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KHALED HAFEZ

b. 1963, Lives and works in Cairo, Egypt

## BIOGRAPHY

Khaled Hafez's work delves into the dialectics of collective memory and consumer culture. Through various media — painting, video, photography and installation — Hafez deconstructs the binary narratives propagated by mass media and disrupts representational dichotomies such as East/West, good/evil. Re-assembling appropriated pop, historical, and political imagery, the artist traces links between the icons and serial format of Pharaonic painting and modern comics. His practice produces an amalgam of visual alphabets that bridge Orient and Occident, and address how globalization and consumerism have altered Middle Eastern societies, to create aesthetic hybrids far beyond the stereotypes of the news.

The video installation *Mirror Sonata in Six Animated Movements* (2015) for the 56th Venice Biennale was the culmination of Hafez's excavation of Egyptian identity, combining hieroglyphic forms with superhero figures and emblems of warfare. His work has been exhibited at, among others: Venice Biennale (57th, 56th and 55th editions); 12th Cairo Biennale (2010); Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris; British Museum, London; Hiroshima Museum of Contemporary Art, Japan; New Museum, NYC; Saatchi Gallery, London; MuHKA Museum of Art, Antwerp, Belgium; and Kunstmuseum Bonn, Germany. Hafez has been Fulbright Fellow (2005) and Rockefeller Fellow (2009).

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2017

UTOCORPIS: Les Corps Utopiques, Institut Francais de Casablanca - Morocco

VIDEOIST: Unfold, Arte Sanat Galerisi, Ankara - Turkey

57th Venice Biennale, *The Bridge: Cultural Diversity in Question*, Grenada National Pavilion, Venice - Italy

2016

*The Body & Other Small Tales*, Crete Museum of Contemporary Art, Collection of the Thessaloniki State Museum of Art, Thessaloniki — Greece

UTOCORPIS: Les Corps Utopiques, Institut Francais, Dakar — Senegal

*Synchronisation* — *Syncopation*, London Biennale Manila Pollination — Philippines

*ReFrame*, Transart Triennale Video Program, UFERSTUDIOS, Berlin — Germany

Mulliqi Prize 2016, Kosovo National Art Gallery, Prishtina - Kosovo

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ONUFRI XXII: Galeria Kombetare E Arteve, National Gallery of Art Tirana - Albania  
Cairotronica, 1st Symposium of Electronic Art, Palace of the Arts, Cairo - Egypt  
VICEVERSA (IN-S-E-O), Museo Provincial de Holguin, Holguin - Cuba  
2nd DocuTIFF 2016, 14th Tirana International Film Festival, Tirana - Albania

## 2015

Alanica: The Experimental Way, 6th Moscow Biennale, Moscow - Russia  
Codes of Hermes, Deborah Colton Gallery, Houston, Texas - USA  
A Temple for Extended Days, Ayyam Gallery, Dubai - UAE  
1st Trio Biennale, Rio De Janeiro - Brazil  
1st Bienal del Sur, Caracas - Venezuela  
3rd Mardin Biennale - Turkey  
View From Inside: Contemporary Arab Photography, Video & Mixed-Media Art, Abu Dhabi Festival, Abu Dhabi - UAE  
Speak Together, Hofburg, Imperial Museum, Innsbruck - Austria  
Hidden Subject: Parallax, Arte Sanat and Foya Art Gallery, Ankara - Turkey  
3rd Mardin Biennale, Mardin Museum and several locations, Mardin - Turkey  
56th Venice Biennale: In the Eye of the Thunder Storm: Official Collateral, Venice — Italy

## 2014

A Room of His Own: Masculinities in Korea & Middle East, Art Sonje Center, Seoul — South Korea  
I'm Better Than Tomorrow, Hayaka Arti, Istanbul - Turkey  
ISEA 2014: International Symposium of Electronic Art, Zayed University, Dubai - UAE  
Mapping Strife, Deborah Colton Gallery, Houston, Texas - USA  
FotoFest 2014 International Biennial, Houston, Texas - USA  
The Art of Life: Between Tradition and Change, Uppsala Museum of Art, Uppsala - Sweden  
Images of the Sensible, Kuad Gallery, Istanbul - Turkey  
Tradition-Reversal, Collegium Artisticum, Sarajevo - Bosnia Herzegovina  
Haji, Le Pèlerinage à La Mecque, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris — France

