

Aymen Mbarki

Biography & CV

Born 1983. Tunis, Tunisia

Lives and works in Tunis, Tunisia

Aymen Mbarki is a self-taught visual artist whose heightened awareness and sensibility to the poetics and politics of language and mythologies infuse his practice. His graphically minimal compositions and painterly outlines straddle across figurative, theatrical and asemic abstractions and capture the essence of spontaneous and intimate human gesture. Mbarki's work proposes a dialogue between material and movement, pattern and experimentation. Through his practice, the compositions unfold an exploration of brushwork semblances and graphic lines that vacillate between tradition and modernity, amorphousness and lineation, where the viewer is ensconced in tranquil spaces for freedom and introspection.

Mbarki's work depicts scenes and creatures that hover between fantasy and reality; the black line is a unifying element of his work. His minimal approach and distinctive technique take impetus from poetry, literature, Greek mythology and theatrical tragedy.

Mbarki's work can be found in private and public collections of art, including La Boîte Centre d'art contemporain in Tunisia.

Solo Exhibitions

2025

Il Versetto del Mare – Hizb Al Bhar. Fondazione Elpis. Piazza Caracciolo. Sannicciola di Bari. Italy

A Certain Distance. La Boîte | Centre d'art contemporain. Tunis. Tunisia

2024

Sun Rays and Tiny Cubes. Selma Feriani Gallery. Tunis. Tunisia

Za'ir – Ruggito. VOGA Art Project. Bari. Italy

2021

Lettres à Ovide. Yosr Ben Ammar Gallery. Tunis. Tunisia

Group exhibitions

2025

Perfect is the Question. OG Gallery. Istanbul. Turkey

2023

Hirafen: Talan l'Expo. Ateliers du Centre technique du tapis et du tissage. Tunis. Tunisia

Calvin: Beyond the Visible. Mille Feuilles Library. Tunis. Tunisia

2021

Galerie A. Gorgi. Sidi Bou Saïd. Tunis. Tunisia

2020

Espace d'art Mille Feuilles. Tunis. Tunisia

Gallery of National Library of Tunisia (Bibliothèque nationale de Tunisie). Tunis. Tunisia

Yosr Ben Ammar Gallery. Tunis. Tunisia

2019

Gallery of National Library of Tunisia (Bibliothèque nationale de Tunisie). Tunis. Tunisia

Residencies

2025 Una Boccata d'Arte. Fondazione Elpis. Bari. Italy

2022 L'Atelier Selma Feriani. Bhar Lazrag. Tunisia

Collections

La Boîte Centre d'art contemporain. Tunis. Tunisia

Fatma Kilani Collection. Tunis. Tunisia