

ATHIER (BRITISH-IRAQI, B. 1982)

Education

2009	BTEC Storyboarding and Animatics for Animation, The Lighthouse Film Academy, Brighton, UK
2007	MA, Communication Design with Illustration, Central Saint Martins, London, UK
2005	BA Hons, Visual Communication, Leeds University, Leeds, UK
2002	BTEC Graphic Design Foundation, Wimbledon School of Art, London, UK

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2020	<i>Nothing is Certain, Everything is Melting, and that's Okay</i> , Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
	<i>Fade and Float</i> , CAP Kuwait, Kuwait
2019	<i>All Things Come Apart</i> , Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
2018	<i>After Denudation</i> , Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
2017	<i>Machine Hearts</i> , Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
2016	<i>Improbable Possibilities</i> , Ayyam Gallery, London, UK
2014	<i>Man of War</i> , Edge of Arabia Projects, London, UK
	<i>You'll Never Thrill me, because you'll Never Kill Me</i> , Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
2013	<i>The Birth and Destruction of an Eagle II</i> , Cuadro Fine Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
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	<i>The Birth and Destruction of an Eagle</i> , Poligon, Istanbul, Turkey
	<i>The Circle</i> , Cuadro Fine Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2011	<i>Chasing Mirrors: My Portrait Shape by Shape</i> , National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
	<i>Fragmented Events: New works by ATHIER</i> , Cuadro Fine Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
	<i>I'm A Hero</i> , Cuadro Fine Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2010	<i>Kalimat</i> , Cuadro Fine Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *All Beautiful Things Are Fragile*, ATHR Gallery, Art Week Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 2022 *In the Footsteps of Cai Lun II, Selected Works on Paper*, Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2020 *Echoes & Perceptions*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
- 2018 *you + topia*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
- Abu Dhabi Art, Ayyam Gallery Booth, Manarat Al Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2017 *In the Footsteps of Cai Lun: Selected Works on Paper*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE
- 2015 Art Dubai, Ayyam Gallery Booth, Madinat Arena, Dubai, UAE
- LA Art Show, Ayyam Gallery Booth, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2014 *Fluid Forms II*, Samsung Blue Square, Seoul, South Korea; Busan Museum of Art, Busan, South Korea (Curator: Yu Yeon Kim)
- Contemporary Uprising: Art from the Middle East*, Nest Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland (Curators: Khaled and Hisham Samawi, in collaboration with Stefania Nazzari)
- Art Dubai, Ayyam Gallery Booth, Madinat Arena, Dubai, UAE
- 2013 *Edition #1*, Edge of Arabia, London, UK; Edge of Arabia, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- START March Show, Park Hyatt, Dubai, UAE
- Artists Against Hunger, Jumeirah Emirates Towers, Dubai, UAE
- 2012 *Domination, Hegemony and the Panopticon*, Traffic Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2011 Tashkent International Art Biennale, Tashkent, Uzbekistan *Mir Faberge*, The Royal Academy, London, UK
- Right Here, Right Now*, Cuadro Fine Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2010 *New Art From The Middle East*, Redchurch Gallery, London, UK

Presentations

- 2018 **Artist Talk:** Athier in conversation with Anna Seaman, A4 Screening Room, Alserkal Avenue, Dubai
- 2017 **Artist Talk:** Athier in conversation with curator Bahaa Abudaya, Ayyam Gallery, Beirut

2016 **Artist Talk:** Athier in conversation with Harper's Bazaar Art editor-in-chief Rebecca Anne Proctor, Ayyam Gallery, Alserkal Avenue, Dubai

2014 **Artist led tour and talk:** in conversation with art consultant and curator Cedric Bardawil, Ayyam Gallery, London, UK

Awards

2016 **Nominated - Sovereign MENA Art Prize**, Sovereign Art Foundation

Residencies and Workshops

2015
Residency, Beirut Art Residency, Beirut, Lebanon

2014
Workshop, Salma and The Cactus | with The Palestinian Museum | Ni'lin, Palestine

2013
Workshop, Artist Encounters with Athier Mousawi, Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar

2012
Workshop, #COMETOGETHER Education Programme by the Crossway Foundation, Truman Brewery, London, UK

Workshop Leader, Start Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon

Workshop Leader, Start Foundation, Amman, Jordan

2011
Residency, Cuadro Fine Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

Residency – Lead Artist, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK

2010 - 12
Residency, Cité Internationale Des Arts, Al Mansouria Foundation, Paris, France

Residency, Arab Artist in Residence, British Museum, London, UK

2007 - 09

Collections

2021 Collaboration with LIFEWTR