

## Salah Elmur

Born 1966, Khartoum, Sudan. Lives and works in Cairo, Egypt.

### EDUCATION

1989 Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design, College of Fine and Applied Art, Sudan University

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Central Electricity and Water Administration*, Vigo Gallery and Gallery 1957, London, UK

2022 *Water and Electricity*, Vigo Gallery, London, UK

2020 *Pink Circles*, Gallery MOMO, Cape Town, South Africa

2019 *River Ceremony*, Al Markhiya Gallery, Doha, Qatar  
*Photos of a Cotton Company's Workers*, Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art, Cairo, Egypt

2018 *Fragrances of the Forest and Photos*, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

2015 *The last of Domestic Rituals*, Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art, Cairo, Egypt

2013 *Eyes Stream*, Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art, Cairo, Egypt  
Gazzambo Art Gallery, Madrid, Spain

2012 African Cultural Centre, Washington D.C., USA

2011 *Still there*, Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art, Cairo, Egypt

2009 Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art, Cairo, Egypt

2007 Modern Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE

2006 Sudanese National Museum, Khartoum, Sudan

2004 Tulifanya Art Gallery, Kampala, Uganda

2002 French Cultural Centre, Khartoum, Sudan

2000 Juliana Art Gallery, Kampala, Uganda

1998 College of Fine & Applied arts, Khartoum, Sudan  
Baladna Art Gallery, Amman, Jordan  
Tulifanya Gallery, Kampala, Uganda

1997 One off Art Gallery, Nairobi, Kenya

1995 Ashtar Art Gallery, Damascus, Syria

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- 1994 Goethe Institute, Khartoum, Sudan  
French Cultural Centre, Khartoum, Sudan
- 1991 Aram Gallery with Ashtar Art Gallery, Damascus, Syria
- 1984 Meridian Hotel, Khartoum, Sudan

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022-3 *The Oceans and the Interpreters*, Hong Gah Museum, Taiwan
- 2022 *The Forest and Desert School Revisited*, Circle Art Gallery, Nairobi, Kenya  
*The Storytellers*, Gallery 1957, London, UK  
*Fictions*, Circle Art Gallery, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2021 *East African Encounters*, with Circle Art Gallery, Cromwell Place, London, UK  
*Rendez-Vous*, Afriart Gallery, Kampala, Uganda  
*A Glimpse of our Collection - African Contemporary*, Red Hill Gallery, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2019 *Forest and Spirits*, Salon 008, Saatchi Gallery (with Kamala Ishaq and Ibrahim El-Salahi)  
Al Markhiya Gallery, Doha Fire Station, Doha, Qatar  
*Summer Show*, Gallery MOMO, Cape Town, South Africa  
The Foundation Gallery, London, UK
- 2017 Circle Art Agency, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2014 *Salah Elmur and Souad Abdel Rassoul*, Red Hill Art Gallery, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2004 British Museum, London, UK  
Children Book Illustration, Institute Du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
- 2001 The German Cultural Centre, Khartoum, Sudan
- 2000 Mezaluna Art de Afrique, Arusha, Tanzania  
Tulifanya Gallery, Kampala, Uganda
- 1999 Sudanese & Canadian Artists, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Canada  
French Cultural Centre, Khartoum, Sudan
- 1998 Bangladesh International Art Biennial, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Agha Khan Cultural Center, Stone Town, Zanzibar
- 1997 Contemporary Artist from Sudan at Masai Camp, Arusha, Tanzania  
Sharjah Contemporary Art Museum, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 1996 City Theatre Hall, Beirut, Lebanon

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	Shibraen Art Center, Khartoum, Sudan
1994	Goethe Institute, Nairobi, Kenya
1991	<i>Five Sudanese Contemporary Artists</i> , Belad Elsham, Damascus, Syria
1989	<i>Two man show</i> , C.I.D.A.F, Madrid, Spain

## RESIDENCIES AND AWARDS

2019	Gallery MOMO Residency, Johannesburg, South Africa
2011	Residency of the European Ambassador, Cairo, Egypt
2010	Jury Prize, International Short Film Festival, Ethiopia

## FAIRS

2023	Miart, with Gallery 1957, Milan, Italy
2022	1-54 London, Vigo Gallery, London, UK Armory Show, Vigo Gallery, New York, NY, USA Art Paris, with Gallery 1957, Paris, France EXPO Chicago, with Martin Projects, Chicago, USA
2021	Art Dubai, Circle Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE <i>Innocent Prisoner</i> , solo booth, 1-54 London, Vigo Gallery, London, UK Armory Show, Vigo Gallery, New York, NY, USA
2020	Art Dubai, Circle Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Gallery MOMO, Cape Town, South Africa
2019	Expo Chicago, Gallery MOMO, Chicago, Illinois, USA Mashrabia Gallery, Cairo International Fine Art Biennale
2018	ART x Lagos 2018, Circle Art Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria

## COLLECTIONS

North Dakota Museum of Arts, USA  
Le Centre Pompidou, Paris, France  
Minneapolis Institute of Art Collection, Minneapolis, USA  
Zeit MOCCA Collection, Cape Town, South Africa  
Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum Collection, Minneapolis, USA  
CCH Pounder Collection, New Orleans, USA  
The Bunker Artspace, West Palm Beach, USA

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Museum of African Contemporary Art, Al Maaden Collection, Marrakesh, Morocco

Sharjah Art Museum Collection, Sharjah, UAE

Sharjah Art Foundation Collection, Sharjah, UAE

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

### *Publications*

- 2023 "Salah Elmur: Memories from a Tin Box", Mary Aravanis and Michael Obert
- 2022 "The 1-54 x 10 Annual book", published by Art Africa Ltd, p. 146
- 2022 "African Artists : From 1882 to Now", Phaidon Editors with introduction by Chika Okeke-Agulu and glossary by Joseph L Underwood. p. 104
- 2019 "Salah Elmur", Studio Kamal, published by Circle Art gallery,
- 2018 "Salah Elmur: Fragrances of the Forest and Photos", Sharjah Art Museum, published by Sharjah Art, Museum, Doha, Qatar

### *Online*

- 2023 March 24, The Guardian, "Salah Elmur: 'I named my exhibition after the man who used to come and collect the bills'"
- 2022 Feb 21, WePresent, "Salah Elmur — Paintings inspired by a childhood in Sudan"
- 2020 Oct 7, Africa First, "The Early Years in Nairobi: Salah Elmur Interviewed by Danda Jaroljmek"
- Sept, WhiteHot Magazine, "Now's the Time: Eight African Painters", Paul Laster
- Jan 20, Egyptian Streets, "In Photos: Inside the Studio of Artist Couple Salah Elmur & Souad Abdelrasoul", Mary Aravanis
- 2019 June 2019, Arham Online, "Cairo-based Sudanese artist Salah Elmur looks at his home-country trapped in the political turmoil"
- May 17, The East African, "Photo Magic? It's gone in a flash..."
- March 19, Sothebys, "The International Influence of Sudan's Khartoum School Pioneers"

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