

KHALED AL-SAAI

Born in Homs, Syria in 1970
Works and lives in Dubai, UAE

EDUCATION

- 1998 Certificate in Calligraphy from IRCICA, the research centre for Islamic History Arts and Culture, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1997 MA in Fine Arts (honorary degree), University of Damascus, Syria
- 1995 BA in Fine Arts, Painting, University of Damascus, Syria

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2007 Dar Al Fnoon, Kuwait
Majlis Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2006 Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2005 Pellouailles-les-Vignes mantes, France
Poems in Calligraphy, the Majles Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2004 Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2001 Institute du Monde Arab, Paris, France
- 1999 IFEAD, Damascus, Syria
- 1996 Spanish Institute, Damascus, Syria

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2007 Audio Visual Art Exhibition, Sharjah Museum of Art, UAE
San Bedro Museum of Art, Mexico
Al Bareh Art Gallery, Bahrain
- 2006 Institute de Monde Arab, Paris, France
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Languages of Desert, Bonn Museum of Art, Germany
The Art of the Written Word in the Middle East, U of M Museum of Art
- 2003 Visual and Audible 6th session, Sharjah, UAE
Salter International house, Wallesley College, Boston
- 2002 Sharjah Museum of Art, UAE

- 2001 *Art and Sufism*, exhibition organized by the Cervantes Institute (2001-2004):
National Museum of Damascus, Syria; Royal Museum of Amman, Jordan; Bilad Al Sham
Gallery Aleppo, Syria; Unisco Palace Beirut, Lebanon; Granada, Seville Spain
- 1997 Collective Exhibition of Syrian artist organized by the Ministry of Culture, National
Museum of Art, Damascus, Syria
Biennial Almahaba Arts Festival Latakia, Syria
- 1991 Collective Exhibition of Syrian artists organized by the Ministry of Culture, National
Museum of Syria
- 1987 Al Mayadin City Hall, Syria

PRIZES AND AWARDS

- 2007 Modern Calligraphy Prize, Audio Visual Art Exhibition, Sharjah Museum of Art, UAE
1st prize of Diwany Jaly, 7th Int'l Competition of Calligraphy, IRCICA, Istanbul
- 2005 Classic Calligraphy Prize, 2nd Biennial of Calligraphy in Arab World, Sharjah, UAE
First Prize in 'Diwany Jaly script', Master Competition of Calligraphy, Sponsored by Al Baraka
Turk Bank, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2004 The first Prize in the Modernity of Arabic Calligraphy, 1st Arabic Calligraphy, 1st Biennial of
Calligraphy in the Arab world, Sharjah, UAE
The Diwany Jaly Prize from the 6th international competition, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2003 The Modernity Prize of the Audio-Visual Festival, Sharjah Museum of Arts
- 2001 The 5th international competition on Arabic Calligraphy, Diwany Jaly Style, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2000 Festival of Music, Poetry and Calligraphy, Oberani, France, Certificate of distinction
- 2000 Prize for Young Artist, presented by British Counsel, Damascus, Syria
- 1999 Biennial of the Young artist, Rome, Italy
- 1997 1st International Festival of Arabic Calligraphy, Tehran, Iran, Certificate of distinction, nominated
one of the best 10 international calligraphers, and the first Prize in the Diwany Jaly Style