## 2013

Berlin Chromosome, Galerie Naimah Schütter, Berlin - Germany  
Handling Memories, AB Gallery, Lucerne - Switzerland  
Beyond The Codes, Raymaluz Gallery, Madrid - Spain  
Moving Forward by the Day, Meem Gallery, Dubai — UAE  
Portable Nation: Disappearance as work in progress, 55th Venice Biennale - Maldives  
Tradition-Reversal, State Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greek Pavilion, Gervasuti Foundation, Venice — Italy  
The Shadows Took Shape, The Studio Museum in Harlem, NY — USA  
Tussen Verhulling en Moderniteit, Cultuurcentrum Brugge - Belgium

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Reimagining Egypt, Saffron Walden Museum, Essex - UK  
ALANICA 7: 7th International Contemporary Art Symposium, Vladikavkaz Museum, North Ossetia- Russia  
Longing for Mecca: The Pilgrim's Journey, Rijksmuseum Volkenkunde, Leiden - The Netherlands  
25 Years of Arab Creativity, National Museum of Art, Manama - Bahrain  
Khaled Hafez: Deciphering the Past Within the Present, A.R.T.e.s. Galerie, University of Koeln, Cologne - Germany  
Egyptian Art Today, AB Gallery, Lucerne - Switzerland  
Twenty-Five Years of Arab Creativity, Emirates Palace Gallery, Abu Dhabi - UAE  
Desert Shouts / City Whispers, Bekris Gallery, San Francisco, CA - USA  
Passages Africaines, Les Chantiers de la Lune, La Seyne-sur-mer - France  
Grounded: Back to Square 1, Lopez Museum, Manila - Philippines

## 2012

On Codes, Symbols & Stockholm syndrome, Safarkhan Gallery, Cairo - Egypt  
Khaled Hafez, Video Art Program, Windows Upon the World, Hiroshima MOCA - Japan  
2nd Kathmandu International Art Festival, Kathmandu - Nepal  
Rencontres de Bamako / Fondation Blachere Laureats Presentation, Apt - France  
Liberation — A Process Review, Havremagasinet, Boden - Sweden  
Vingt-cinq Ans de Créativité Arabe, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris - France  
1st Santorini Biennale, Santorini - Greece  
41st International Film Festival Rotterdam - The Netherlands  
The Art of Hajj: Pilgrimage Exhibition, British Museum, London - UK  
Lowave Rising Images, Cinema du Reel, Centre George Pompidou, Paris - France  
Beautiful Life: Memory and Nostalgia, The Pier-2 Art Center, Kaohsiung - Taiwan  
Subversion: A Comedy of Manners, Cornerhouse, Manchester - UK  
11th Havana Biennale, Havana - Cuba

## 2011

9th Bamako Encounters, National Museum of Art, Bamako - Mali  
Reframing Reality, Museum of Contemporary Art, Roskilde - Denmark  
15th International Short Film Festival Winterthur - Switzerland  
CPH.DOX/ Copenhagen Film Festival, Copenhagen - Denmark  
8th Mercusol Biennale, Porto Alegre - Brazil  
Beautiful Life: Memory and Nostalgia, South Hill Park, Bracknell - UK  
Miragem / Mirage, Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro - Brazil  
East from 4°24': COLLECTIE XXVII, MuHKA Museum of Art, Antwerp — Belgium  
Miragem / Mirage: Contemporary Art in the Islamic World, Instituto Tomie Ohtake, Sao Paulo - Brazil  
RESISTANCE(S) III: Arab Video Arts, Ankara International Film Festival, Ankara — Turkey  
Windows Upon Oceans, State Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki — Greece  
Miragem / Mirage: Contemporary Art in the Islamic World, Museo Nacional do Conjunto Cultural da

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Republica, Brasilia - Brazil

## 2010

First Temple of Flight, Almasar Gallery, Cairo - Egypt

Gods & Superheroes, Galleria Luz & Suarez, Madrid - Spain

12th Cairo Biennale, Cairo - Egypt

Manifesta 8, Murcia - Spain

Miragem / Mirage, Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro - Brazil

Resistance(s) III, Fondazione Merz, Turin - Italy

Resistance(s) III, Casa Àrabe, Madrid - Spain

3rd World Festival of Black Arts: Modernities + Resistances, Dakar - Senegal

CAVE: Contemporary Arab Video Encounter, Maraya Arts Center, Sharjah - UAE

Tarjama/Translation, The Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Ithaca, NY - USA

