

AIAB General Curator

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About

Dr. Wael Darweish is an Egyptian contemporary visual artist and Full Professor of Art Education. For more than three decades, he has developed a multidisciplinary practice spanning painting, installation, video art, mixed media, and drawing. His work investigates memory, disappearance, human presence, identity, and the psychological relationship between people and place, creating visual narratives that move between reality and imagination.

Darweish has presented twenty-three solo exhibitions and participated in more than one hundred international exhibitions, biennials, museums, art fairs, and symposia across Europe, the Middle East, North America, Asia, and Africa. His work has been exhibited at the 55th Venice Biennale (Maldives Pavilion), Kunstmuseum Bonn, and numerous international institutions, galleries, and museums.

His artworks are held in public and private collections, including the Museum of Modern Egyptian Art, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, the Copelouzos Family Art Museum (Athens), and other international collections. His work has also appeared in international auctions and has been featured in numerous publications and media platforms dedicated to contemporary art.

Alongside his artistic practice, Darweish has built an extensive academic career in higher education, combining research, teaching, and artistic production. His professional activities integrate studio practice with critical inquiry, contributing to contemporary visual culture through exhibitions, publications, international collaborations, and academic leadership.

Education

2019 PhD, Full Professor, Faculty of Art Education, *Capital University* - Cairo, Egypt.
2014 PhD, Associate Professor, Faculty of Art Education, *Capital University* - Cairo, Egypt.
2008 PhD, Faculty of Art Education, *Capital University* - Cairo, Egypt.
2003 MFA, Painting and drawing department, Faculty of art Education, *Capital University* - Cairo, Egypt.
1998 BA, *Capital University* in Cairo, Egypt- Cairo, Egypt.

Solo Exhibitions

2026 Exception- Access Art Gallery -Cairo, Egypt
2023 Isthmus- Museum of Modern Egyptian Art – Cairo Opera House – Egypt.
2023 Half Dream! – solo exhibition- YASSIN Art gallery – Cairo – Egypt.
2022 I M ...YOU! – solo exhibition- Demi Art gallery – Cairo – Egypt.
2022 25 years of art, Arteology gallery, the west boulevard, Zayed, Cairo, EGYPT.
2020 Ambivalent Self, solo online exhibition- by Blue Rhino Art Consultancy- London& Istanbul.
2018 not expect – DAI art galleys– Cairo-Egypt.
2017 Visual code, Capital Gallery, Cairo, Egypt.
2016 Time intermezzo, Zamalek art gallery, Cairo, Egypt.
2015 the prank, Artsawa Gallery, Dubai-United Arab Emirates.
2014 Disappearance, Artsawa Gallery, Dubai-United Arab Emirates.
2013 COLLECTIVE VIEW, Artsawa Gallery, Dubai-United Arab Emirates.
2012 Safar khan Gallery, Cairo, Egypt.
2012 Egyptian Embassy, Zagreb, Croatia. 2013 COLLECTIVE VIEW, Artsawa Gallery, Dubai-United Arab Emirates.
2012 Egyptian Embassy, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
2012 witness – Artsawa Gallery, Dubai-United Arab Emirates.
2011 Gallery-Museum Lendava, Slovenia.
2010 SHROUDED MEMORIES – Artsawa Gallery, Dubai-United Arab Emirates.
2009 Cairo Atelier, Cairo, Egypt.
2008 El Gezera art center, Cairo, Egypt.
2003-2006-2007 Cairo Atelier, Cairo, Egypt.
2002 Center of Arts, Zamalek, Cairo, Egypt.

Group Shows

2026 JUL-AUG- Sands Art Gallery-Cairo – Egypt.
2026 Different space- Yassin Art Gallery- Cairo – Egypt.
2026 Parallel Universes-Sands Art Gallery-Cairo – Egypt.
2025 BIENNALE D'ARTE CONTEMPORANEA-CITTÀ DI CASAGIOVE-OTTOBRE BORBONICO-CASAGIOVE (CE)-ITALY.
2025 The 61st Cairo Salon – Palace of Arts – Egyptian Opera House – Cairo – Egypt.
2025 Ayla Contemporary Art Symposium – Ayla Association for Culture and Arts, Aqaba – Jordan.
2025 FIFTH INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL- WITH THE MESSAGE TO RULE PEACE-, Silver Lake, Veliko Gradište, Serbia
2025 SWAILEM ART GALLERY-HIM&HIR– Cairo-Egypt.
2024 the8 International Festival of Contemporary Plastic Arts – Algerian Ministry of Culture -Algeria.
2024 Cairo Salon 60–palace of Arts – Cairo Opera House – Cairo-Egypt.
2024 Fusion of hope-Zahwa art gallery– Cairo-Egypt.
2024 CONTEMPORARY VISIONS -Italian Cultural Center – Cairo-Egypt.
2024 VISIONS-Odyssey Art Gallery -Cairo-Egypt.
2024 SWAILEM ART GALLERY-From the Egyptians figurative- Cairo-Egypt.
2023 The Beginnings – palace of Arts – Cairo Opera House – Cairo-Egypt.
2023 Art DEgypt-The Body presence-RADIO TTAEATER-Cairo-Egypt.
2023 Capital Art 2-Nebet Gallery & Cleg Art Gallery-The Capital Promenade– Cairo-Egypt.

