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| My art is about a personal exploration of the subject, I have to feel compassion towards the subject and desire to form a relationship with it, yet it has to speak back to me, as, inevitably, I am affected by the feeling or mood. My paintings are sensational recalls of layered memories; they evolve organically from feelings and life's everyday glances. They are more a dialogue between the surface and the hand, submit and control, giving and taking. I seek the revelation; the unique intuitive meaning of color and form approaching as a result of frustration and struggle to achieve and realize. |

# Experience

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| 2011 Full time LECTURER, College of arts and design, the university of jordan, amman, jordanTeacher of drawing and painting, teacher of art therapy |
| 2009 - 2011 part time lecturer, College of arts and design, the university of jordan, amman, jordanTeacher of drawing and painting |
| 2004 -2009 founder and CEO, golden ratio design and media company, amman, jordanFounder and owner of the company, providing design and production services |
| 2003 – 2004art director, dots pro design and digital printing services company, amman, jordanResponsible for directing designers, copywriters and production teams |

# Education

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| 1988bfa in fine arts, yarmouk university, amman, jordanDegree in academic painting and drawing |
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# awards

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| * 1st prize in Don Quijote’s Painting Contest, Cervantes Institute, Amman, Jordan 1999.
* 2nd prize in Lurca's Centenary Contest, Cervantes Institute, Amman, Jordan 1998.
* 1st prize in Youth Arts Painting Contest, Spanish Cultural Center, Amman, Jordan 1988.
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# exhibitions

* Orient Gallery, Amman 2021
* Orient Gallery, Amman 2017
* Orient Gallery, Amman 2014
* Orient Gallery, Amman 2012
* Orient Gallery, Amman 2010
* Orient Gallery, Amman 2007
* Identity, Foresight Gallery, Amman 2005.
* Dialogue, Orfali Gallery, Amman 2004.
* Someone/Somewhere Exhibition, Mark Gallery, Boston MA, USA 2002.
* Portrait Conversations, Attleboro Museum *Center for the Arts*, Attleboro, MA, USA 2001.
* Painting / Poetry Exhibition, Orfali Gallery, Amman, Jordan 2000.
* The French Cultural Centre, Amman, Jordan 1999.
* The Spanish Cultural Centre, Amman, Jordan 1996.
* The Portraits Exhibition, Phoenix Gallery, Amman, Jordan 1994.
* Phoenix Gallery, Amman, Jordan 1994.
* Royal Cultural centre, Amman, Jordan 1993.
* Phoenix Gallery, Amman, Jordan 1992.
* Royal Cultural centre, Amman, Jordan 1991.
* Plastic Art Association Gallery, Amman, Jordan 1990.
* Petra Gallery, Amman, Jordan 1989.
* Plastic Art Association Gallery, Amman, Jordan 1987.

## Group Exhibitions

* Participated in many local and International Group Exhibitions.

## Bienniales

* Venice Biennale 2022, Venice, Italy
* Participated in Bieniales in Kuwait, Sharja, Egypt, Syria and Bangladish.

## Private Collections

* Paintings in private collections in the United States, France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Moraco, Egypt, Lithuania, England, UAE, Qatar, Syria and Jordan.

## Work Exhibited in the United States

* Mark Gallery, Cambridge, MA
* Attleboro Museum, MA, 2002
* Lagerquist Gallery, Atlanta, GA
* Ann Irving Gallery, Atlanta, GA

## Workshops

* Art Therapy workshops in Osijek, Croatia, 2022
* Art Therapy workshops in Porto, Portugal, 2021
* Art Therapy workshops in Jordan, variable.
* Lorka/Bayyati EU Workshop at Orfalli Gallery, Amman, Jordan 2007.
* Art therapy workshops in Attleboro Museum *Center for the Arts*, Attleboro, MA, USA 2002.
* Art and Poetry workshop in Rhode Iland College, RI, US 2002
* Art therapy workshops in Lesely University, Cambridge, MA, US, 2001, 2002.
* After school Program in Art Therapy, Lesely University, Cambridge, MA, US 2002.

## Documentaries

In 2001, Leslie University, Boston MA, produced a documentary film about the artist called "Portrait Conversations".