The Presidents: Remix, Blancpain Art Contemporain, Geneva - Switzerland

What's Happening Now?: Contemporary Art from Egypt, Casa Arabe, Madrid - Spain

Fuck Ups, Fables & Fiascos, Galerie Caprice Horn, Berlin - Germany

IN/FLUX: Awkward Conversations, 17th African Film Festival, New Museum, NY - USA

Categorical Imperatives, The Guild Gallery, Bombay - India

Resistance(s) III, Centre George Pompidou, Paris - France

## 2009

Tarjama / Translation, Queens Museum, New York - USA

2nd Thessaloniki Biennale, Thessaloniki - Greece

Deconstructing Myths & Reality, Galerie Caprice Horn, Berlin - Germany

Icons Reloaded, Galerie ElyseeArts, Liege - Belgium

Unveiled: New Art from the Middle East, Saatchi Gallery, London — UK

## 2008

Desert Snow & Other Stories, Galleria San Carlo, Milan - Italy

Borderlines, Le Violin Blue Gallery, London - UK

3rd Guangzhou Triennale, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangdong - China

Breaking News, F&A Projects, Paris - France

Cairoscope: Images, Imagination and Imaginary of a Contemporary Mega City, Kunstraum

Kreuzberg/Bethanien, Berlin - Germany

Neighbors in Dialogue, Collegium Artisticum, Skenderija Centre, Sarajevo - Bosnia

Om Kalsoum la quatrième pyramide, Institut du Mode Arabe, Paris - France

Collectiepresentatie XXI, MuHKA Museum of Contemporary Art, Antwerp - Belgium

Trilogie Méditerranéenne: From Athens to Marseille to Cairo, Palais des Arts, Marseille - France

Arab Artists Between Italy & the Mediterranean, Italian Cultural Institute, Damascus, Beirut & Cairo

Gates of the Mediterranean, Palazzo Piozzo Rivoli, Turin - Italy

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2007

More Chromosomes, Il Divano Di George, Modena - Italy  
Contact Zone, Bamako Museum of Art, Bamako - Mali  
The Present Out of the Past Millennia, Kunstmuseum Bonn - Germany  
Recognize, Contemporary Platform, London - UK  
This Day, Tate Modern, London - UK  
7th Sharjah Biennale, Sharjah - UAE  
Without Title, MuHKA Museum of Contemporary Art, Antwerp - Belgium  
Neighbors in Dialogue, Fezhane, Istanbul — Turkey  
1st AMAL Film Festival - Spain

2006

North-East to Southwest, Espace Doual'Art, Douala - Cameroon  
Philadelphia Chromosome, Galleria San Carlo, Milan - Italy  
Kartomania & Tout-en-Karton, French Cultural Center, Cairo - Egypt  
1st Singapore Biennale - Singapore  
7th Dakar Biennale, Dakar - Senegal  
Images of the Middle East, Museum of Contemporary Art, Roskilde, Copenhagen - Denmark

2005

French memories, CCM Jean Gagnant, Limoges - France  
African Memories, Chantiers de la Lune, Toulon - France  
Mediterranean Encounters, Horcynus Orca Foundation, Messina - Italy

2004

Kartonopolis & some 10 years later, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo - Egypt  
6th Dak'Art 2004 Dakar Biennale - Senegal (Francophonie Prize)  
8th Ismailia International Film Festival, Ismailia - Egypt

2002

Nut, the President's Necktie & Batman, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo - Egypt

2001

Cairo Modern Art in Holland, Fortiscircus Theater, Den Haag - The Netherlands

2000

Icons of the Second Floor, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo — Egypt

1999

Halfway Home & the Electronic Gods, Guezira Art Center, Cairo — Egypt

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Faster Than the City, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo - Egypt

1998

Visions of a Rusty Memory, Cairo-Berlin Gallery, Cairo - Egypt

Unimportant Items, Cairo Atelier, Cairo - Egypt

1992

Steps on Desert Sands, Akhenaton III Gallery, Cairo - Egypt

1990

Prisoner of Freedom, Cairo Atelier, Cairo - Egypt

1989

A Tale of Two Leos, Nile Gallery, Cairo - Egypt

1987

Délires, French Cultural Center, Cairo - Egypt

### FELLOWSHIPS

2009

Rockefeller Bellagio Center, Bellagio - Italy

Visiting Artist: McColl Center for Art + Innovation, Charlotte, NC - USA

2005

Fulbright Fellowship, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA - USA

Visiting Artist: Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Art, Limoges - France

### AWARD NOMINATIONS

2015

Jameel Art Prize, Art Jameel, Dubai — UAE

2012

4<sup>th</sup> Prix Pictet Photography Prize (Long List), Banque Pictet, Geneva — Switzerland

2011

The Sovereign African Art Prize (Short List), Sovereign Art Foundation, Hong Kong/ London/ Cape Town/ Singapore

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