ASMA BELHAMAR

Born 1988, Dubai, UAE

Lives and works in Dubai, UAE

EDUCATION

2017 MFA in Textile Design, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

2012 BA in Visual Arts, Zayed University, Dubai, UAE

RESIDENCIES

2026 Artist-in-Residence, Delfina Foundation, London, UK (Spring 2026)

2019 March Project Residency, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE

Porthmeor Studios Artists' Residency, St Ives, UK

2014 Salama Bint Hamdan Emerging Artist Fellowship, Abu Dhabi, UAE

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

2024 *Thresholds of Perception: Redefining Balcony Spaces,* Public Art Commission for Alserkal Arts Foundation, Dubai, UAE

Union of Artists, commissioned by Dubai Culture in collaboration with Art Dubai (with artists Khalid Albanna, Afra Al Dhaheri, Shaikha Al Mazrou and Mohamed Ahmed Ibrahim)

2023 *Chasing the Dance of Alfay*, Public Art Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE

2020 *Distorted Familiarities*, Public Art Programme, Expo 2020, Dubai, UAE

2019 *The Edifice of Sba*, March Project, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 *When the Window Refused to Fly, and the Arch Decided to Hold the Sky,* curated by Duygu Demir, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2023 *Solid Void*, 421, Abu Dhabi, UAE

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Siraj*, Islamic Arts Festival, Sharjah, UAE

Maknana: An Archaeology of New Media Art in the Arab World, Diriyah Art Futures, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Burj Rashid Exhibition, Al Safa Arts and Design Library, Dubai, UAE

2023 *Guest Relations*, Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, UAE

Time & Identity, Al Safa Art and Design Library, Dubai, UAE

Evaporating Suns: Contemporary Myths of the Arabian Gulf, Kulturstiftung Basel H. Geiger, Basel, Switzerland

Sharjah Biennial 15: *Thinking Historically in the Present* (SB15), Sharjah, UAE

2022 *Tales of Nostalgia*, Misk Art Institute, Riyadh, KSA

Disconnect & Reconnect, Part Two, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE; Part One, Etihad Modern Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE

2021 *Between The Sky and The Earth: Contemporary Art from the UAE*, Middle Eastern Institute, Washington, DC

2020 *Playing Spaces*, Engage 101, Dubai, UAE

2019 *Emerge III: Converging Lines*, Sestiere Dorsoduro 47, Venice, Italy

2018 UAE & Greece Cultural Week, Zappeion Exhibition Hall, Athens, Greece

2017 *Place Memory Time*, 1stDIBS Gallery, New York, NY

2016 New Talent MFA, 1stDIBS Gallery, New York, NY

Art: Process & Practice, Salama Bint Hamdan Emerging Artist Fellowship Program, Warehouse421 Abu Dhabi, UAE

Material Reality, Sol Koffler Gallery, Providence, RI

Markers & Makers, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE

2012 *Crossing the Emirates*, FN Design Gallery, Dubai, UAE

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2025 *+971: 50 Emirati Creatives Shaping the UAE*. Edited by Myrna Ayad. Foreword by Sheikha Latifa Bint Mohammed. New York: Rizzoli.

Maknana: An Archaeology of New Media Art in the Arab World. Edited by Haytham Nawar and Ala Younis. Milan: Skira.

2023 *Evaporating Suns: Contemporary Myths from the Arabian Gulf*. Edited by Kulturstiftung Basel H. Geiger. Texts by Latifa Al Khalifa, Meitha Almazrooei, Munira Al Sayegh, and Ahmad Makia. Berlin: Hatje Cantz.

2022 *EXPO 2020 Dubai: On the Book of Sceneries*. Edited by Tarek Abou El Fetouh and Ala Younis. Berlin: Hatje Cantz.

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2026 *When the Window Refused to Fly, and the Arch Decided to Hold the Sky*. Exhibition Guide. Curated by Duygu Demir. Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE.

2023 *Guest Relations*. Exhibition Guide. Curated by Murtaza Vali with Lucas Morin. Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, UAE.

SELECTED PRESS

2026 Zaman, Aisha. 10 Arab Artists to Look Out for at Art Basel Paris 2026." AD Middle East, October 2026

Martin-Gachot, Ella. *Watch Out for These 5 Ascendant Artists at Art Basel Paris 2026*. Cultured, October 2026

2024 Chadderton, Naomi. *Women Of The Hour: Redefining The Conversation Around Women In Art*. Harper's Bazaar Arabia, December 2024

Michault, Jessica. *Beyond the Façade*. Villa 88 Magazine, August 2024

Bedirian, Razmig. *Union of Artists: How five Emiratis pulled together to create one giant artwork in Dubai*. The National, February 2024

Gronlund, Melissa. *Emirati artists create public sculpture together after refusing to compete for the commission*. The Art Newspaper, February 2024

NP Krishna Kumar. *'Solid Void' by Asma Belhamar: Reflections on culture and national identity in flux*. Al Arabiya, January 2024

2023 Watlington, Emily. *The 15th Sharjah Biennial Does Better At Excavating The Past Than Pushing The Present*. Art in America, March 2023

Al Bustani, Hareth. *Dubai Public Art programme unveils inaugural artist shortlist*. The National, March 2023

Abdel-Razzaq, Jumana. *Art Dubai 2023: Meet the Four Emirati Artists Bringing a Diverse Range of Disciplines to the Fair*. Vogue Arabia, February 2023

2021 Kazan, Sophie. *Artist: Asma Belhamar*. Contemporary Identities, Issue #9 March 2021