



OMRAN YOUNIS

Born in Hassakah, Syria in 1971, painter Omran Younis has probed the psychological undercurrents of expressionist painting, building on a rich tradition of Syrian modernism that began when artists such as Fateh Moudarres used painting as a way of visualizing the unseen but palpable shifts in Syrian society in the mid twentieth century.

Younis received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Damascus' Faculty of Fine Arts in 1998 and 2000, respectively, and was the first prize recipient of the 3rd Annual Youth Competition in Damascus, among other awards. He has exhibited at galleries and art spaces across the Middle East, the United States, and Europe, including the Virginia Commonwealth University Gallery in Doha, Qatar, and was also part of the travelling exhibition *Behind the Lines: Contemporary Syrian Art*, which was first exhibited in Penticton Art Gallery in 2016, then travelled to museums, galleries, schools and churches in Vancouver, Victoria, Duncan, Salt Spring Island, Mill Bay, Nanaimo, Calgary, Dawson Creek, and Grand Forks. His paintings are held in the collections of institutions and organizations such as the Atassi Foundation.

Born in 1971, Hassakah, Syria

Lives and works in Damascus, Syria

Education

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| 1994 - 1998 | Bachelors of Painting, Damascus University of Fine Arts |
| 1998 - 2000 | Masters of Painting, Damascus University of Fine Arts |

Solo Exhibitions

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| 2024 | "Rise of the Cactus", Multaqa Assafir, Beirut, Lebanon
"Rise of the Cactus", Fann À Porter, Dubai, UAE |
| 2022 | "Cactus Story", Urbanist Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE |
| 2021 | "Cactus Story", Mission Art Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon |
| 2019 | "Omran Younis", Hiba Gallery, London, UK |
| 2014 | "Human", Zara Gallery, Amman, Jordan |
| 2010 | "Omran Younis", Ayyam Gallery, Beirut Lebanon |

Group Exhibitions

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| 2024 | "Pop Up Group Exhibition", Fann À Porter, Dubai, UAE |
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- 2023** "Works on Paper", Fann À Porter, Dubai, UAE
"Syrian Art", Art Concept Gallery, Manama, Bahrain
"Reality Show", Fann À Porter, Dubai, UAE
- 2022** "The Syrian People: A Common Destiny", The Syrian Pavilion, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
- 2020** "Behind the Lines: Contemporary Syrian Art", Headbones Gallery,
"War & Hope", Khawam Gallery, Miami, FL
- 2019** "Behind the Lines: Contemporary Syrian Art", Campbell Rivier Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada
- 2018** "Summer Collection, Part 12", Al Markhiya Gallery, Doha, Qatar
"Behind the Lines: Contemporary Syrian Art", Founders' Gallery, Calgary, Canada
"Behind the Lines: Contemporary Syrian Art", Mahon Hall, Salt Spring Arts, Salt Spring Island, Canada
- 2016** "Behind the Lines: Contemporary Syrian Art", Penticton Art Gallery,
"Voices", Al Markhiya Gallery, Doha, Qatar
- 2008** "Grand Opening", Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE

Awards

3rd Annual Youth Competition, Damascus

Collections

Atassi Foundation