



AHMED MORSI

Born in 1930, Alexandria, Egypt
Lives and works in New York, NY and Cairo, Egypt

EDUCATION

1954 BA, University of Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 *Ahmed Morsi: The Flying Poet*, Aicon Gallery, New York, NY
ICON: Ahmed Morsi, Abu Dhabi Art, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2017 *Ahmed Morsi: You Closed Your Eyes in Order to See the Unseen*, Gypsum Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
Ahmed Morsi, Art Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Ahmed Morsi: A Dialogic Imagination, Sharjah Museum, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 2016 *Ahmed Morsi: A Pure Artist*, Mahmoud Khalil Museum, Cairo, Egypt
- 2012 *Metaphysics*, Gallery Misr, Cairo, Egypt
- 2005 Akhnatoun Gallery, Center of Fine Arts (Princess Aisha Museum), Cairo, Egypt
- 2003 Akhnatoun Gallery, Center of Fine Arts (Princess Aisha Museum), Cairo, Egypt
- 1996 Accademia d'Egitto, Rome, Italy
Akhnatoun Gallery, Center of Fine Arts (Princess Aisha Museum), Cairo, Egypt
- 1995 *The Artist's Book*, Mashrabia Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 1991 *Cavafy Suite*, Mashrabia Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 1989 Akhnatoun Gallery, Center of Fine Arts (Princess Aisha Museum), Cairo, Egypt
- 1987 Vorpall Gallery, New York, NY
- 1985 Alef Gallery, Washington, DC
- 1977 Asif Gallery, New York, NY
- 1975 Columbia University, New York, NY
- 1973 Soviet Cultural Center, Alexandria, Egypt
Akhnatoun Gallery, Center of Fine Arts (Princess Aisha Museum), Cairo, Egypt
- 1970 Cairo Atelier, Cairo, Egypt
The Place Gallery - London, UK
- 1969 Cairo Atelier, Cairo, Egypt



- 1967 Soviet Cultural Center, Alexandria, Egypt
- 1966 Cairo Atelier, Cairo, Egypt
- 1961 Alexandria Museum of Fine Arts, Alexandria, Egypt
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- 1959 Cairo Atelier, Cairo, Egypt
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- 1958 Cairo Atelier, Cairo, Egypt
- 1956 Al Wazireyeh Gallery, Baghdad, Iraq
- 1953 University of Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 (NEW) *NEW IMAGES OF MAN 1959 – 2019*, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA (forthcoming)
- 2019 *Assistants of the Void*, curated by Adam Budak, Galerie Nächst St. Stephan Rosemarie Schwarzwälder, CURATED BY Festival - Vienna, Austria
- 2018 *Two-man show*, Frieze London, UK
Eternal Light, Art d'Egypte, London, UK
8th International Biennale for the Artist's Book, Biblioteka Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt
- 2017 *Night at the Museum*, Art d'Egypte, Cairo, Egypt
Arab Print Vol III, Meem Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
100 Masterpieces of Modern and Contemporary Arab Art, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
When Art Becomes Liberty: The Egyptian Surrealists (1938-1965), Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art - Seoul, South Korea
- 2016 *Beloved Bodies, Part I*, Maraya Art Center, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
When Art Becomes Liberty: The Egyptian Surrealists (1938-1965), Palace of Fine Arts, Cairo, Egypt
Debunking Orientalism, Untitled - SoHo, New York, NY
Looking at the World Around You: Contemporary Works from Qatar Museums, Santander Art Gallery, Madrid, Spain
- 2015 *Ministry of Culture: General Exhibition*, Palace of Fine Arts, Cairo, Egypt
- 2012 *Surrealism, Present-day Cairo*, The Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 2007 *Spirit of the Moment... Spirit of the Image*, El Tuni, Ebdaa Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
First Egyptian Salon, Amir Taz Palace, Cairo, Egypt
- 1996 *6th International Biennale of Cairo*, Cairo, Egypt
- 1971 *El Wasti International Exhibition*, Baghada, Iraq
- 1968 Cairo Atelier, Cairo, Egypt
- 1958 *Third Biennale of Mediterranean Countries*, Museum of Fine Arts, Alexandria, Egypt



Museum of Fine Arts, Alexandria, Egypt

1956 *Second Biennale of Mediterranean Countries*, Museum of Fine Arts, Alexandria, Egypt

1954 *Société d'Alliance Française*, Alexandria, Egypt
Inaugural exhibition of the Museum of Fine Arts, Alexandria, Egypt

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2019 Tilly, John Martin, "The Flying Poet," *Office Magazine*, January 9, 2019.
- 2018 Seaman, Anna. "Everything you need to know about what's on show at this year's Abu Dhabi Art," *The National*, November 12, 2019.
Wilson-Goldie, Kaelen. "Distant Shores," *Artforum*, March 2018.
Gronlund, Melissa. "Four books that every Arab fan should read," *The National*, M
- 2017 Kumar, N.P. Krishna, "Ahmed Morsi: Avant-garde artist," *Gulf News*, April 5, 2017.
Bailey, Stephanie. "All in one place: Art Dubai 2017," *Ocula*, March 24, 2017.
- 2016 Fayed, Ismail. "Whose surrealism? On When Art Becomes Liberty," *Mada*, November 21, 2016.

POETRY, CRITICISM, ESSAYS AND OTHER WRITINGS

- 2012 *Ahmed Morsi: The Complete Poems*, published by The Supreme Council for Culture
Season for Emigration to Another Time, published by The General Authority for Cultural Palaces
- 2011 *Contemporary American Art*, published by The Supreme Council for Culture
- 2009 *Presence and Absence on the Maps of Diaspora*, published by The General Authority for Cultural Palaces
- 2006 *Troubadour from Silicon Valley*, published by Dar Merit for Publishing & Distribution
- 2005 *The Book of non-Niffari 'Mawaqef' of the Sea*, published by Al Bustani Company for Publishing & Distribution
- 2003 *Dress Rehearsal for a Season in Hell*, published by the Dar Merit for Publishing & Distribution
- 2002 *Elegies to the (Mediterranean) Sea*, published by The Fund for Cultural Development
- 2001 *Readings on Contemporary American Poetry III*, published by The Book League
- 2000 *Readings on Contemporary American*, published by The National Center for Translation
A Gallery Showing Stolen Paintings, published by The General Authority for Culture
- 1999 *Readings on Contemporary American Poetry I*, published by The Supreme Council for Culture
- 1998 *Pictures from the New York Album*, published by The Egyptian Ministry of Culture
- 1997 *Gathered Flowers from Fields of Aspirin*, published by the Eastern Publishing Co.
- 1992 *Alexandria's Poet*, published by Al Khazindar Publishing



- 1975 *Introduction to Black American Poetry*, published by The Iraqi Ministry of Culture
- 1969 *Picasso*, published by The Iraqi Ministry of Culture
- 1968 *Galerie 68*, co-published by Edwar El Kharrat, Ibrahim Mansour, Gamil Atteya and Sayed Hegab among others
- 1949 *Songs from the Temples / Steps in Darkness*, published by The Literary Library for Publishing and Distribution

PUBLIC/INSITUTIONAL COLLECTIONS

Egyptian Museum of Modern Art, Cairo, Egypt
Museum of Fine Art, Alexandria, Egypt
Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar
Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Barjeel Art Foundation, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi, India