

## **Dora Dalila Cheffi**

Biography & CV

**Born** 1990. Helsinki, Finland

**Lives and works** between Helsinki, Finland and Tunis, Tunisia

Dora Dalila Cheffi's work encompasses painting, video and installation.

Initially trained in art education, in which she obtained a BA from Aalto University School of Art, Design, and Architecture, where she also studied sculpture and painting, her practice developed to encompass a practice that centres on a highly personal approach to painting and video. Much of Cheffi's work centres around observations and immediate experience, which are translated into works characterised by vivid colours and forms.

Her artwork has been part of group shows with Nuoret 2023, MACAAL – Museum of African Contemporary Art Al Maaden, Villa Medici, Talan L'Expo, Subliminal Projects, Selma Feriani Gallery, Institut finlandais, and shown online with Other Space by Andersen's Contemporary and Taymour Grahne Projects.

Her most recent body of work, titled *Paper Thorn and A Prickly Leaf*, consisted of a video piece and a series of paintings. The works were partly produced during her residency at the Serlachius Residency in Finland and were first exhibited at Forum Box and Porvoo Art Hall in Finland in 2025. In 2026, she will exhibit at Selma Feriani Gallery in Tunis and at the Institut du Monde Arabe in Paris. She will also take part in an exhibition curated by the contemporary art museum Kiasma for Oulu, European Capital of Culture 2026.

### **Education**

2014-2018 Bachelor of Arts. Aalto University School of Art, Design and Architecture  
(Department Of Art)

Uniarts Helsinki (Minor studies)

2012-2014 Photography. Pekka Halonen Academy

2012 Photojournalism. Helsinki Evangelical College

### **Solo Exhibitions**

#### **2026**

Selma Feriani Gallery. Tunis. Tunisia

Urartu Gallery. Dubai

Galleria Huuto. Helsinki

#### **2025**

Paper Thorn and a Prickly Leaf. Porvoo Art Hall. Porvoo. Finland

Sing Finnish Karaoke with Mamou. Galleriaia. Helsinki. Finland

The Girl and The Twelve-Headed Horde. Forum Box (Media Box). Helsinki. Finland

#### **2022**

The Sunny Nihilist, Cape Town Art Residency  
Prestige, B7L9 Art Station, Tunis

## 2020

Imitating Equilibrium, Taymour Grahne Projects, Online  
Screenshots of Novel Realities, The Other Space by Andersen Contemporary, Online  
Bitter Oranges, La Marsa, Tunis

## 2019

Tunisian Sceneries, Espace d'Art Mille Feuilles

## 2017

Rugs, Rupla Helsinki

## Group Exhibitions

## 2026

Korvamato - Mediataidetta Kiasmasta. Oulu European Culture Capital 2026. Finland  
Institut Monde Arabe. Paris. France

## 2024

Nos douleurs monteés sur un soleil comme sur cheval de course. Jaou Art Biennale. Tunis.  
Tunisia  
Ellil alghadham li nahlamou. Villa Medici. Rome  
Eclipsed Visions. Galerie Revel. Bordeaux. France  
Boundless/Binding. Subliminal Projects. Los Angeles. USA

## 2023

Hirafen. Talan L'Expo. Tunis. Tunisia  
Kansallisarkiston Maghreb -näyttely. Cite de la Culture. Tunis. Tunisia  
Rung. Dastaangoi Gallery. Islamabad. Pakistan  
L'Extase D'Être Vivant. Yosr Ben Ammar Gallery. Tunis. Tunisia  
Despite the Distance We Remain Destined. Galerie La La Lande. Paris. France  
Nuoret 2023 // Young Artists 2023. Kunsthalle Helsinki. Helsinki. Finland  
Cinémathèque de Saint-Étienne. Saint-Étienne. France

## 2021

Art, A Serious Game. MACAAL: Museum of African Contemporary Art Al Maaden.  
Marrakesh. Morocco  
K OFF. Gabes Cine Fen. Gabes. Tunisie

## 2020

Our Lives In T-shirts. Miami. USA  
Middle Sea. Institut Finlandais. Paris. France  
Summer Show. Selma Feriani Gallery. Tunis. Tunisia

## 2019

GEYLA. Derjine. Douz. Tunisie

## **2018**

Perfect Child. Helsinki Pride Week. Helsinki. Finland  
Kohtaamisia. Gallery Kajaste. Helsinki. Finland  
FEEL sur REEL. Gallery Dipoli. Espoo. Finland  
UU Market. Gallery Kalleria. Helsinki. Finland

## **2014**

Hiljaista Huutoa. Cable Factory. Helsinki. Finland

## **Residencies**

2024 Serlachius Residency. Mänttä. Finland  
2023 Dastangoi Art Residency. Islamabad. Pakistan  
2023 The Women's Sanctuary  
2022 Cape Town Art Residency. Cape Town. South Africa  
2021-2022 Kamel Lazaar Foundation Residency. Tunis. Tunisia  
2020 KONE Home Residency. Finland

## **Collections**

Finnish National Gallery. Helsinki. Finland  
Kamel Lazaar Foundation. Tunis. Tunisia  
Museum of Contemporary Art Al Maaden (MACAAL). Marrakesh. Morocco  
Beth Rudin DeWoody collection. USA  
The Ned Doha collection. Doha. Qatar

## **Grants**

2024 Arts Promotion Center Finland. Helsinki. Finland  
2023 Kansan Sivistysrahasto  
2020 Kone Foundation Home Residency Grant  
2020 Arts Promotion Center Finland. Cultural Diversity Grant  
2019 Finnish Foreign Ministry. Maakuvaraha  
2018 Aalto University. The Department of Arts Grant. Espoo. Finland