

HUDA LUTFI

BORN

1947 Born in Cairo, Egypt

Lives and works in Cairo

1983 Professor of Cultural History, The American University in Cairo (until 2012)

EDUCATION

1983 PhD in Arab Muslim Cultural History, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Unraveling*, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE

2021 *Healing Devices*, Dallas Museum of Art, Texas, USA

Our Black Thread, Gypsum Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

The Shelf of Memories, The Madonna dei Raccomandati, San Panfilo, Ocre, Italy

2019 *When Dreams Call for Silence*, The American University in Cairo and Tahrir Cultural Center, Cairo, Egypt

2018 *Still*, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE

2017 *Dawn Portraits*, Gypsum Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

2016 *Magnetic Bodies: Imaging the Urban*, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE

2015 *Magnetic Bodies*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

2014 *Traces*, The Art Centre, Cleveland, Ohio, US

Cut and Paste, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

2011 *Zan'it al-Sittat*, Sultan Gallery, Subhan, Kuwait

Huda Lutfi: Twenty Years of Art, Tache Art, Cairo, Egypt

2010 *Making a Man out of Him*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

2008 *Zan'it al-Sittat*, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE

2006 *From Egypt with Love*, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE

'Arayis, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

2005 *Beyond the Surfaces of Things*, Falaki Gallery, The American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt

Retrospective of Recent Works, al-Riwaq Gallery of Contemporary Art, Manama, Bahrain

2004 *Making Faces*, La Bodega Karim Francis Gallery, Zamalek, Egypt

- Femmes Plurielles*, The French Cultural Center in Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt
Calligraphic Abstractions, La Bodega-Karim Francis Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 2003 *Found in Cairo*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 2002 *Dawn Portraits*, Fortis Circustheater Gallery, The Hague, Holland
Retrospective, La Bodega-Karim Francis Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 2001 *Paintings by a Contemporary Egyptian Artist*, The Muscarelle Museum of Art, Virginia, USA
- 2000 *The New in the Old*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 1997 *Huda Lutfi: Recent Works*, Xenios Gallery, Frankfurt, Germany
Conjuring the Past, Mashrabia Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 1996 *Magic and the Image*, Terra Viva Gallery, Uzes, France
Woman and Memory, Ewart Gallery, The American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *On Rock-Soft Matters*, Seldon Institute, Chicago, IL, USA
- 2025 *The Only Way Out Is Through: The Twentieth Line*, curated by Shumon Basar, The Third Line, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
passing the fugitive on, 13th Berlin Biennale, Berlin, Germany
Imagine Climate Dignity, Kunstlerhaus Wien, Vienna, Austria
Hot Spots, Sotheby's Dubai, Dubai, UAE
- 2024 *The Circle Was a Point*, Foundry Downtown, Dubai, UAE
autohistorias, Palais des Beaux, Paris, France
Parfums d'Orient (Perfumes of the East), The National Museum, Riyadh, KSA
The Light Between, WHATIFTHEWORLD, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2023 *Inside the Black Enclosure*, Islamic Arts Biennale, Jeddah, KSA
Women Defining Women In Contemporary Art of The Middle East And Beyond, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, USA
The Resistance of Pen and Paper, Richard Saltoun, London, UK
Parfums d'Orient (Perfumes of the East), The Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
Being and Belonging, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada
Mu'awiyya's Hair, 32Bis Cultural Centre, Tunisia, Tunisia

