition", Latakia, Syria, 1995.

Beijing International Women's Conference, China, 1995.

Kuwait cultural week exhibition, Casablanca, Morocco, 1995.

Kuwaiti Society for Human Rights exhibition at the Alumni Association, Kuwait, 1995.

Arab Artists Exhibition, Baladna Gallery, Amman, Jordan, 1996.

Kuwait cultural week exhibition, Beirut, Lebanon, 1996.

Four Arab Artists Exhibition, Egyptian Cultural Center, London, U.K., 1996.
Thirty Arab Artists Exhibition, London, U.K., 1998.
UNDP Group Exhibition, Mishref Cultural Centre, Kuwait, 1998.
4th Sharjah Biennial, United Arab Emirates, 1999.
"Dialogue of the Present": traveling group exhibition of arab artists, several cities in the U.K., from 1999-2000.
"Wall Art" exhibition, Beirut International Exhibition Hall, Lebanon, 1999.
"International Women's Project" exhibition, Gallery White Columns, New York & other cities, U.S.A., 2000.
"International Women's Project" ongoing exhibition, Stockholm, Sweden & Rikjavik, Iceland, 2000-2002.
International artists & book illustrators exhibition, Olympia Hall, London, U.K., 2000.
The first Biennale of Islamic Arts, Tehran, Iran, 2000.
'Buddy Bear Berlin' project, Berlin, 2002.
Graphic Global Forum, Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Mauritius, 2005.
Participated in many artists symposiums in many countries around the world, such as Hungary, Germany, Turkey, Bulgaria, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Ukraine and more, between 2000-2010.
Organized the charity exhibition of small paintings for cancer patients, Kuwait, 2010.

Personal exhibitions

Kuwait National Museum, Kuwait, 1971.
Hotel Intercontinental, Kinshasa, Zaire, 1978.
Free Atelier Exhibition, Kuwait, 1979.
Trananga Hotel, Dakar, Senegal, 1982.
Sindbad Hotel, Hammamat, Tunisia, 1982.
Kuwait Journalists Association, Kuwait, 1988.
Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait, 1988.
Bonifar Hotel, Montreux, Switzerland, 1986.
Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait, 1990.
Kelkos Gallery, Paphos, Cyprus, 1991.
Alpine Gallery, London, U.K., 1991.
Edinburgh exhibition hall, Scotland, U.K., 1991.
Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait, 1991.

American University of Athens, Greece, 1992.
Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait, 1992.
Paris Hilton, Paris, France, 1993.
Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait, 1993.
Sheraton Hotel, Doha, Qatar, 1994.
Cairo Opera House, Egypt, 1994.
Skopje Museum, Macedonia, 1994.
Bahrain National Museum Arts Center, Manama, Bahrain, 1994.
Ahmad Al-Adwani exhibition hall, Kuwait, 1995.
Radisson SAS Hotel, Kuwait, 1995.
Museum of Applied Arts, Budapest, Hungary, 1996.
Art Connoisseur Gallery, London, U.K., 1996.
Kuwait Arts Hall, Kuwait, 1997.
Arab Culture Center, Damascus, Syria, 1997.
Casa de Italia, Asmara, Eritrea, 1997.
Abu Dhabi Culture Foundation, United Arab Emirates, 1997.
Sanaa Book Center, Sanaa, Yemen, 1997.
Villalarge Gallery, Florence, Italy, 1998.
Central University of Minorities, Beijing, China, 1998.
Ajanta Art Gallery, Indian council of cultural relations, New Delhi, India, 1999.
German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn, Germany, 1999.
Marhaba Taj Hotel, Sousse, Tunisia, 1999.
Omani Arts Association exhibition hall, Muscat, Oman, 1999.
Radisson SAS Hotel, Kuwait, 1999.
Barg Gallery, Tehran, Iran, 1999.
Columbia Hall, London, 2000.
Miro Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic, 2001.
Emboss Gallery, Berlin, Germany, 2001.
Kuwait Arts Hall, Kuwait, 2002.
Ministry of Culture, Sofia, Bulgaria, 2002.
Al Riwaq Gallery, Manama, Bahrain, 2003.
Kabul Cinema Club, Afghanistan, 2003.
Miro Gallery, Bratislava, Slovakia, 2003.
Krakow University Museum, Poland, 2003.
Radisson SAS Hotel, Kuwait, 2005.
Gallery 24, Berlin, Germany, 2005.
Hanoi Ministry of Culture and Information, Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam, 2005.
Bait Muzna Gallery, Muscat, Oman, 2007.
Sattar Bahlulzadeh Gallery, Baku, Azerbaijan, 2007.
Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait, 2008.
Korean Foundation, Seoul, South Korea, 2008.
Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait, 2009.
Eaved House, Lefkosa, Northern Cyprus, 2010.

Awards & certificates

Bronze medal, Kuwait Arts Association exhibition, Kuwait, 1971.
Safat Square murals competition award, Kuwait municipality, Kuwait, 1985.
International atelier for young artists merit diploma, Soviet Academy of Arts, Moscow, Russia, 1985.
"Kuwait Life" exhibition gold medal, Kuwait National Museum, Kuwait, 1987 & 1992.
Palme d'Or, GCC Biennial Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 1989.
Journalist's medal, Kuwaiti Journalists Association, 1989.
Palme d'Or, GCC Biennial Doha, Qatar, 1990.
First prize for her book "Cellar Candles", "Effects of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait" competition, Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science, Kuwait, 1993.
State Prize in Children's Literature for her book "Diary of Fatima a Kuwaiti Girl", Kuwait, 1997.
Award of fine arts, European Union, Prague, Czech Republic, 2001.
Medal of Franz Kafka, Berlin, Germany, 2001.
Salvador Dali award, World Union, Czech Republic & Spain, 2003.
Al Madina culture award for her book "In my hand, there is a blue bird", Madrid, Spain, 2004.
European Trebbia award for the support of arts, in partnership with her husband Mohammed Al-Qadiri, Prague, Czech Republic, 2007.
Nova Award for the Arts, Hungary, 2010.

Collections

Kuwait National Museum, Kuwait.
The British Museum, London, U.K.
Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran, Iran.
Museum of Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland.
Museum of Contemporary Islamic Art, Amman, Jordan.
Skopje Museum, Macedonia.
Cairo Opera House, Egypt.

Bayan Palace, Kuwait.
Seef Palace, Kuwait.
Amiri Diwan, Kuwait.
Royal Court, Muscat, Oman.
Office of the Ruler of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

National Council for Culture, Arts and Literature, Kuwait.
Abu Dhabi Culture Foundation, United Arab Emirates.
Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Sanaa, Yemen.
Ministry of Culture, Cyprus.
Hanoi Ministry of Culture, Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam.

Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science, Kuwait.
Very Special Arts Association, Washington, U.S.A.
Korean Foundation, Seoul, South Korea.
Kuwaiti-Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi, India.
Italian-Kuwaiti Friendship Association, Florence, Italy.
International Council of Women Artists, California, U.S.A.

UNESCO, Paris, France.
Kuwait Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kuwait.
Kuwait Ministry of Information, Kuwait.
Bahrain Ministry of Information, Bahrain.
Qatar Ministry of Information, Qatar.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Seoul, South Korea.

Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Mauritius.
American University of Athens, Greece.
Central University of Minorities, Beijing, China.
The Arab Institute for Economic and Social Planning, Kuwait.

Kuwait Airways Corporation
National Bank of Kuwait, London, U.K.
Radisson SAS Hotel, Kuwait.