

ABDUL ABDULLAH

1986 Born in Perth, Australia
2008 BA (Art), Curtin University of Technology, Australia
2017 MFA, UNSW Art and Design

Currently lives and works in Bangkok, Thailand

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 Witness, Ames Yavuz, Singapore
Kingdom of Kindness, Home Of The Arts, Gold Coast, Australia
2023 Magical Thinking, Ames Yavuz, Sydney, Australia
2021 Duo exhibition with Patricia Piccinini, presented by Ames Yavuz at
West Bund Art & Design, Shanghai, China
2020 Peripheries, duo exhibition with Abdul-Rahman Abdullah, Ames Yavuz,
Sydney, Australia
Custodians, presented by Ames Yavuz at The Armory Show, Presents
Section, New York City, United States
2019 Contested Territories, Ames Yavuz, Sydney, Australia
The waiting room, presented by Ames Yavuz at Art Basel Hong Kong,
Kabinett sector, Hong Kong
2018 Jangan Sakiti Hatiku - Don't Break My Heart, Ames Yavuz, Singapore
2017 Terms of Engagement: Examining the Rhetoric of Radicalisation, UNSW
Galleries, Australia
2016 Burden, Fehily Contemporary, Australia
2015 Coming to Terms, Fehily Contemporary, Australia
2014 I See A Darkness, Future Perfect, Singapore
Siege, Fehily Contemporary, Australia
2013 Homeland, Fehily Contemporary, Australia
2012 Mongrel, Fehily Contemporary, Australia
2011 Them and Us, KINGS Artist-Run, Australia

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 (Forthcoming) Becoming: 25th Biennale of Sydney, curated by Hoor Al
Qasimi, Sydney, Australia
2025 Good as Gold, Rockhampton Museum of Art, Rockhampton, Queensland,
Australia
Curlew Camp, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes 2025 exhibition, Art Gallery of
New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
2024 ORAMA, Tars Unlimited, Bangkok, Thailand
2023 Just Not Australian, Museum of Sydney, Australia

- The National 4: Australian Art Now, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australia
- Portrait23: Identity, National Portrait Gallery, Australia
- 2022 Fairy Tales, Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art, Australia
- Destiny Disrupted, Griffith University Art Museum, Australia
- Canberra Art Biennial, Canberra, Australia
- Interspecies and Other others, Abbotsford Convent, Australia
- Destiny Disrupted, Granville Centre Art Gallery, Australia
- 2021 경로를 재탐색합니다 UN/LEARNING AUSTRALIA, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
- Archie 100: A Century of the Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australia
- 2020 Ritual: The Past In The Present, Cairns Art Gallery, Australia
- Lee Mingwei: 禮 Li, Gifts and Rituals, Gropius Bau Museum, Berlin, Germany
- Closer than they appear, Yavuz Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- Monster Theatres, Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art, Art Gallery of South Australia
- 2019 Violent Salt, touring exhibition, Art Space Mackay, Australia; Noosa Regional Gallery, Australia; Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, Australia
- STOLEN/WEALTH, Wyndham Art Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- Body Politics, Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo, Australia
- Lupercalia, Adelaide Central Gallery, Adelaide, Australia
- Marriage: Love + Law, Penrith Regional Gallery, Penrith, Australia
- Weapons for a soldier, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, Australia
- National Anthem, Buxton Contemporary, Melbourne, Australia
- Just Not Australian, Artspace, Sydney, Australia
- Stories We Tell To Scare Ourselves With, Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2018 WORD, Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide, Australia
- ENOUGH صلاح KHALAS, UNSW Galleries, Australia
- Infinite conversations, National Gallery Australia, Canberra
- Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes 2018 exhibition, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- DIASPORA: Exit, Exile, Exodus of Southeast Asia, MAM Contemporary Art Museum, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- Waqf al-tagheer: Time of change, ACE Open, Adelaide, Australia
- All We Can't See: Illustrating the Nauru Files, Yellow House Sydney, Australia
- 2017 Gebrochene Welten, Galerie oqbo, Berlin, Germany
- Gebrochene Welten, Kunstverein Gera, Gera, Germany
- Dark Horizons, Pataka Art+Museum, Porirua City, New Zealand
- Young & Free, Bega Valley Regional Gallery, Australia
- Looking at me through you, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Australia
- Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes 2017 exhibition, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australia
- I am, you are, we are, they are, Peacock Gallery, Australia
- 2016 Know Your Neighbour, The Lock-Up, Australia
- Primavera at 25, Museum of Contemporary Art, Australia
- Jogja Calling, 4A Centre of Contemporary Asian Art, Australia

- Dead Centre, Spectrum Project Space, Australia
 The Public Body, Artspace, Australia
 Beauty and the Beast: The Animal in Photography, Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, United States
 Painting. More Painting, Australian Centre of Contemporary Art, Australia
 Fraud Complex, Westspace, Australia
 Here&Now16, Lawrence Wilson Gallery, Australia
- 2015 Embrace, Kunstraum LLC, New York, United States
 Asia Pacific Triennial, Gallery of Modern Art, Australia
 Primavera, Museum of Contemporary Art, Australia
 Epic Narratives - PICA Salon, Perth Institute of Contemporary Art, Australia
 Post-Hybrid; Re-imagining the Australian Self, John Curtin Gallery, Australia
 24SEVEN Screen, Lawrence Wilson Gallery, Australia
 WA Focus: Abdul Abdullah and Abdul-Rahman Abdullah, The Art Gallery of Western Australia
 The Skin Off Our Time, Contemporary Art Centre of South Australia
- 2014 Fair is Foul & Foul is Fair, Turner Gallery, Australia
 Sealed Section, Artbank, Australia
 Domestic Departures, Chalk Horse Gallery, Australia
- 2013 The List, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Australia
 Being Eurasian, Fremantle Arts Centre, Australia
 ORIENTing, Lawrence Wilson Gallery, Australia
 Homecoming, Fehily Contemporary
 The Social, Campbelltown Art Centre, Australia
- 2012 Interregna, MOANA ARI, Australia
 Beyond Likeness, Lawrence Wilson Gallery, Australia
 The Greater Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, Perth, Australia