2023 Copelouzos Family Art Museum-modern and contemporary Greek and global art-artists from all over the world-Athens-Greek.

2023 The summer art show- Tam art galleries, Cairo Alexandria Road, Egypt.

2022 Cairo art fair Vol 2, Tam art galleries, Cairo Alexandria Road, Egypt.

2022 Cairo art fair Vol 1, Tam art galleries, new Cairo, Egypt.

2022 Cairo Art Week – Baron Palace – Heliopolis, Cairo, Egypt.

2022 Recycled – Picasso art gallery – New Cairo – Egypt.

2022 Different Space – Yassin art gallery-Cairo-Egypt.

2022 summer collection-Diwaniya art gallery- Algeria.

2022 Biennial of Contemporary Arts – Casagiove – Italy.

2022 the scene 1- sinter of arts- Cairo-EGYPT.

2021 Cairo art fair Vol 2, Tam art galleries, new Cairo, Egypt.

2021 CONTEMPORARY ART SALON 1- POST CONCEPT-palace of Arts – Cairo Opera House-Egypt.

2021 PICASSO GALLERY – MARASSI-North Coast- E EGYPT.

2021 Artists in action- DEMI ART GALLERY- CAIRO-EGYPT.

2020 EGYPT art fair, AZAD art galleries, Cairo, Egypt.

2020 Cairo art fair, Tam art galleries, Cairo, Egypt.

2020 THE INTERCONTINENTAL BIENNIAL OF THE INDIGENOUS ART – USA.

2020 positive space – Tam art galleries, Cairo, Egypt.

2020 National Exhibition – palace of Arts – Egyptian Opera House cairo.

2020 ARS GRATIA ARTIS EXHIBITION- POST ART- THE INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE- Fundación Paurides Spain.

2020 Luxor international painting symposium 13, Luxor, Egypt.

2020 ART WITHOUT BORDERS- codex-art- Požarevac, Republic of Serbia.

2019 Cairo art fair, Tam art galleries, Cairo, Egypt.

2019 “Don’t bite me!”, Naples international art symposium-Academy of Fine Arts – Naples- Italy.

2019 (Mirage of Hope) exhibition-The International Organization for Migration (IOM)- Tunisia.

2019 MILLER ART MUSEUM, WISCONSIN, STURGEON BAY, USA.

2019 (Like You, Like Me) in Detroit Mi, Nnamdi Center for Contemporary Art-Michigan-USA.

2019 “Cairo Reflection”- Al Hanager Arts Center-Cairo Opera House- Egypt.

2018 first international Biennale and art symposium in Veliko gradista Pozarevac, Serbia,2018

2018 International Art Festival (ode to Life) – prestigious gallery venue of Royal Palace Petrović – Podgorica – Montenegro.

2018 N’NAMDI CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART-MICHIGAN – USA.

2018 III International Art Colony „Artifact“, Veliko Gradište, Republic of Serbia.

2018 XII International Art Colony “Love and understanding with a message of peace”, Požarevac, Republic of Serbia.

2018 A Guide for Our Times- CARAVAN’s -Sotheby’s – London-UK.

2018 THE 16 FINE ART FESTIVAL-MOUNSTIR-TUNISIA.

2018 the 2th INTERNATIONAL ART SEMPOSUM-KATARA-QATAR.

2017 the 12th International art colony “My Balkan”, Požarevac, Republic of Serbia.

