

MOHAMED AHMED IBRAHIM

Born 1962, Khorfakkan, UAE
Lives and works in Khorfakkan, UAE

Khorfakkan-based Emirati artist Mohamed Ahmed Ibrahim (b. 1962, UAE) is part of the UAE's first generation of contemporary artists from the 1990s and 2000s, an avant-garde that included Hassan Sharif, Abdullah Al Saadi, Hussein Sharif, and Mohammed Kazem.

Ibrahim's practice has been inspired by a lifelong relationship with the environment of Khorfakkan, his place of birth, with the Gulf of Oman on one side and the Hajar Mountains on the other. The terrain is barren and rocky, the mountains form an imposing backdrop looming over his village. Since childhood the artist has lived in this landscape and it is this experience that informs his practice, making his work in some way autobiographical. Some writers have compared the affinity to his land as that of Donald Judd and land artists. Ibrahim's fascination with the desolate, rocky terrain on this eastern shore of the UAE recalls not only Judd's attraction to the barrenness of his Texan hideaway, but also the earthy toils of a generation of land artists, with whom Ibrahim shares a spiritual lineage.

Select Solo Exhibitions

2019	<i>The Space Between the Eyelid and the Eyeball</i> , Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE
2018	<i>Elements</i> , Sharjah Art Foundation, UAE
2016	<i>Primordial II</i> , Cuadro Art, Dubai, UAE
2015	<i>Turab</i> , Cuadro Art, Dubai, UAE
2013	<i>Primordial</i> , Cuadro Art, Dubai, UAE
2009	Khorfakkan Art Center, Sharjah, UAE
1997	Sharjah International Art Biennial 3, Sharjah, UAE
1991	Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE Cultural Centre, Sharjah, UAE

Group Exhibitions

2019	<i>MATERIALIZE</i> , Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE
2017	<i>Gateway: Line</i> , Abu Dhabi Art, UAE <i>Portrait of a Nation</i> , Berlin, Germany <i>But We Cannot See Them</i> , NYU Abu Dhabi Gallery, UAE
2016	<i>Al Haraka Baraka</i> , Maraya Art Center, Sharjah, UAE <i>Trans Indian Ocean Artist Exchange</i> , Kochi Murzi Biennale, India
2015	AiR, Art Dubai, UAE <i>The Unbearable Lightness of Being</i> , YAY gallery, Baku, Azerbaijan
2013	<i>Emirati Expressions</i> , Abu Dhabi, UAE
2010	Gallery AB, Luzern, Switzerland
2009	UAE Pavilion, Venice Biennale, Italy <i>Video Art</i> , Le Consortium Art Center, Dijon, France

	<i>Contemporary Emirati Art</i> , Salwa Zaiden gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2008	UAE Pavilion, Expo Zaragoza, Spain
2008	<i>The Flying House</i> , Mashrek Bank, Dubai, UAE
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2007	<i>The Rosy Blue Masters</i> , One & Only Royal Mirage, Dubai, UAE
	Sharjah International Art Biennial 8, UAE
	<i>Window 16 UAE Artists</i> , Total Arts Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2006	<i>Desert Language</i> , Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
2005	<i>Cultural Diversity</i> , Sharjah Art Museum, UAE
	<i>Desert Language</i> , Kunstmuseum Bonn, Germany
2003	Sharjah International Art Biennial 6, UAE
2002	<i>Faces</i> , Ludwig Forum for International Art, Achen, Germany
	Dhaka Biennial, Bangladesh
2001	Sharjah International Art Biennial 5, UAE
2000	<i>Emirates Identities</i> , French Cultural Centre, Dubai, UAE
	The 7th Havana Biennial, Cuba
1999	Sharjah International Art Biennial 4, UAE
1998	UAE Contemporary Art, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
	The 7th Cairo International Biennial, Egypt
1997	French Cultural Center, Dubai, UAE
1996	Six Artists exhibition, Sharjah Art Museum, UAE
1995	Emirates Arts, Kunstcentrum Sittard, Netherlands
	Sharjah International Art Biennial 2, Sharjah, UAE
1994	Five Artists Exhibition, Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE
1993	Dhaka Biennial, Bangladesh
	Sharjah International Art Biennial 1, Sharjah, UAE
1990	Emirates Fine Art Society in the Soviet Union of Fine Art, Moscow, Russia
1986-Present	Annual exhibitions, Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE

Education

1997	Founder of Art Atelier in the Khorfakkan Art Center, Department of Culture and Information, Sharjah, U.A.E.
1986	Present Member of the Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, U.A.E.
1982–86	Psychology, Al Ain University, U.A.E.

Awards

2001	First Prize for Sculpture, Sharjah International Art Biennial.
1999	First Prize for Sculpture, Sharjah International Art Biennial.

Collections

Sharjah Art Foundation, UAE
 Sharjah Art Museum, UAE
 Art Jameel, Dubai, UAE
 Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar
 Kunstcentrum Sittard, Netherlands
 Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
 British Museum, London, UK