

## ABDUL KARIM MAJDAL AL-BEIK (SYRIA, B. 1973)

### Education

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| 1998 | BA, Faculty of Fine Arts – University of Damascus, Damascus, Syria      |
| 2001 | Postgraduate Diploma in Painting, Faculty of Fine Arts, Damascus, Syria |

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

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| 2023 | <i>Negative</i> , Europia New-Culture, Paris, France.   |
| 2021 | <i>Nota Bene</i> , Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE  |
| 2018 | <i>From Damascus to Berlin</i> , Berlin Artists Connected, Berlin, Germany                      |
| 2017 | <i>Funun festival</i> , Syrian culture in Bremen , Germany                                      |
|      | <i>A journey of Belonging</i> , Contemporary Arts Alliance Berlin ( CAA Berlin ), Bikini Berlin |
| 2016 | <i>transfer syrien</i> , Europaisches kunstlerhaus oberbayern, Munchen, Germany                 |
|      | <i>Funun festival</i> , Syrian culture in Bremen, Germany                                       |
| 2015 | <i>A Heart on a Wall</i> , Ayyam Gallery, DIFC, Dubai, UAE                                      |
|      | <i>Syria Of Frame</i> , Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice, Italy                                  |
| 2014 | <i>Postponed Democracy</i> , Ayyam Projects, Beirut, Lebanon                                    |
| 2013 | <i>Against the Wall II</i> , Ayyam Gallery, DIFC, Dubai, UAE                                    |
| 2012 | <i>Against the Wall</i> , Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon  |
| 2009 | <i>Wall Speak</i> , Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE  |
| 2008 | Ayyam Gallery, Damascus, Syria  |
| 2005 | Cultural Club of Shell Company, Damascus, Syria   |
| 2001 | Al-Sayed Gallery, Damascus, Syria   |
| 1998 | Arab Cultural Center, Hassakeh, Syria   |

### Selected Group Exhibitions

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| 2025 | <i>Wavering Hope</i> , Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE |
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*Die Zeit ist ein Ozean*, Schloss Biesdorf, Berlin, Germany

*Intersections*, A group show with artists from Syria in Berlin, HilbertRaum, Berlin

2019 **Dual exhibition**, Contemporary painting from Berlin, Galerie im Tempelhof Museum, Berlin, Germany

2018 *you + topia*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE

2017 *Mosaik Syrien "collective" exhibition* gut Altenkamp museum, Papenburg, Germany

2016 *In the heart of the heart of another country*, TwixtLab Tainiothiki, Athens, Greece

2015 *Syria Off Frame*, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice, Italy

2014 *Syria's Apex Generation*, Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE; Ayyam Gallery, London, UK (Curator: Maymanah Farhat)

*R-evolution*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE

*Et pourtant ils créent ! (Syrie : la foi dans l'art)/Despite it all they make art! (Syria: Having faith in the Arts)*, Institut des Cultures d'Islam, Paris, France

*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

2013 *R-evolution*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE

2012 *Melting Pot*, Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon

2011 *Selections from The Samawi Private Collection*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE

2009 *Buried in Tradition/ My World/ Walls Speak*, Ayyam Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, UAE

2008 *Contemporary Syria – Damascus and Dubai*, Ayyam Gallery, Damascus, Syria

Mark Hachem Gallery, New York, USA

*Tales of Heritage*, Latakia Museum, Latakia, Syria

2007 *Summer Festival*, Ayyam Gallery, Damascus, Syria

2006 Al-Sayed Art Gallery, Damascus, Syria

*Kalimat House Exhibition*, National Museum of Aleppo, Aleppo, Syria

Al-Khanji Gallery, Aleppo, Syria

- 2005      The National Red Museum, Sulaymaniyah, Iraq
- 3rd International Biennial of the Islamic World, Tehran, Iran

2003      The French Cultural Center, Damascus, Syria

2002      Zara Gallery, Amman, Jordan

French Cultural Center, Damascus, Syria

2001      UNESCO Palace, Beirut, Lebanon

*6 Creative Experiences*, Al-Mada House of Culture & Art, Damascus, Syria

## Presentations

2014      **Book Launch**, *Syria's Apex Generation*, moderated by Maymanah Farhat, Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon

## Awards

2022      Laboratory of Arts Programme 2022, Ettijahat- Independent Culture

2019      **Fellowship**, "weltoffenes berlin", senatsverwaltung, Allianz - Kulturstiftung , Berlin

2007      **Second Prize**, The First Ayyam Prize for Emerging Syrian Artists, Ayyam Gallery, Damascus, Syria

2003      **Silver Award**, Biennale El-Mahaba, Latakia, Syria

2001      **First Award**, Syrian Youth Exhibition, Damascus, Syria

2000      **First Award**, Mirror of Syrian-British Cooperation, British Council, Damascus, Syria

## Residencies and Workshops

2017      **Workshop**, Berlin Artists Connected , Berlin, Germany

**Workshop**, Contemporary Arts Alliance Berlin (CAA Berlin), Bikini Berlin

2016      **Residency**, europaisches kunstlerhaus oberbayern, Munchen, Germany

2012      **Workshop**, Ayyam Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon

2011      **Workshop**, Ayyam Gallery, Damascus, Syria

## Collections

The Samawi Collection, Dubai, UAE

## Publications

2014      *Syria Apex Generation*, Edited by Maymanah Farhat, Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2013      *Syrie: l'art en armes*, Paris, France (Author: Jacques Mandelbaum)

2008      *Abdul Karim Majdal Al-Beik*, Ayyam Gallery, Dubai, UAE (Author: Zena Takieddine)