

SARA NAIM

BORN

1987 London

Syrian, based between London, UK, and Dubai, United Arab Emirates

EDUCATION

2014 MFA Fine Art Media, The Slade School of Fine Art, London, UK

2010 BA (Hons) Photography, London College of Communication, London, UK

2007 Art Foundation, Chelsea College of Art and Design, London, UK

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 *From the Perspective of Language*, The Third Line, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

2022 *Rose Tinted*, The Third Line, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Rose Tinted, Volt, Eastbourne, UK

2020 *Shift*, Sunny's Salon, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

2019 *Building Blocks*, The Third Line, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

2018 *Reaction*, Parafin Gallery, London, UK

2016 *Vol. 2: Curiosités*, Sans Titre, Paris, France

When Heartstrings Collapse, The Third Line, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

2015 *Heartstrings*, Hayward Concrete, London, UK

2012 *When The Lights Went Off We Saw*, Gallery 1, The Pavilion Downtown Dubai, United Arab Emirates

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Rays, Ripples, Residue*, 421, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

The Only Way Out Is Through: The Twentieth Line, curated by Shumon Basar, The Third Line, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Tasweer Photography Festival, Qatar Museum, Doha, Qatar

Hot Spots, Sotheby's Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

2023 *Safely Held*, Plyon Art & Culture, Cyprus

Taoyuan International Art Award, Taiwan

- 2022 *Gertrude Presents*, London, UK
There Goes the Neighbourhood, Indigo + Madder, London, UK
Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, London, UK
Jeddah Photo 2022, ATHR, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Portrait of a Nation II: Beyond Narratives, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2021 The Third Line at Cromwell Place, Cromwell Place, London, UK
- 2020 *Ancient Future*, The Third Line, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
There Is Fiction In The Space Between, The Third Line, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2019 *Science Fictions*, Centre Photographique Rouen, Normandie, France
Creation of a Moment, Kaviar Factory, Henningsvaer, Norway
- 2018 *Contemporary Photography from the Art World*, Katzen Arts Center, American University Museum, Washington D.C., USA
Artificial Impressions, Stedelijk Museum, Breda, Netherlands
Experiment/Control, Blyth Gallery, Imperial College, London, UK
What's Up, LVH, London, UK
Chambre 10, Sans titre (2016), Paris, France
- 2017 *Secular Icons in an Age of Moral Uncertainty*, Parafin Gallery, London, UK
The Third Image, Biennale des Photographes du Monde Arabe Contemporain, Galerie Binôme, Paris, France
- 2016 *Sans Titre Vol. 2*, Marie Madec, Paris, France
Mysticism, Materiality and Void, The Third Line, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Beyond Borders, Blain|Southern, London, UK
Sans Titre, curated by Marie Madec, Paris, France
The Pierrot Studio, Display Gallery, London, UK
- 2015 *The Pierrot Project: Entrances & Exits*, Waterloo Warehouse, London, UK
Here, Here & Sometimes There, Display Gallery, London, UK
- 2014 Summer Show 2014, The Third Line, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Photomatter, Rich Mix, London, UK
MFA Show, The Slade School of Fine Art, London, UK
Need you 100%, Display Gallery, London, UK

- ArtPendeo*, Sassoon Gallery, London, UK
Hindsight, VI Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2013 Interim MFA Show, The Slade School of Fine Art, London, UK
Dazed and Confused for D&AD, Neu Gallery, London, UK
Art Pendeo, The Visual Collective, London, UK
CMYK, Gulf Photo Plus, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Photography Open Salon, China House, Penang, China
- 2012 *Au Lait!*, La Maison de La Vache Qui Rit, Jura, France
Arles Photography Open Salon, Galerie Huit, Arles, France
Seeing is Believing, Canvas Charity Auction, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
GPP Limited, Gulf Photo Plus, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
To The Moon, XVA Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
The State: Panopitcons, Traffic Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2011 *The State: Social/Antisocial?*, Traffic Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Foto8 Summer Show, Host Gallery, London, UK
Over the Hill: A Photographic Journey, Guernsey Photography Festival, Guernsey, UK
1 of 3, Youth Group Gallery, New York, USA
Light Touch, Upper Street Gallery, London, UK
- 2010 Academy Meets Photokina, Photokina Fair, Cologne, Germany
Power of Ten, London College of Communication, London, UK
Dubai Episode, The Third Line, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Chasing Oneders, Photo-Space, London, UK
- 2009 *Chaser Under the Arch*, Arch635 Gallery, London, UK

AWARDS

- 2023 Taoyuan International Art Award, Shortlisted
- 2022 Civitella Ranieri Foundation Fellowship, Nominated
- 2018 Foam Paul Huf Award, Nominated
- 2017 Jameel Prize 5, Nominated
- 2016 Dentons's Art Prize, Shortlisted
- 2013 Making Pictures Arts Award, Winner

2013 D&AD New Blood Awards, Shortlisted

PARTICIPATION

- 2025 VIMA Art Fair, Cyprus
- 2024 Art Dubai, The Third Line Booth, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Clinique La Prairie commission, Art Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Gucci x Nomad, Artists in Flux, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2021 Contemporary Art Lecture, The Slade School of Fine Art, London, UK
- 2020 Artissima solo presentation, The Third Line, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (Online)
Abu Dhabi Art, curated by Nada Raza, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (Online)
January Artist Takeover, Alserkal Avenue, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Not Cancelled, The Third Line, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (Online)
- 2019 Frieze New York, The Third Line
Hospital Rooms Auction, Hauser&Wirth, London, UK
Frieze London, The Third Line
- 2017 Frieze London, The Third Line
Hospital Rooms Project, London, UK
- 2016 Blain|Southern, Beyond Borders for NextGen, London, UK
Collectionair, digital solo show curated by Olivier Varenne
Art Barter, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
RCA Secrets, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
2015 FIAC, Paris, France
Art Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Southbank Centre, Women of the World Festival, London, UK

RESIDENCIES

- 2019 Cité internationale des Arts, Paris, France
- 2018 Cité internationale des Arts, Paris, France
- 2016 Cité internationale des Arts, Paris, France
- 2015 Beirut Art Residency, Beirut, Lebanon

COMMISSIONS

2020 Exchanges, Alserkal Avenue's January Artist Takeover, Alserkal Avenue, Dubai, UAE

2017 Hospital Rooms Project, NHS hospital, London, UK

COLLECTIONS

Museum of Old and New Art, Tasmania, Australia