

## **Maha Malluh**

### **Biography & CV**

**Born** 1959. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

**Lives and works** Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

The work of Maha Malluh is a critical and sensible reflection against the immense impact of globalisation consuming our everyday life, behaviour and context, particularly in the context of her native Saudi Arabia and the rapid oil wealth transformation which has impacted its recent history. She examines the complex patchwork of tradition against emblematic symbols inherent in the consumer culture. She therefore focuses on the consequences and changes brought forward by consumerism as a new social and economic order and how it radically affects and shapes our values, culture as well as natural and architectural landscapes.

She studied Fine Arts at SMU in Dallas and received an MA degree in Design and Photography from De Anza College in California, USA.

Her works have been recently been widely exhibited in biennales and institutions such as the 57th Venice Biennale (2017) and the Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris (2012, 2014). Her work forms part of major art collections, including The British Museum, London, UK / Tate Modern, London, UK / The Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France / Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, UAE / The Louvre Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE / Art Jameel Centre, Dubai, UAE / The MAC Museum, Vienna / The Kamel Lazaar Foundation, Tunis, Tunisia.

### **Education**

Certificate in Design & Photography De Anza College. California, USA

BA in English Literature King Saud University. Riyadh, KSA

### **Solo Exhibitions**

2018 Artist's Room, Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, UAE

2016 Food for Thought 'Abraj'. Jeddah Sculpture Museum. Jeddah, KSA

2015 Translated. Galerie Krinzinger. Vienna, Austria

2014 Distributed Objects. Selma Feriani Gallery, London, UK & Jeddah KSA  
21,39 Jeddah Art. Jeddah, KSA

2013 Arndt Berlin. Berlin, Germany  
Arndt Singapore. Singapore

2012 Just Des(s)erts. Selma Feriani Gallery. London, UK  
25 Years of Arab Creativity. Paris, France

We Need to Talk. Edge of Arabia Jeddah, KSA

The Bravery of Being Out of Range II. The Sultan Gallery. Kuwait City, Kuwait  
Galerie Krinzinger. Vienna, Austria

2011 Journeys, Stories of the World. Orleans House Gallery. London, UK

2010 Transition. Edge of Arabia. Istanbul, Turkey

Nabatt. Duolun Museum of Modern Art. Shanghai, China

- Grey Borders / Grey Frontiers. Edge of Arabia. Sixth Berlin Biennale. Berlin, Germany  
Global Competitiveness Forum. Edge of Arabia at Kingdom Tower. Riyadh, KSA
- 2009 Venice Biennale. Edge of Arabia. Venice, Italy
- 2008 Brunei Gallery & Edge of Arabia. London, UK
- 2007 Capturing Light. Galerie O. Riyadh, KSA
- 2006 International Conference of Tourism and Handicrafts. Riyadh, KSA
- 2003 SDCG Exhibition. Netherlands
- 1999 AL-Nahda Society Centennial Exhibition. Riyadh, KSA  
Al-Janadriah XIV in commemoration of the Centennial. Riyadh, KSA
- 1998 Environmental Week Exhibition. King Saudi University. Riyadh, KSA
- 1994 Arabian Oil Company. Al-Jubail, KSA
- 1989 The Kingdom Today & Yesterday. touring exhibition. U.S.A. & Canada  
Twaiq Palace D.Q. Riyadh, KSA
- 1981 Al Wafa Foundation. Riyadh, KSA
- 1978 Jeddah Dome Jeddah Artists Group. Jeddah, KSA
- 1986 American Cultural Center. Jeddah, KSA

### **Group Exhibitions**

- 2023 Where to now, Krinzinger Projekte, Vienna, Austria  
Photography As A Tool. Artists Of The Gallery, Krinzinger Projekte, Vienna, Austria
- 2022 Foreign Affairs, Galerie Krinzinger, Seilerstätte 16 (10 February–26 March 2022  
Courtesy Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, Austria
- 2020 Untitled, Selma Feriani, Gallery, Sidi Boussaid, Tunisia
- 2018 Un œil ouvert sur le monde arabe, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, FR
- 2019 To a passer-by, Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, Austria
- 2017 Desert to Delta. AMUM. Memphis, USA  
Viva Arte Viva. Curated by Christine Macel. La biennale di Venezia. Venice, Italy
- 2016 Cher(e)s Ami(e)s at the Museum. Contemporary Collections. Centre Pompidou. Paris, France  
Champagne Life. Saatchi Gallery. London, UK
- 2015 Anonymous, Was a Woman. Curated by Samiah Khashoggi. Hafez Gallery. Jeddah, KSA
- 2014 Hajj, le Pèlerinage à la Mecque. Institute du Monde Arabe. Paris, France  
The Hand of God. Side by Side Gallery. Berlin, Germany
- 2013 Trade Routes. Hauser & Wirth. London, UK
- 2012 Come Together. Edge of Arabia. London, UK
- 2012 Hajj: Journey to the Heart of Islam. The British Museum. London, UK

### **Collections**

- Louvre Abu Dhabi. Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Tate Modern. London, UK
- British Museum. London, UK
- Centre Georges Pompidou. Paris, France
- MAK Museum of Applied & Contemporary Arts. Vienna, Austria
- UBS Art Collections. International
- Greenbox Museum. Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Kamel Lazaar Foundation. Tunis, Tunisia

The Jameel Foundation. International  
Voorlinden Museum. Wassenaar, Netherlands  
Guggenheim Abhu Dhabi  
BASMOCa, Jeddah  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

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