- 2022 *History Leads to Twisted Mountains*, ARD for Art, Cairo, Egypt
Art Dubai with The Third Line, Dubai, UAE
- 2021 *Reflections Contemporary Art of the Middle East and North Africa*, The British Museum,
London, UK
Cairo Photo Week, Downtown Cairo, Egypt
- 2020 *There Is Fiction In The Space Between*, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE
- 2019 *Reimagined Narratives*, Art D'Égypte, Cairo, Egypt
Occupational Hazards, Apexarts, New York, USA
- 2018 *Feedback: Art, Africa and the Eighties*, Iwalewahauss, Bayreuth, Germany
- 2017 *Tell me the Story of all These Things*, Villa Vassilieff, Paris, France
Dawn Portraits, Gypsum gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 2016 *The Turn: Art Practices in Post-Spring Societies*, Kunstraum Niederoesterreich, Vienna,
Austria
Kitsch ou pas kitsch, Institut des Cultures d'Islam, Paris, France
- 2015 *Something Else*, Off Cairo Biennale, Cairo, Egypt
La Bienal del Sur, Caracas, Venezuela
Fotofest, View from Inside Contemporary Arab Photography, Video and Mixed Media Art, Abu
Dhabi Festival, Emirates Palace Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Futuropolis, Saad Zaghloul Cultural Center, Cairo, Egypt
- 2014 *FotoFest 2014 Biennial*, the 15th International Biennial of Photography and Photo-related Art,
Houston, USA
Alexandria Biennial for Mediterranean Countries, Alexandria, Egypt
- 2013 *Hommage to Moustapha Hasnaoui*, Frederic Moison Gallery, Paris, France
Aya Haidar, Huda Lutfi, Sara Rahbar, Bischoff/Weiss, London, UK
Terms & Conditions, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore
De Colline en Colline, Sidi Bou Said & Takrouna, Tunisia
- 2012 *I Am Not There*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
Long Live Free Art, Art Talks, Cairo, Egypt
- 2010 *My World Images*, Festival For Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
Dak'Art – African Contemporary Art Biennale, Dakar, Senegal
- 2009 *Icons Reloaded*, Elysee Arts Gallery, Liege, Belgium

- 2008 *Umm Kulthum*, The Arab World Institute, Paris, France
Trilogy, The Palace of the Arts, Marseille, France
- 2007 *Contemporary Egyptian Art*, The Museum of Modern Art, Bonn, Germany
Contact Zone, The National Museum of Art, Bamako, Mali
What is Happening Now?, The Palace of the Arts, Cairo, Egypt
Occidentalism, Karim Francis Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
Out of Place, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2005 *Recent Works by Egyptian Artists*, Mashrabia Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
Imagining the Book, Library of Alexandria Biennial, Egypt
- 2004 *Ramadan Lights*, Goethe Cultural Institute and Mashrabia Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
Hybridity, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt
- 2003 *Body*, New Falaky Gallery, The American University in Cairo, Egypt
- 2002 *Imagining the Book*, Library of Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt
Collage, Atelier du Caire, Cairo, Egypt
- 2001 *Cairo Modern Art in Holland*, Fortis Circustheater Gallery, The Hague, Holland
- 1999 *Mixed Media Works*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 1998 *Four Women Artists*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
Women Artists of the Mediterranean and Black Sea, Salonika, Greece
- 1997 *Biennial for Women Artists of the Mediterranean*, Marseille and Arles, France

AWARDS/RESIDENCIES

- 2021 Artist Residency, Rehab With Art, Abruzzo, Italy
- 2014 Grand Prize, The Alexandria Biennial, Alexandria, Egypt
Artist Residency, Creative Fusion International Artists in Residence, Cleveland, Ohio,
USA
- 2013 Artist Residency, Association 24h pour l'art contemporain, Tunisia
- 2010 Artist Residency, Kunsthalle Nikolaj, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2009 Arab Fund for Arts and Culture Artist Grant
- 1999 Ford Foundation Artist Grant
- 1996 Second prize at the Biennial for Women Artists of the Mediterranean in Marseille,
France

PUBLICATIONS

Lutfi, Huda, Huda Lutfi, 2012, The Third Line

ACQUISITIONS

Marguerite Hoffman art Collection, Texas, USA

Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), Los Angeles, USA

Al-Ahram Beverages Company, Cairo, Egypt

Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE

Dubai Properties, Dubai, UAE

Fortis Circustheater Foundation, The Hague, Holland

Jean-Jacques et Michele de Fleurs Collection, Paris, France

Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts, Amman, Jordan

Indianapolis Museum, Indianapolis, USA

Museum of Modern Art, The Hague, Holland

Muscarella Museum, University of Virginia, USA

The American University in Cairo, Egypt

The British Museum, London, UK

The Law Court of Bahrain, Manama, Bahrain

The World Bank, Cairo, Egypt