



## Asmaa al-Issa |

### SELECT EXHIBITIONS (\*solo)

- 2024 [Upcoming] as we move away from the sun curated by Fatma Hendawy, presented by apexart, Allan Gardens, Toronto, CA  
2024 Today-Tomorrow, Anderson Centre at Tower View, Red Wing, MN, USA  
\*2023 untitled (map to tanuma), in a greenhouse, Calgary, CA  
\*2023 bab el-soosa, Project Space, Esker Foundation, Calgary, CA  
2023 Today-Tomorrow, presented by Iraqi-American Reconciliation Project, online  
2022 Un mundo de retales [A world of snippets] curated by María Gómez López, Casa Árabe, Córdoba, ES  
2021 Un mundo de retales [A world of snippets], Casa Árabe, Madrid, ES  
2019 ornamentations, Studio Kura Gallery, Itoshima, JP  
2019 intima' – tanmiyah, Workshop 4 at The Fire Station, Doha, QA  
2018 weathervane, Digital Carnival, Vancouver, CA  
2018 Annual Auction, Elephant Artist Relief Society, Calgary, CA  
\*2017 what the world does may not be worth doing, yet it cannot be left undone, TRUCK Gallery +15, Calgary, CA  
2017 Binding, Breathing, Incorporating: MFA 2017, Audain Gallery, Vancouver, CA  
2017 Stick in the Mud: MFA Spring Show 2017, Audain Gallery, Vancouver, CA  
2017 In Circulation, Djavad Mowafaghian Cinema at SFU, Vancouver, CA  
2016 No Lost Blips: MFA Spring Show 2016, Audain Gallery, Vancouver, CA  
2013 GLIMPSE: UofC BFA Graduating Exhibition, Nickle Galleries, Calgary, CA

### OTHER

- 2024 [Upcoming] Publication—Thinking with Image: Madness of the Anthropocene, curated by Lina Ramadan, 421, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
2024 Artist talk—Anderson Centre, Red Wing MN, USA  
2024 Artist talk—hosted by Iraqi American Reconciliation Project, Minneapolis MN, USA  
2023 Workshop—Drawing, Collage, and Reflections on Cultural Preservation, hosted at The Alcove, Calgary, CA  
2023 Workshop—Connecting threads in collab w/ Sarah Russell & Stephanie Banzsky, Esker Foundation, Calgary  
2022 Podcast—in conversation w/ Duncan MacKenzie, Bad at Sports, online  
2022 Artist talk—in conversation with curator Noor Bhangu, online, Blackwood Gallery, Toronto  
2021 Workshop—between four rivers (Pilot), hosted online  
2020 Artist talk—presented by Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, online  
2019 Essay—for Reza Reza'i's exhibition Mehmoon, TRUCK Gallery, Calgary, CA  
2019 Artist talk—part of intima' – tanmiyah exhibition, The Fire Station, Doha, QA  
2017 Publication—idle resonance. Contemporary Media Arts Journal. Vol 3., online  
2017 Book fair—49 translation, The New Gallery (Calgary), Vancouver Art Book Fair 2017, Vancouver Art Gallery  
2017 Book fair—49 translation, Nautilus/Or Gallery Bookstore, Floatilla 2017, Charlottetown, CA  
2017 Presentation—Knowledge through calligraphy, MEICON 2017 Student Conference, Vancouver, CA



## **RESIDENCIES**

2024 [Upcoming] Artist Residency – Anderson Centre at Tower View, Red Wing MN, USA  
2022 Teaching Artist Residency Programme – Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
2021 Remote Research Residency – Alberta Public Art Network, CA  
2019 Artist Residency – Studio Kura, Itoshima, JP  
2018 – 2019 Painting and Printmaking Fellowship – VCUQatar, Doha

## **EDUCATION**

2015 – 2017 Master of Fine Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies  
Simon Fraser University (SFU), Vancouver, CA  
2013 – 2014 Master of Architecture (incomplete)  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, CA  
2009 – 2013 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Studies (Honours)  
University of Calgary, Faculty of Arts, CA

## **TEACHING & WORK**

2022 – current Founder & Co-organiser with Dana Qaddah  
Intima2 Program  
2021 Interim Director  
TRUCK Contemporary Art, Calgary, CA  
2018 – 2019 Instructor  
Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQatar), Doha  
- Tools & Techniques: 3D scaling – 400 level course  
- Foundation Project – 200 level course  
- Drawing from Observation – 300 level course  
2017 Teaching assistant  
Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, CA  
- Introductory Studio in Visual Art II – 200 level course  
- Studio in Visual Art VI – 500 level course

## **COMMUNITY**

2020 – current Community Working Group member on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility  
– Calgary Arts Development, CA  
2023 – current Member of Iraqi Seed Collective  
2023 Peer Assessment Committee – Calgary Arts Development  
2021 Peer Assessment Committee – Canada Council for the Arts  
2019 – 2021 Co-President of Board of Directors, Treasurer – TRUCK Gallery, Calgary, CA

## **AWARDS & GRANTS**

2023 Individual Artist Project Grant - Calgary Arts Development (CADA)  
2023 Concept to Realisation (Project collab w/ Patrick Blenkarn) – Canada Council for the Arts (CCA)  
2023 Project Microgrant – Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA)  
2023 Visual Arts Explore & Create (Project collab w/ Dana Qaddah) – CCA  
2022 Explore & Create (Intima2 Program) – CCA  
2022 Arts Abroad Residency (Abu Dhabi, UAE) – CCA  
2021 Travel (Exhibition in Spain) – CCA  
2021 Visual Arts Explore & Create (palmagotchi) – CCA  
2020 Art Share Program Grant (In support of workshop) – Calgary Arts Development  
2020 Digital Originals Microgrant – CCA  
2020 Professional Development Grant (Mentorship with artist Laiwan) – CCA  
2019 Visual Arts Individual Project Grant (Research, palm navigation) – AFA  
Arts Abroad Residency (Itoshima, JP) – CCA

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