

**SAMAH SHIHADI:**

Born in Sha`ab, Palestine in 1987. She graduated from Oranim College in 2012 with a BA in art and an MFA from Haifa University in 2015. Shihadi is a Haifa-based artist, she had solo exhibitions at the gallery of modern art gallery in Umm Al Fahem and Machanaim art gallery. In addition, her works have been exhibited in many galleries and art fair "Galilee Paint 2", where she won promising artist. In addition, Shihadi won prizes and awards from Pais Culture Council, The Culture and Sports and Ismail Shammout award in fine art. Samah's works are in important private collections in Israel and abroad.

**EDUCATION:**

2013-2015 M.F.A. The Art Department, Haifa University

2008-2012 B.E.D. Art And Education, Oranim College

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS:**

2016 "Roots of identity", Art On 56 th, Beirut- Lebanon

2015 Documentation, Machanaim Art Gallery, Machanaim

Wanted, Umm El Fahem Gallery, Umm El Fahem

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS:**

**2016** – Paper Biennale 6, Artists'house, Jerusalem, Herzliya Museum, Herzliya  
The identity of the Palestinian artist, Umm El Fahem Gallery, Umm el fahem  
Fresh paint 8, tel aviv port, tel aviv  
Durability, Darl Al- Kalima University College Of Art and Culture, Bethlehem  
Crossroads, Zawyeh Gallery, Ramallah

**2015** – Spots and Signatures, The house of Culture & Art, Nazareth  
Bread And Roses 10, Shenkar College, Ramat Gan  
We will see the other days, Gabirol Gallery, Tel Aviv  
Personal to the Bone, The House of Culture & Art, Nazareth  
Graduate Exhibition (MFA), Haifa University, Haifa  
Palestinian Artists Exhibition, HerzLilienblum Museum, Tel Aviv  
"Similarity", Hecht Museum, Haifa

**2014** – Bread and Roses 9, Kastiel as is, Tel Aviv  
Galilee Paint 2, Ort School, Tiberias  
Combination, The House of Culture & Art, Nazareth  
"Contact", Hecht Museum, Haifa  
Paper Work, Mofet institute, Tel Aviv

**2012** – Low Tech, Waqdi Gallery, Haifa  
Log in log out, Beit Hagefen Gallery, Haifa  
Bread and Roses 7, Minshar School of Art, Tel Aviv  
Graduate Exhibition (B.E.D), Oranim College, Tivon

## **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**

**2016:** Ismail Shammout Award in Fine Art

**2015:** Young Award, Ministry of Culture & Sport

**2015:** Excellency Award, Haifa University

**2014:** Promising Artists, Galilee Paint Art Fair

**2013:** Pais Culture Council Support in Exhibition and Catalog

**2012:** Excellency Award, Oranim College

## **ARTIST STATEMENT:**

The works of Samah Shihadi present us with a visual statement that stands at the heart of the seminal question in the world of contemporary art. This statement arises from the branched connections between the internal place, the personal, and the obligated frozen sketch, which documents. It is a sketch that sharpens the conflict between these two opposites and defines the feelings we have when making an important decision, which move between the personal to the professional world and between the internal and social. Shihadi's works showcase the balance of power in the family – the man and the woman – as she herself mediates between them. She invests true effort in the protracted work of sketching, giving her the opportunity and time to formulate her decisions and to connect the different elements of a willful and patriarchal society, which oppresses the individual and subjugates it to control and policing.

