

Nawar Haidar

Nawar Haidar is a talented and promising Syrian artist born in 1979. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting from the University of Damascus in 2006 and a Master's degree in 2012. Haidar currently lives and works in Spain; after having showcased in solo and group exhibitions in his homeland and across the world. Nawar's work ranges from ink on paper to acrylic on canvas. Additionally, it is unique in its spontaneity as expressed in the brush strokes, the naive yet dark treatment of subjects, and the use of symbolic and non-human forms. The artist expressed this by saying: "It's a moment of unconsciousness. That moment of recovery and awareness tapping the feelings of shock and love at once, to be confused between love and hate, rejection and revenge, good and evil, human main nozzle becomes a hurricane."

Artist's Statement

All I portray on a canvas is actually a fragment of what my eye captures and what my memory retains from reality. By painting I try to recollect the first impression on my memory, left by a reality I am living or have lived once in the past. I let it drive me completely, in an attempt to be filled by emotions I need, beauty or ugliness, sadness or happiness, certainty or fear, nostalgia or boredom...

Sometimes an unusual colour or a surprising line erupts, leaving me wondering if it is allowed by aesthetic standards or prohibited. This is the moment when I feel I am getting closer to scenes etched in my memory, and so I look at the canvas that I do not wish to overload with more than these persons, their expressions and belongings, as if the view is now saturated.

Close to children, within the visual laws I have learnt, and simply the vision in my memory... It is what I always wish to paint entirely.

Exhibitions

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| 2015 | Art on paper, Art on 56th, Beirut, Lebanon
Collective 2015, Art on 56th, Beirut, Lebanon
Sistema de bibliotecas Medellin, Colombia
Art on 56th Gallery London's Global Art .
La Galeria de Magdalena, Madrid
Hinterland Galerie, (I will never get used to waiting), Vienna, Austria
Sky Gallery Art's, (El color de la vida), Barcelona, Spain |
| 2014 | Art&Co, Amsterdam
Sky Gallery Art's, Barcelona, Spain
Art Paint for Georgia, Georgia
The Brick Lane Gallery, London |
| 2013 | Art on 56th at Contemporary Istanbul 2013
Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
Beirut Art Fair 4th Edition, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon |
| 2013 | Summer Collective Exhibition, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon |
| 2013 | Art language, Old town city, Thailand |
| 2012 | Beirut Art Fair, 3rd Edition, Beirut, Lebanon
Solo exhibition, Gallery Maktab, Damascus, Syria
Sketch exhibition in Rewak AlKeshla, Damascus, Syria
Plastic scene for a generation of young artists at Kozah Gallery Damascus, Syria |
| 2011 | Small drawing in Mustafa Ali Gallery, Damascus, Syria |
| 2010 | Sculpture Forum meeting between two generations, Damascus, Syria |
| 2006 | Exhibition French Cultural Center, Damascus, Syria |