

Shurooq Amin (Kuwait, b. 1967)

Education

- 2007 PhD, Creative Writing, Warnborough College, Kent, UK
- 2004 Diploma, Interior Decorating, Thomson Education Direct - Online University
- 1989 MA, Modern Literature – Modern Poetry, Kent University, Kent, UK
- 1988 BA, English Literature – minor in French, Kuwait University, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Professional Experience

- 2017 **Regional Coordinator for The Feminist Art Project (TFAP)**, for the Middle East.
- 2011 **Kuwaiti Delegate**, Gulf Arts and Cultural Leaders Conference, Museum of Islamic Arts, Doha, Qatar
- 2010 **Kuwaiti Judge of Inspirational Woman Competition**, Ahlan Magazine and Philadelphia Company, Raffles Hotel, Dubai, UAE
- 2009 **Kuwaiti Delegate**, Gulf Arts and Cultural Leaders Conference, Museum of Islamic Arts, Doha, Qatar
- 1998 **Judge of National Art Competition**, Le Meridien Hotel, Kuwait City, Kuwait
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Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2016 *It's a Mad World*, Ayyam Gallery Beirut, Lebanon
- It's a Mad World*, Contemporary Art Platform, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 2014 *We'll Build This City on Art and Love*, Ayyam Gallery, London, UK
- We'll Build This City on Art and Love*, Ayyam Gallery, DIFC, Dubai, UAE

- 2013 *Popcornographic*, Ayyam Gallery Dubai, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
- 2012 *It's a Man's World*, AL M. Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 2011 *SHOT! The Untold Truth of Society Girls*, Lahd Gallery, London, UK
- 2010 *Society Girlz*, Tilal Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 2008 *The Gift*, Kuwait Arts Association, Hawalli, Kuwait
- 2002 *Wind and Water*, Kuwait Arts Association, Hawalli, Kuwait
- 1999 The Art Shop Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 1997 *Faces*, Boushahri Gallery, Hawalli, Kuwait
- Le Meridien Hotel, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 1994 Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2015 *Eye of the Thunderstorm: Effervescent Practices from the Arab World*, 56th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy (Curator: Martina Corgnati)
- 2012 Peace One Day Global Truce Art Exhibition | with Amira Behbehani |, Contemporary Art Platform, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 2011 *Beyond Movements*, FA Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Contemporary Art Platform, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Woman*, Tilal Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait (Curator: Fatina Al-Sayed)
- Women Artists from Kuwait*, Boushahri Gallery, Hawalli, Kuwait
- 2010 *Re-Veiled – Vernissage*, Lahd Gallery, London, UK
- Bayt Abdullah Children's Hospice Charity, Dar Al Funoon Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- National Council for Culture, Arts, and Letters, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Al Sayed Art Gallery, Damascus, Syria
- Kuwait Arts Association, Hawalli, Kuwait
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- Contemporary Art Network, New York, USA
- 2009 The Affordable Art Show, Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait (Curator: Thuraya Al-Baqsam)

- Human Rights Exhibition, traveling exhibition: Mirca Art Tour Group, Europe
Ahmed Al-Adwani Art Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Design for Youth Fundraiser, Movenpick Hotel, Bida'a, Kuwait (Curator: Fatina Al Sayed)
- Apples*, Marina Hotel, Kuwait City, Kuwait (Curator: Fatina Al Sayed) Q8 For Life, The Exhibition, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Kuwait Creative Art Festival, Kuwait Arts Association, Hawalli, Kuwait
- 2008 11th International Cairo Biennale, Cairo, Egypt
- Al-Kharafi Biennial, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Kuwaiti Women's Exhibition*, Kuwait Arts Association, Hawalli, Kuwait
- Bayt Abdullah Children's Hospice Charity, Dar Al Funoon Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Contemporary Art Exhibition, Kuwait Arts Association, Hawalli, Kuwait
- 2007 Contemporary Art Exhibition, Kuwait Arts Association, Hawalli, Kuwait
- 2005 The 44th National Day and 14th Liberation Day, Kuwait Arts Association, Hawalli, Kuwait
- 2004 1st Al-Kharafi Biennial, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 1977 Ahmed Al-Adwani Art Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Residencies and Workshops

- 2017 **Residency**, Art Omi International, New York, USA
- 2016 **Residency**, Villa Lena Foundation Residency, Tuscany, Italy

Commissions

- 2009 Derwaza VIP Lounge, Kuwait Airport, Kuwait
- Corporate Commission**, OPEC Headquarters, Vienna, Austria
- 2008 **Public Commission**, 8 Murals, Bayan Palace - Presidential Residential Villas, Kuwait
- Private Commission**, 3 Paintings (commissioned by Amir of Kuwait)

