



## RABEE KIWAN

Born in Damascus, Syria in 1984, Rabee Kiwan graduated from the painting department of the Faculty of Fine Arts at the University of Damascus in 2008. Rabee Kiwan's works are part of several private collections in Europe, Canada, America, the Persian Gulf and Lebanon.

Kiwan has lived and worked in Beirut and Paris and now divides his time between Dubai and Swaida, a city in southwestern Syria. The main element of his abstract figurative work is the human figure in its various emotional states. Earlier in his career he was inspired by observing reality and trying to imitate what he saw through his works. In recent years, he has preferred abstraction that lends itself better to portraying heightened states of emotional through facial expressions and the human body. He works primarily on canvas in acrylic and oil painting and in mixed media, incorporating various fabrics, paints, and other items to create his work. Kiwan has shown his work at Lab 44 Gallery in Paris, France; Europia in Paris, France; Adiacenze Gallery in Bologna, Italy; Marc Hachem Gallery in Beirut, Lebanon; Kozah Gallery also in Damascus, Syria; World Bank exhibition in Washington DC, USA; the French Cultural Center in Damascus and the Arab Cultural Center in Abu Rumana, Syria.

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### Education

**2008** Damascus University of Fine Arts

### Solo Exhibitions

**2023** "Black II", Fann À Porter, Dubai, UAE

**2022** "Black I", Fann À Porter, Dubai, UAE

**2015** "Passport Photos", Lab 44 Gallery, Paris France

**2012** Mustafa Ali Gallery, Damascus, Syria

**2011** French Cultural Center, Damascus, Syria

**2010** Kozah Gallery, Damascus, Syria

Opera House, Damascus, Syria

**2009** Annual Spring Exhibition, Syria

Arab Cultural Center, Damascus, Syria



### **Group Exhibitions**

**2024** "Pop Up Group Exhibition", Fann À Porter, Dubai, UAE

**2023** "Works on Paper", Fann À Porter, Dubai, UAE  
"Reality Show", Fann À Porter, Dubai, UAE

### **Residencies**

**2012** Artist in Residence, Aley, Lebanon

### **Awards**

Ministry of Culture, Spring Exhibition Awards, 2018