

Thaier Helal (Syria, b. 1967)

Education

1991 Graduate of Fine Arts, University of Damascus, Damascus, Syria

Professional Experience

2005-15 **Full-time Professor and Lecturer**, College of Fine Arts and Design - University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE

2010 **Jury Member**, Asian Art Biennale, Dhaka, Bangladesh

2007 **Jury Member**, Exhibition of Omani Artists, Muscat, Oman

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2017 *Landmarks II*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE

2015 *Landmarks*, Ayyam Gallery, London, UK

2014-15 *Landmarks*, Ayyam Gallery, DIFC, Dubai, UAE

2012 *In Army We Trust*, Ayyam Gallery, DIFC, Dubai, UAE

2011 Thaier Helal, Ayyam Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

2010 *Liberated Spatiality*, Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon; Ayyam Gallery, Damascus, Syria

2007 Atassi Gallery, Damascus, Syria

2005 Maraya Art Gallery, Sharjah, UAE

2003 Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2002 Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE

2000 Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE

Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

Selected Group Exhibitions

2017 *Sanctuary*, For-Site Foundation, San Francisco, USA

Our Night is Long, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE

- Painting Across Generations*, Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2015 *Light as Form*, Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2011 *Selections from the Samawi Collection*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
- 2010 *Beirut Summer Show*, Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
Shabab Uprising, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
International Art & Science Festival, The University of Patras, Patras, Greece
- 2009 International Art & Science Festival, The University of Patras, Patras, Greece
Alexandria Biennale, Cairo, Egypt
Shabab Uprising, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
- 2008 International Symposium of Painting, Patras, Greece
Contemporary Syria, Ayyam Gallery, Damascus, Syria; Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2007 *Imagining the Book*, Alexandrina International Biennale, Alexandria, Egypt
People and Culture, Inter-Art International Art Camp, Aiud, Romania
- 2006 **Two-Person Exhibition**, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
International Symposium of Contemporary Art, Carei, Romania
- 2005 Sultan Bin Ali Al Owais Cultural Foundation, Dubai, UAE
Festival of Mediterranean People, Bisceglie, Italy
Imagining the Book, Alexandrina International Biennale, Alexandria, Egypt
Biennial of Contemporary Painting, Tehran, Iran
Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE
- 2003 Exhibition of Syrian Artists, Ministry of Culture, Damascus, Syria
- 2002 Asian Art Biennale, Dhaka, Bangladesh
French and Francophone Group Show, Dubai, UAE; Abu Dhabi, UAE; Beirut, Lebanon
- 2001 Exhibition of Syrian Artists, Ministry of Culture, Damascus, Syria
13th Youth Salon, Palace of Arts, Cairo, Egypt
Romanian Institute of Culture and Humanistic Research, Venice, Italy

- 2000 Arab Cultural Centre, Brussels, Belgium
- 1999 Galerie Bortier, Brussels, Belgium
Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
- 1998-02 Majlis Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 1997 Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
Department of Culture and Information – The Art Area, Sharjah, UAE
Asian Art Biennale, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 1996 Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE
- 1995 Asian Art Biennale, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
Portrait Exhibition, Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE
- 1994 Dubai International Art Centre, Dubai, UAE
Spring Exhibition, Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Collections

- Ministry of Culture, Amman, Jordan
- Ministry of Culture, Damascus, Syria
- Ministry of Culture, Youth & Community, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- The Samawi Collection, Dubai, UAE
- Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Collection, Dubai, UAE

Residencies and Workshops

- 2017 **Workshop**, *The Art of Upcycling*, Alserkal Avenue, Dubai, UAE
- 2010 **Residency and Workshop**, International Art & Science Festival, The University of Patras, Patras, Greece
- 2006 **Residency and Workshop**, International Symposium of Contemporary Art, Carei, Romania
- 2005 **Workshop**, *Imagining the Book*, Alexandrina International Biennale, Alexandria, Egypt
- 2002 **Workshop - Contemporary Art of Asia, Africa and Pacific**, Rajendrapour, Bangladesh
- 2001 **Workshop**, Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE

2000 **Workshop - Contemporary Art of Asia, Africa and Pacific,**
Rajendrapour, Bangladesh

Awards

2008 **Al Burda International Award,** Ministry of Culture, Dubai, UAE

2005 **Grand Golden Award,** Biennial of Contemporary Painting, Tehran,
Iran

Judge Award, Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE

1997 **Painting Award,** Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah, UAE

1996 **Distinguished Works Award,** Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah,
UAE

1995 **Painting Award,** Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, UAE

Award, Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Memberships

1997 **Senior Member,** Sharjah Arts Institute – Department of Culture and
Information, Sharjah, UAE

Publications

2014 *Thaier Helal,* Edited by Maymanah Farhat, Ayyam Gallery, Dubai,
UAE