# Basel Abbas and Ruanne Abou-Rahme

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#### Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 An Echo Buried Deep Deep Down but Calling Still, Astrup Fearnley Museet, Oslo, Norway
- 2022 May Amnesia Never Kiss Us on the Mouth, The Common Guild, Glasgow May Amnesia Never Kiss Us on the Mouth, Migros Museum, Zürich, Switzerland May Amnesia Never Kiss Us on the Mouth, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 2021 If Only This Mountain Between Us Could Be Ground to Dust, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, USA
- 2020 If Only This Mountain Between us Could be Ground to Dust, Centraal Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands
- 2019 Oh Shining Star Testify, Proyectos Ultravioleta, Guatemala City, Guatemala We Know What It Is for We Who Have Used It, Disjecta, Portland, USA
- 2018 We know what it is for we who have used it, A Tale of A Tub, Rotterdam, The Netherlands Only The Beloved Keeps Our Secrets, A Space, Toronto, Canada And Yet My Mask is Powerful, Kunstverein in Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany And Yet My Mask is Powerful, Krannert Art Museum, Illinois, USA
- 2017 We Know What It Is for / We Who Have Used It, Kevin Space Kunstverein, Vienna, Austria And Yet My Mask is Powerful, Art Jameel Project Space, Dubai, United Arab Emirates And Yet My Mask is Powerful, Alt Bomontiada, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2016 And Yet My Mask Is Powerful, Carroll / Fletcher, London, UK Only The Beloved Keep Our Secrets, The Gallery-Tyneside Cinema, Newcastle, UK

2015 Unforgiving Years: The Incidental Insurgents II, Carroll / Fletcher, London, UK The Incidental Insurgents, Part I and II, Office for Contemporary Art, Oslo, Norway The Incidental Insurgents, Part I and II, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, USA 2014 The Incidental Insurgents, Part II: Unforgiving Years, Akademie Der Künste Der Welt, Cologne, Germany
2011 The Zone, New Art Exchange, Nottingham, UK
2009 Collapse, Delfina Foundation, London, UK

### Group Exhibitions

Germany

- 2023 Small World, 13th Edition of the Taipei Biennial, Taipei, Taiwan (Upcoming) Boundary Monuments Dissolve, Hessel Museum of Art, New York, USA Public Matter: New Forms, Library Street Collective, Detroit, USA Sharjah Biennial 15: Thinking Historically in the Present, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 2022 12th Berlin Biennale for Contemporary Art, Berlin, Alemania Palai Project, Capriola, Lecce, Italy
- 2020 Trembling Landscape, EyeFilm Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands Voice Over, Bonnefanten Museum, Maastricht, Netherlands JSC On View: Works from the collection, Julia Stoschek Collection, Dusseldorf, Germany
- 2019 History Is Not Here, Minnesota Museum of American Art, Minnesota, USA Touche! (Gestures, Movement, Action), Beirut Art Center, Beirut, Lebanon Beirut Future Generation Art Prize, Venice, Italy Future Generation Art Prize, Pinchuk Art Center, Kiev, Ukraine What Remains Is What the Poets Found, PS120, Berlin, Germany Persisting Realities, CTM festival, Kunstraum Kreuzberg, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 Digitale Narrationen, Forum Schlossplatz, Aarau, Switzerland The Jerusalem Show IX, Jerusalem, Israel Busan Biennale 2018, Busan, South Korea The Unwritten Library, Annex M, Athens, Greece Truth Is Black, Write Over It With a Mirage's Light, Darat Al Funun, Amman, Jordan Deep Time Construction, CCA Wattis Institute, San Francisco, USA Brace for Impact, De Appel, Amsterdam, The Netherlands Actions: The Image of the World Can Be Different, Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, UK The Truth About Fiction, Gypsum Gallery, Cairo, Egypt Elevator To The Gallows, Helena Anrather, New York, USA
  2017 What are the Clouds?, Kunstgebäude Stuttgart, Stuttgart,

