

Elias Izoli (Syria, b. 1976)

Elias Izoli is a self-taught realist painter whose creativity was harnessed at an exceptionally young age. In Damascus, his talent was recognized early on and he was given a solo exhibition at the Russian Cultural Centre at age seventeen. With consummate draftsmanship, a marked command of colour, and an intensive approach to capturing his subjects, Izoli's compositions defy conventional portraiture. Recently, the impact of the Syrian war has inspired him to produce psychologically laden portraits of children caught in the crossfire of violence.

Born in Damascus in 1976, Elias Izoli lives and works in the city. He has exhibited since 1993 and was included in exhibitions at Ayyam Gallery Beirut and Dubai in 2010, 2012, and 2013.