Awards

- 2013 **Artist of the Year**, Arab Woman Awards, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 2009 **Commendation – Fiction Category**, *The Crescent Charm*,
Aesthetica
Creative Works Competition, York, UK
Grand Jury Award - World E-Summit Award, Kuwait Foundation for the
Advancement of Sciences, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Award, UNESCO, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 2008 **Award**, 11th International Cairo Biennale, Cairo, Egypt
Amir Abdulreda Creative Prize, Kuwait Arts Association, Hawalli, Kuwait
Khalifa Al-Qattan Creative Award, Kuwait Arts Association, Hawalli,
Kuwait
- 2007 **Pushcart Prize**, *Framboise Fig and Bronze Nude*, New York, USA
Third Place Award, *The Other Wife*, Perigee: Publication for the Arts, USA
- 2006 **Award**, Poetry Reading, American University of Kuwait, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 2005 **Award**, *The 44th National Day and 14th Liberation*, Kuwait Arts
Association, Hawalli, Kuwait
- 2004 **Award**, 1st Al-Kharafi Biennial, Kuwait Arts Association, Kuwait
City, Kuwait
- 1984 **First Place Prize**, National Art Competition, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Presentations

- 2016 **Guest Speaker**, 18th Global Women in Leadership (WIL) Economic
Forum, Dubai, UAE
Guest Speaker, GCC Women Leaders Listing by World Brand
Congress 8th Global Women in Leadership (WIL) Economic Forum,
Dubai, UAE
- 2015 **Guest Speaker**, Kuwait Women Cultural and Social Society, Khaldiya,
Kuwait
Guest Speaker, BBC Outlook – Democracy Day, London, UK
(Interviewer: Mathew Bannister)
Panel Discussion | with Dr Tariq Ramadan, Dr Heba Izzat, Douglas
Murray, and Shaimah Khalil | BBC - Democracy Day, London, UK
Panel Discussion, BBC Radio 4 Woman's Hour – Democracy Day, London,
UK

- 2014 **Guest Speaker**, BBC Hard Talk, London, UK (Interviewer: Stephen Sackur)
- Panel Discussion** | with Khaled Samawi and Anthony Downey | Ayyam Gallery, London, UK
- Panel Discussion**, “Reversible: Narrating Identity from the Inside Out and Outside In”, *Osmosis – Navigating Private and Public Spaces*, moderated by Shurooq Amin, NYU Conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE; The Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
- Guest Speaker**, Liceo Quadri, Vicenza, Italy
- Guest Speaker**, *Ekphrasis: Intersections of Art and Literature*, University of Trento, Italy
- Guest Speaker**, *On Contemporary Art*, American University of Kuwait, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Guest Speaker - Panel Discussion**, *On Censorship* | with Dr Naif Al-Mutawa and Nada Faris | Bayt Lothan, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 2013 **Guest Speaker**, Kuwait Writing Club, GUST University, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 2012 **Guest Speaker**, Dr Aseel Al-Awadhi Electoral Venue, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Poetry Reading and Guest Speaker**, *Gathering the Tide: An Anthology of Arabian Gulf Poetry*, Virginia Commonwealth University, Doha, Qatar
- 2011 **Guest Speaker**, American University of Kuwait, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 2009 **Poetry Reading**, Dar Al Funoon Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait, May
- Presentation**, PechaKucha Night #2, Al-Qiblia Cultural Center, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- 2006 **Poetry Reading**, American University of Kuwait, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Memberships and Participations

- Juror**, Arab Fund for Arts and Culture, Beirut, Lebanon
- Member**, Kuwait Arts Association, Hawalli, Kuwait
- Member**, Consultation Research and Studies Committee, Bayan Palace, Kuwait
- Panel Member**, UNESCO - Cultural Week 2009, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Member**, Business and Professional Women Club – The Kuwait Chapter, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Member**, World Crafts Council – Asia Pacific, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Member, International Association of Art, Asia Pacific

Member, The Poetry Society, London, UK

Member, The Poetry Society of America, New York, USA

Member, Association of Writers and Writing Programs, Fairfax, Virginia, USA

Member, Writer's / Scholar's Association, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Member, Certified Interior Decorators, Stuart, Florida

Member, Kuwait Association of British Alumni, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Member, Dar Al-Athar Al-Islamiyyah, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Member, Kuwait University - Language Centre Accreditation Committee, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Member, Kuwait University - Faculty Association, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Member, TESOL Arabia, Dubai, UAE

Member, TESOL Kuwait, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Member, Kuwait Board on Books for Young People, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Member, Virginia Commonwealth University of Qatar, Doha, Qatar

Publications

- 2014 *Shurooq Amin*, Edited by Maymanah Farhat, Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2011 *Gathering the Tide: An Anthology of Contemporary Arabian Gulf Poetry*, Edited by Jeff Lodge, Patty Paine and Samia Touati, Ithaca Press, Reading, UK
- 2009 *The Hanging of the Wind*, Finishing Line Press, Georgetown, Kentucky, USA (Author: Shurooq Amin)
- Best of Worldwide Artists: Mixed Media and Figurative Paintings*, Kennedy Publishing, USA
- 1997 *Kuwaiti Butterfly Unveiled*, Minerva Press, London, UK (Author: Shurooq Amin)
- 1994 *Kuwaiti Butterfly Unveiled*, As-Salam Printing Press, Kuwait City, Kuwait (Author: Shurooq Amin)