

# WAQAS KHAN

## BIOGRAPHY

1982 - Born in Akhtarabad, Pakistan.  
Lives and works in Lahore, Pakistan.

## EDUCATION

2008 - BFA. National College of Arts  
- Lahore, Pakistan.

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“Waqas Khan’s large scale minimalist drawings are contemplations which leave a visible evidence on paper. Khan employs small dashes and minuscule dots to create large entanglements where two particle-sque units converge, dissipate or displace. Despite this tension they maintain a rhythmic harmony: the forms and marks sync no matter how far apart they are.

This quest for depicting notions of unity and togetherness with all their beautiful in-congruencies and vulnerabilities on display vis a vis acknowledging the wonder of magnanimous totality is what fuelled Khan's exploration of space and time. His displays are pristine and meticulously curated; it is through carefully designing his spaces in accordance with scale, colour and measured lighting that Khan's works acquire a experiential quality. As the works "perform" in the curated spaces, the drama inherent in his Shows emerges. This is crucial for him because it appeals to the viewer's emotions: time must stand still in order for them to engage with the pathos and catharsis inherent in the primordial forms and compositions he builds using the simple tip of his pen.”

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*Waqas Khan is the co-founder of Nathuu ([www.nathuu.com](http://www.nathuu.com)). It is a social project that is bringing joy through art-education to children across Pakistan especially from difficult socio-economic conditions.*

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## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 **“Transcendental Introspection”** HBL Tower, Karachi, Pakistan
- 2019 **“(D)escribir el mundo”** Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Castilla y León (MUSAC). Leon, Spain.
- 2018 **“History, Memory or Geometry”** Galerie Krinzinger. Vienna, Austria
- 2017 **“Waqas Khan”** Manchester Art Gallery. Manchester, UK.
- 2015 **“Acoustics of Life”** Galerie Krinzinger. Vienna, Austria.
- 2014 **“The Untitled Show”** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Madrid, Spain.
- 2013 **“In other words”** Galerie Krinzinger. Vienna, Austria.
- 2012 **“Dance in Retina”** Lakeeren Gallery. Mumbai, India.
- 2012 **“Abstraction Contained”** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Madrid, Spain.
- 2010 **“Even infinity takes time”** Lakeeren Gallery. Mumbai, India.
- 2009 **“Shift 2”**, Canvas Art Gallery. Karachi, Pakistan.
- 2009 **“Shift”**, Rohtas Gallery. Lahore, Pakistan.
- 2008 **“Dot (A perfect circle)”** National College of Arts. Lahore, Pakistan.

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 “Ufuq” A tribute to Zarina Hashmi curated by Dr. Arshiya Lokhandwala & presented by Sunaina Kejriwal - **Kamalnayan Bajaj Art Gallery - India**
- 2021 Long Story Short - **Sabrina Amrani - Madrid, Spain**
- 2020 Loewe Foundation Craft Prize - **Musée des Arts Décoratifs - Paris, France**
- 2019 The Crime of Mr Adolf Loos - **Axel Vervoordt - Antwerp, Belgium**
- 2019 The 4th Today’s Documents- A Stich in Time. Curated by Huang Du & Jonathan Harris. **Beijing Today Art Museum - Beijing, China**
- 2018 The World On Paper. **Deutsche Bank Collection**. Berlin, Germany
- 2017 Cyclic Journey. **Goethe Institut**. Barcelona, Spain
- 2017 On Line Dot. Curated by Maki Nishida. **Devi Art Foundation** in collaboration with The **Japan Foundation**, New Delhi. Gurugram, Haryana, India
- 2017 Doublethink : Doublevision. **Pera Museum**. Istanbul, Turkey
- 2016 Decor. Boghossian Fondation - **Vila Empain**. Curated by Tino Sehgal, Dorothea von Hantelmann and Asad Raza. Brussels, Belgium
- 2016 Between Structure and Matter: Other Minimal Futures. Curated by Murtaza Vali. **Aicon Gallery**. New York, USA
- 2015 Nada temas, dice ella. Curated by Rosa Martínez. **Museo Nacional de Escultura**. Valladolid, Spain
- 2015 Jameel Art Prize 3. **National Library Singapore**. Singapore
- 2015 Jameel Prize 3. **Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilisation**. Sharjah, UAE
- 2014 Jameel Prize 3. **Manege Museum and Exhibition Association**, Moscow, Russia
- 2014 Please Rewind! **Sabrina Amrani Gallery**, Madrid, Spain
- 2014 Jameel Prize 3. **Hermitage-Kazan Museum**. Kazan, Tatarstan, Russia
- 2014 Past Tradition. **Exhibit320 Contemporary Art Space**. New Delhi, India
- 2014 The Drawingroom. **Galerie I'm Taxispalais**, Innsbruck, Austria
- 2013 Jameel Prize 3. **Victoria & Albert Museum**. London, UK
- 2013 The Drawingroom. **Ursula Blicke Stiftung**. Kraichtal, Germany