2016 THE 1ST AILA ART SEMPOSUM- JORDAN

2016 INTERNATIONAL ART SEMPOSUM – New Delhi – INDIA

2015 CAIRO AMMAN BANK INTERNATIONAL ART SEMPOSUM 2- AMMAN- JORDAN.

2015 GALLERIES NIGHT Artsawa Gallery, Dubai-United Arab Emirates.

2015 1st narrative movements – the jehan hotel – New Delhi.

2015 1st Moscow Art Fair” -a dialogue through the language of art-Gallery Kremlin- Moscow.

2014 CARAVAN 3, Cairo Opera House, Egypt, National Cathedral in Washington D.C, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

2014 Art 14 LONDON, BOOTH E10, at Olympia, Kensington, London.

2013 Abu Dhabi Art Fair, art Sawa gallery- Dubai-United Arab Emirates.

2013 Christie's Dubai Artsawa Gallery, Dubai-United Arab Emirates.

2013 SYRI -ARTS EXHIBITION & AUCTION-Beirut Exhibition Center (Downtown Beirut)-Lebanon.

2013 the 55th Venice biennale – the Maldivian Pavilion – Venice-Italy.

2013 Art 13 LONDON, BOOTH E10, at Olympia, Kensington, London.

2012 Abu Dhabi Art Fair – art Sawa gallery- Dubai-United Arab Emirates.

2012 Christie's auction – (by art Sawa gallery) – Dubai-United Arab Emirates.

2011 10th International Fine Arts Colony-Monster / Szentgotthárd, Hungary.

2011 MENASART ART FAIR, Beirut International Exhibition-Leisure Center (Biel)- LEBANON.

2011 ÇANKIRI KARATEKİN UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF FINE ARTS – SUMMER ACADEMY-Ankara – Turkey.

2011 Abu Dhabi Art Fair – art Sawa gallery- Dubai-United Arab Emirates.

2010 Commissaries of the Egyptian Section – III Biennale of Art Ecuador – Quito – Ecuador.

2010 Abu Dhabi Art Fair – art Sawa gallery- Dubai-United Arab Emirates.

2010 Arab Cultural week – Johannesburg – Eritrea – South Africa

2010 15th Lind Art INTERNATIONAL YOUNG ARTISTS FINE ARTS COLONY, Gallery-Museum Lendava, Slovenia.

2010 Black and white-El Gezera Art Senter, Cairo, Egypt.

2010 Land of The Hyperreal- Memorial Jose, Revolution Square, Havana, Kupa.

2009 Abu Dhabi Art Fair – art Sawa gallery- Dubai-United Arab Emirates.

2009 Bonjour la France Art Fair – Abu Dhabi-United Arab Emirates.

2009 DARKLIGHT FILM FESTIVAL – DUBLIN-, Ireland.

2009 DUBLIN ELECTRONIC ARTS FESTIVAL: D.E.A.F, Ireland.

2009 UNDERCURRENT contemporary Egyptian art- art Sawa gallery- Dubai-United Arab Emirates.

2009 AGANDA EXHIPATION, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt.

2009 AL MARKAYAH ART GALLERY- Abu Dhabi, Emirates Palace.

2008 Cairo international Biennial 11- 2008 – Cairo Opera House-Egypt.

2008 Creative Expressions – art Sawa gallery- Dubai-United Arab Emirates.

2008 Art Paris- Abu Dhabi, Emirates Palace- Dubai-United Arab Emirates.

2008 Art Sawa gallery opening- Dubai-United Arab Emirates.

2008 ÖREBRO INTERNATIONAL VIDEOART FESTIVAL-Sweden.

2008 Secrets project –Dara El finon-amman – Jordan.

2008 Dubai Art Fair -United Arab Emirates – responses contemporary practices magazine.

2008 From Athens to Marseille to Cairo, Marseille, France.

2007 what is happening today, Cairo Opera House, Egypt.

2007 The days of the Egyptian culture in India, New Delhi, India.

2007 The Present out of the Past Millennia, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Bonn, Germany.

2005 Contemporary Egyptian paintings – Egyptian Academy in Rome, Italy.

2005 Imagining the Book I, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria – Egypt.

2007 Imagining the Book II, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria -Egypt.

2005 Art and Soul, Cairo Opera House Gallery, Egypt.

2002 6th International Ceramics Biennial, Cairo Opera House &Palace of arts Cairo- Egypt.

2002 Arab Visual Artists' Exhibition, Taha Hussein Museum, Cairo, Egypt.

2001 Arab Visual Artists' Exhibition, Taha Hussein Museum, Cairo, Egypt.

2000 5th International Ceramics Biennial, Cairo Opera House & Akhenaton Galleries, Cairo, Egypt.