PUBLIC ART

- 2025 Thinking on sculptures and sunflowers, wall mural in collaboration with Fintan Magee, Boulogne-sur-Mer, France
- 2024 Come Together, Arden Station, Metro Tunnel, Melbourne, Australia
 Abdul Abdullah in collaboration with MOMO, Subiaco chimney stack commission, Creative Road Art Projects, Perth, Australia

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 2025 Winner, Packing Room Prize, Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales (AGNSW), Sydney, Australia
- 2023 Finalist, Archibald Prize, AGNSW, Sydney, Australia
 Finalist, Ramsay Prize, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia
- 2022 Winner, IMAGinE award, Museum and Galleries of NSW, Australia
- 2020 Curtin University Alumni award for excellence in the Humanities Finalist, Archibald Prize, AGNSW, Sydney, Australia

- Winner, Australian Muslim Achievement Award, Creative Artist, Australia
 Finalist, Archibald Prize, AGNSW, Sydney, Australia
 Finalist, Sulman Prize, AGNSW, Sydney, Australia
- 2019 Winner, Australian Muslim Artists Art Prize
 Finalist, Wynne Prize, AGNSW, Sydney, Australia
 Finalist, Sulman Prize, AGNSW, Sydney, Australia
 Finalist, Doug Moran Portrait Prize, Moran Arts Foundation, Australia
- 2018 Shortlist, Australian Pavilion, Venice Biennale
 Finalist, Sulman Prize, AGNSW, Sydney, Australia
- 2017 Finalist, Sulman Prize, AGNSW, Sydney, Australia
 Finalist, Guirguis New Art Prize
- 2016 Western Australian Multicultural Recognition Award
 Finalist, Basil Sellers Art Prize, Australia
 Finalist, Archibald Prize, AGNSW, Sydney, Australia
 Finalist, Sulman Prize, AGNSW, Sydney, Australia
 Finalist, Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship, AGNSW, Sydney, Australia
- 2015 Finalist, Sovereign Art Prize Hong Kong
- 2014 First Prize, Linden Postcard Show
 Finalist, Archibald Prize, AGNSW, Sydney, Australia
 Finalist, John Fries Award, University of New South Wales, Australia
 Finalist, Western Australian of the Year Youth Award
 Shortlist, Rockhampton Gold Award, Australia
 Finalist, Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, Australia
 Victoria Park Art Award for Excellence and People's Choice Award
- 2013 Finalist, Bowness Prize, Australia
 Finalist, Blake Prize, Australia
 Finalist, Archibald Prize, Australia
- 2012 Finalist, Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Australia
 Finalist, Metro Art Award, Australia
 Finalist, City of Melbourne Besen Family Foundation Grant for Arts, Australia
- 2011 Finalist, Culture Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, Australia
 Blake Prize for Human Justice, Blake Prize, Australia
- 2010 Finalist, Archibald Prize, AGNSW, Sydney, Australia
- 2009 Finalist, Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, Perth Town Hall, Australia
 Winner, Observing the Human Form, City of Swan, National Youth Self Portrait Prize
 Finalist, Highly Commended, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra, Australia
 Finalist, Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, Perth Town Hall, Australia

GRANTS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2021 Marten Bequest Scholarship
 Open Studio, Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art, Australia
 Quick Response Grant, Create NSW
- 2017 Arts Project Grant, Australia Council for the Arts 2016 Artist Support

- Grant, Create NSW
4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art Yogyakarta Residency
- 2015 UNSW Art and Design Grant
- 2014 Art Flight, Australia Department of Culture and the Arts Campbelltown Arts Centre Residency
- 2013 Artist in Residence, The University of Western Australia
Development Grant, Western Australia Department of Culture and the Arts
- 2012 Perth Institute of Contemporary Art Residency
New Work Grant, Western Australian Department of Culture and the Arts
Interarts Grant, Australia Council for the Arts
Arts Project Grant, City of Melbourne
Besen Family Foundation Grant for Arts and Culture
- 2011 Quick Response Grant, Western Australia Department of Culture and the Arts
Kickstart 2011 Grant, Next Wave Festival
Janet Holmes à Court Artists' Grant
- 2010 Young Artist's Grant, City of Melbourne

COLLECTIONS

ANZ, Australia
Artbank, Australia
The Art Gallery of Western Australia
The Art Gallery of South Australia
The Bendigo Art Gallery, Australia
Campbelltown Arts Centre, Australia
Chau Chak Wing Museum, Sydney, Australia
Darebin Art Collection, Australia
Islamic Museum of Australia
Lawrence Wilson Gallery, The University of Western Australia
MAIAM Contemporary Art Museum, Thailand
The Museum of Contemporary Art, Australia
Murdoch University, Australia
The National Gallery of Australia
National Gallery of Victoria, Australia
Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art, Australia
The Town of Victoria Park, Australia
University of Queensland Art Museum, Australia
Winston Art Group, USA