

## Issa Halloum

Born in Kuwait in 1968, Issa Halloum graduated from the Institute of Fine Arts at the Lebanese University in 1993, before pursuing studies in Artistic Anatomy at the Brera Academy in Milan in 1999. Halloum seeks his inspiration in nature. He depicts intricately textured landscapes with vivid colours and airy configurations on canvases and on sculptures, where he plays with the surfaces and textures to create illusions of flatness. He paints from direct observation, carefully studying movement and light, engaging with these elements to create visual experiences rooted in the present moment.

His palette is intense and expressive, revealing the significant influence of the great post-impressionist masters.

As with Cézanne and Gauguin, he is generous with colors and his brushstrokes are energetic. Both calming and seductive, his paintings with simplified forms have a tangible feel. Whether he is painting a bright landscape, a busy market scene, an intimate view from a balcony, or an anonymous model, the artist freezes the action and the bustle. Additionally, his paintings are expansive. Landscapes and scenes are given room to flourish, creating the impression that the images outstretch the margin of the canvas, celebrating the abundance of nature, while carrying an aesthetic incompleteness that suspends the momentum of the compositions.

Halloum has participated in several individual and collective exhibitions across the Middle East and abroad, notably in Lebanon, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Italy. His works are part of several regional and global private collections.

# Art on 56th

## Solo Exhibitions:

2021	Brilliance of Nature, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
2020	Al- Markhiya Gallery, Doha, Qatar
2018	Alwan Gallery Saifi, Beirut, Lebanon
2017	CAP Gallery Kuwait
2010-15	Alwan Gallery Saifi, Beirut, Lebanon
2009	Haigazian Art Center, Beirut, Lebanon
2001-04	Alwan Gallery Kaslik, Beirut, Lebanon
1998	Frensh Cultural Center, Beirut, Lebanon
1995-97	Alwan Gallery Kaslik, Beirut, Lebanon

## Collective Exhibitions:

2022	Comeback Cairo, Egypt Int'l Art Fair, Cairo, Egypt
2021	Regeneration, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
2020	Comeback 2020, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
2017-18	Sursock Museum, Beirut, Lebanon
2009	First Prix C&I University
2004-08	Alwan Gallery Saifi, Lebanon
2001	National Museum, Kuwait
2000	For the Sake of Jerusalem, Damascus, Syria
2000	Human Rights Movement, Baalbeck, Lebanon
1999	Commune di Milano, Milan, Italy
1996	Salon du Printemps, Unesco, Beirut, Lebanon
1996	United Arab Emirates
1996	International College, Beirut ,Lebanon
1994-96	Salon d'Automne, Sursock Museum, Beirut, Lebanon