1998-2003 Annual Salons of Miniatures, Akhenaton Galleries, Cairo, Egypt.

1998-2004 Annual Salons of Young Artists, Akhenaton Galleries, Cairo, Egypt.

Awards & Prizes

2018 Biennale Award at the (first international Biennale and art symposium in Veliko gradista Pozarevac, Serbia.

2018 1 st prize, 15th FINE ARTES FESTIVAL-MOUNSTIR-TUNISIA

2010 1st prize, 15th Lind Art INTERNATIONAL YOUNG ARTISTS FINE ARTS COLONY.

2003 Grand prize, 13th Salon of Young Artists, Cairo Opera House, Egypt.

2002 5th International Ceramics Biennial, Cairo Opera House & Akhenaton Galleries, Cairo, Egypt.

2000 Jury Prize, the All-Egyptian Artists Exhibition, Cairo Opera House, Egypt.

1999 Jury Prize, 11th Salon of Young Artists, Cairo Opera House, Egypt.

1998 1st prize, 10th Salon of Young Artists, Cairo Opera House, Egypt.

Art residencies

2019 "Don't bite me!", Naples international art symposium-Academy of Fine Arts – Naples- Italy.

2019 the 12th International art colony "My Balkan", which will maintain in Požarevac, Republic of Serbia.

2016 2nd year that «Machinists» International Symposium, Ejmiatsin, Armenian.

2015 1st narrative movements – the jehan hotel – new Delhi.

2015 1st Moscow Art Fair" -a dialogue through the language of art-Gallery Kremlin- Moscow.

2015 2 the International Thessaloniki art air, Thessaloniki, GREEK.

2012 3th International Fine Arts Residence "The Old School", Gorna Lipnitsa 17 – 26 August, PAVLIKENI, Bulgaria.

2011 10th International Fine Arts Colony -Monster / Szentgotthárd, Hungary.

2011 ÇANKIRI KARATEKİN UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF FINE ARTS – SUMMER ACADEMY-Ankara – Turkey.

2010 15th Lind Art INTERNATIONAL YOUNG ARTISTS FINE ARTS COLONY, Gallery-Museum Lendava, Slovenia.

Collections

MOUNSTIR Museum of Modern Art -TUNISIA

Danish embassy in Cairo.

Egyptian Museum of Modern Art.

15th May Museum.

Alexandria Library.

New Cairo Air Port.

Gallery-Museum Lendava, Slovenia.

ÇANKIRI KARATEKİN UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF FINE ARTS -Ankara – Turkey.

Copelouzou Family Art Museum-Athens-Greek.

Personal website

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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/wael-darwesh->

<https://www.facebook.com/waelarts>

<https://instagram.com/waelarts?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

local galleries

<https://racotis.art/artist/wael-darwesh/>

<https://www.nebetgallery.com/artists/wael-darweish/>

<https://www.picassoeast.com/artists-/wael-darwesh/>

https://www.yassinartgallery.com/artist_details.php?lang=1&artstbnd=5

regional galleries

<https://www.barjeelartfoundation.org/artist/egypt/wael-darwish/><https://artsawa.com/ArtistsList?AID=MjM1>

<https://hindiyeuseum.com/product/wael-darwish-recuzcu3owtf4f5mz/>

International Galleries

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<https://www.artsy.net/artist/wael-darwish>
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<https://www.artavita.com/artists/28518-wael-darweish>
<https://artist.com/wael-darweish/>
<http://www.carmenfranko.com/portfolio-view/wael-darwish/>
<https://www.singulart.com/en/artist/wael-kamal-31443?ref=ts>
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<https://www.artquid.com/seller/waeldarweish>
<https://www.artwanted.com/artist.cfm?ArtID=115639&Tab=Gallery>
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The local and international press

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<https://cairowestmag.com/nile-art-gallery/>
<https://egyptartfair.com/curated-zone/>
<https://myartguides.com/exhibitions/dubai-sharjah-abu-dhabi/wael-darwish-the-prank/>
<https://egyptianstreets.com/2019/06/12/egyptian-contemporary-art-exhibition-roadmap-to-the-renaissance-kicks-off-at-darb-1718/>
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1793121/lifestyle>
http://images.exhibit-.com/www_ayyamgallery_com/YCA_Catalog1.pdf
<https://egyptfwd.org/Article/6/4049/Contemporary-Art-Salon-launches-its-first-session-at-the-Arts>

international auction

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