

Mouneer Al Shaarani

Born in 1952, Mouneer Al Shaarani is an internationally acclaimed Syrian artist. He is an admired calligrapher, book designer and writer with over 50 years of experience. He found his calling at a young age as an apprentice for the most important Syrian calligrapher, Badawi Al Dirany. He then graduated from the faculty of Fine Arts in Damascus in 1977. Known for his work in contemporary Arab Calligraphy, Al Shaarani has also become popular for his innovative and scholarly advancements of the traditional calligraphic script.

His work reflects the faultlessness attained through pioneering dimensions. In addition to working as a consultant for the International Arab Encyclopedia, Al Shaarani has also published tutorials and articles about Arab calligraphy and Arab Islamic Art. His work has been showcased internationally, gaining wide exposure through exhibitions in over a dozen countries around the Arab world, Europe and the United States.

The artwork has been acquired by iconic institutions such as:

- The Reitberg Museum -Zurich.
- Museum of Contemporary Art -Tunisia.
- Museum of the International Committee of the Red Cross - Geneva - Switzerland.
- Museum of Islamic Art- Malaysia.
- The Museum of Modern Art - Cairo - Egypt.
- Sharjah Museum of Arabic Calligraphy - Sharjah- United Arab Emirates.
- Arabic Calligraphy Museum - Alexandria - Egypt.
- Museum of Islamic Art (Bergamon) Berlin - Germany.
- Ministry of Culture - Tunisia.

His works are also in private collections in his hometown, Lebanon, Oman, Dubai, Amman, Qatar, Tunis, Jordan, Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, Germany, U.A.E, Sudan, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland , France , Germany , Belgium, Italy, Netherlands, Yugoslavia, Malaysia, Spain, India, Russia, Canada, USA , UK, Australia, and Bahrain.

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Solo Exhibitions:

- 2022 Calligraphic Rythms, Khan Al Maghraby Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 2019 Stories ART Gallery, London, UK
- 2018 Euopia Gallery, Paris, France
- 2018 Box-Freiraum Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 Design Retrospective, sharjah art Gallery AUC, Cairo, Egypt
- 2017 Goethe Institute, Sydney, Australia
- 2016 Mils Gallery, Australia
- 2016 Euopia Gallery, Paris, France
- 2016 Dar Al Anda, Amman, Jordan
- 2016 Arabic calligraphy compositions, Mils Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2015 ArtSpace, DIFC, Dubai, UAE
- 2014 M. Al Shaarani 2014-2007 ,Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2013 Art space Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- Calligraphy art works, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2008 Ayyam Gallery, Damascus, Syria
- 2007 Dar Al Anda, Amman, Jordan
- 2006 Art Space Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- Word into Art, the British Museum, England
- Centre International de la poesie, Marseille
- Al Jezirah Art center, Caire, Syria
- 2005 Gallery Attasy, Damascus, Syria
- St. Jean college, Oxford, England
- 2004 Gallery Green Art, Dubai, UAE
- 2003-05 Continuous mobil exhibition,USA
- 2002 Al Jezirah Art Center, Cairo, Egypt
- Monza House, Muscat, Oman
- Al Rouaq Al Baladi, Sfax, Tunisia Gallery Al Sham, Aleppo, Syria
- Gallery Green Art, Dubai, UAE
- 1998 Shawqi museum, Cairo, Egypt Reitberg museum, Zurich, Switzerland
- Gallery Caire- Berlin, Cairo, Egypt
- 1997 T hervantes center, Cairo, Egypt
- 1996 Atelier Cairo, Cairo, Egypt Rewaq Belal, Tunisia
- 1995 Gallery Al Saiyd, Damascus, Syria
- 1992 Cairo Atelier.
- French Cultural Center. Heliopolis, Cairo.
- Dar Al Fonoun, Tunis

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Collective Exhibitions:

- 2020 Comeback 2020, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2019 Summer collective 2019, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2018 Summer collective 2018, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2017 Summer collective 2017, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2016 Summer collective 2016, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
Art on paper, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2015 Summer collective 2015, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2014 Art auction 101 works of Art for Syrian children refugees, Beirut, Lebanon
Art 14 London, Art on 56th Gallery, London, England
Beirut Art Fair, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2013 Beirut Art Fair, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
Contemporary Istanbul, Art on 56th Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2012 Beirut Art Fair, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2011 Casa Arab, Madrid, Spain
Gallery Al Shaab, Homs, Syria
- 2010 Rafia Gallery, Damascus, Syria
- 2009 Ayyam Gallery, Damascus, Syria
Fogrth Gallery, Germany
- 2001 Gallery Ishtar, Damascus, Syria
Audiovisual, Sharjah Art Museum, Emirates, UAE
- 1997-99 Hills collective (Dream Hill), Berlin, Germany
Gallery Dar Albareh, Bahrain
Honorary exhibition, (Opera house), Cairo, Egypt
Cairo workshop, Cairo, Egypt
- 1994-95 Mobil exhibition in co-operation with International Red Cross,
Morocco, Tunisia and Jordan 1994 Cultural house, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Cairo workshop, Cairo, Egypt

Awards:

Modernization award at the First International Forum for Arabic calligraphy.
He was honored in many Arabic art's societies. Does not participate in contests.
Gained the Modernization Award in the first Arabic Calligraphy Biennial – Al Sharija.
He was a Jury member of the Arabic Calligraphy Biennial – Al Sharija 2016.