4th Ural Biennale, Yekaterinburg, Russia Transcending Time, Connectiva, Neon, Athens, Greece Jerusalem Lives, The Palestinian Museum, Birzeit, Palestine Upstream, Ghebaly Gallery, Los Angeles, USA Into Pore Spaces: An Expansive Archive About Biosphere 2, Fluent, Cantabria, Spain If Not For That Wall, Contemporary Image Collective, Cairo, Eqypt Blind Date, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon Looking at One Thing and Thinking Something Else, Carroll / Fletcher, London, UK 2016 House of Commons, Portikus, Frankfurt, Germany The Sea is Mine, Qalandiya International, Ramallah, Palestine For an Image, Faster Than Light, 1<sup>st</sup> Yinchuan Biennale, Yinchuan, China Neriri Kiruru Harara, SeMA Biennale Mediacity, Seoul, South Korea Syntax and Society, Abraaj Group, Dubai, United Arab Emirates Histories of a Vanishing Present, The Mistake Room, Los Angeles, USA 2015 Political Populism, Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna, Austria Great Tricks From Your Future, Downtown Contemporary Art Festival, Cairo, Egypt 12th Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates Lest The Two Seas Meet, Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw, Poland 2014 10th Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju, South Korea 31<sup>st</sup> São Paulo Biennial, São Paulo, Brazil El futuro no espera (The Future Does Not Wait), La Capella, Barcelona, Spain Tentura and Antitentura, Studio of Young Artists' Association, Budapest, Hungary Now Showing: A Group Exhibition of Artists Films, Carroll / Fletcher, London, UK Private Nationalism, m21 Gallery, Pecs, Hungary Insert 2014, New Delhi, India 2013 13<sup>th</sup> Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul, Turkey 4<sup>th</sup> Asian Art Biennial, National Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei, Taiwan Points Of Departure, ICA, London, UK 2012 6th Jerusalem Show, Al Ma'mal Foundation, Jerusalem, Israel Presenting Absence, Bonington Gallery, Nottingham, UK Loop, Al Hoash Gallery, Jerusalem, Israel 2011 Collapse, De Balie, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Re-View Videonale, Rondo Sztuki Gallery, Katowice, Poland Al Ma'mal Foundation at the Lab, Darat Il Funun, Amman, Jordan 5<sup>th</sup> Jerusalem Show, Al Ma'mal Foundation, Jerusalem, Israel 2010 6<sup>th</sup> Liverpool Biennale, Future Movements, Liverpool, UK NY LYD Images Festival, Copenhagen, Denmark Homeworks V, Ashkal Alwan, Beirut, Lebanon 23es Instants Video, Marseille, France Twice Is Too Much, Freies Museum, Berlin, Germany Arabicity, The Bluecoat Gallery, Liverpool, UK

2009 53<sup>rd</sup> Venice Biennale, Palestinian Pavilion, Venice, Italy The Jerusalem Show 2009: The Jerusalem Syndrome, Jerusalem, Israel

# Selected Performances

- 2019 Live Arts Bard Biennale 19, Fisher Center Bard, New York, USA Art After Culture?, E-flux, New York, USA
- 2015 All The Instruments Agree, The Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 A Journey Of Ideas Across, Haus der Kulturen der Welt HKW, Berlin, Germany Scores#7, Tanzquartier, Museumsquartier Wien, Vienna, Austria SPIELART Festival, Munich, Germany Continuous City, Serpentine Pavilion, London, UK
- 2012 Akademie der Künste der Welt, Cologne, Germany 4<sup>th</sup> Guangzhou Triennial, Opera House, Guangzhou, China Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary (TBA21), Ephemeropterae<sup>~</sup> Pavilion, Vienna, Austria The City, The Image, Ramallah, Palestine
- 2011 De Balie, Amsterdam, The Netherlands Beirut Art Centre, Beirut, Lebanon Club 50/50, Katowice, Poland
- 2010 Poetry International, SouthBank Centre, London, UK Images Festival, Copenhagen, Denmark Space Makers College of Arts, Edinburgh, Scotia Beyond Borders Festival, CCA, Glasgow, Scotia Palestine Literature Festival, Nablus, Palestine
- 2009 3<sup>rd</sup> Riwaq Biennale, Palestine 53<sup>rd</sup> Venice Biennale, Palestinian Pavilion, Venice, Italy

Awards, Fellowships, Grants, and Residencies

- 2022 Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, Artist Residency, Captiva, USA
- 2020 Soros Arts Fellowship, Open Society Foundations, Fellowship, New York, USA
- 2019 Future Generation Art Prize, Shortlisted, Kiev, Ukraine
- 2016 Abraaj Group Art Prize, Main Winner, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2015 Sharjah Biennale 12 Art Prize, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates Young Arab Theater Fund, Production Grant, Brussels, Belgium
- 2013 Akademie der Künste der Welt, Fellowship, Cologne, Germany
- 2012 Young Arab Theater Fund, Production Grant, Brussels, Belgium
- 2009 Delfina Foundation, Artist Residency, London, UK

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