- 2011 Intimate pictures. **Tokyo Gallery** + BTAP. Tokyo, Japan
- 2009 Other side. **Chowkandi Art Gallery**. Karachi, Pakistan
- 2008 Print exhibition. **Alhamra Art Council**. Lahore, Pakistan
- 2008 Miniature Artists of Pakistan. **National College of Arts**. Lahore, Pakistan.
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## BIENNALES

- 2022 **Toronto Biennale - Toronto, Canada**
- 2018 Asia Pacific Triennale 9. **Queensland Art Gallery / Gallery of Modern Art (QGOMA)**. **Brisbane, Australia**
- 2018 Shehr-O-Fun. **Lahore Biennale (LB01)**. **Lahore, Pakistan**
- 2017 The Absence of Path. Tunisian Pavillion, **57th Biennale di Venezia**. **Venice, Italy**.
- 2016 **Dhaka Art Summit, Dhaka, Bangladesh**
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## ART FAIRS

- 2022 **Paris + Art Basel** - Krinzinger Gallery - Paris, France
- 2022 **Art Dubai** , Krinzinger Gallery - Duabi, UAE
- 2022 **Arco Madrid** - Sabrina Amrani Gallery - Madrid, Spain
- 2021 **Art Basel**, Galeria Krinzinger - Basel, Switzerland
- 2021 **Frieze Art Fair**, Galeria Krinzinger, London, UK
- 2020 **Art Basel** Virtual Exhibition. Galerie Krinzinger & Sabrina Amrani. Hong Kong.
- 2020 **ARCOmadrid**. Sabrina Amrani. Madrid, Spain.
- 2020 **Taipei Dandgai**. Sabrina Amrani. Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2019 **Art Basel** in Hong Kong. Galerie Krinzinger. Hong Kong.
- 2019 **Frieze** London. Galerie Krinzinger. London, UK.
- 2019 **Art Basel** Miami Beach. Galerie Krinzinger. Miami, USA.
- 2019 **Artissima**. Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Turin, Italy.
- 2019 **Armory Show**. Galerie Krinzinger. New York, USA.

- 2018 **Artissima.** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Turin, Italy.
- 2018 **ARCOLisboa.** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2018 **ARCOMadrid.** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Madrid, Spain.
- 2017 **Art Brussels.** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Brussels, Belgium.
- 2017 **Art Basel** in Hong Kong. Galerie Krinzinger. Hong Kong.
- 2016 **Frieze** London. Galerie Krinzinger. London, UK.
- 2016 **Art Basel** in Basel. Galerie Krinzinger. Basel, Switzerland.
- 2016 **Art Basel** in Hong Kong. Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Hong Kong.
- 2016 **Art Brussels.** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Brussels, Belgium.
- 2016 **Art Dubai.** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Dubai, UAE.
- 2016 **ARCOMadrid.** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Madrid, Spain.
- 2016 **India Art Fair.** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. New Delhi, India.
- 2015 **Art Brussels.** Galerie Krinzinger. Brussels, Belgium.
- 2015 **Art Dubai.** Galerie Krinzinger. Dubai, UAE.
- 2015 **ARCOMadrid.** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Madrid, Spain.
- 2014 **Art Basel** Miami Beach. Galerie Krinzinger. Miami, USA.
- 2014 **Artissima.** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Turin, Italy.
- 2014 **Frieze** London. Galerie Krinzinger. London, UK.
- 2014 **ArtInternational.** Galerie Krinzinger. Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2014 **Art Basel.** Galerie Krinzinger. Basel, Switzerland.
- 2014 **Art Basel** Hong Kong. Galerie Krinzinger. Hong Kong.
- 2014 **Art Dubai.** Galerie Krinzinger. Dubai, UAE.
- 2014 **Art I4** London. London, UK.
- 2013 **Art Basel** Miami. Galerie Krinzinger. Miami, USA.
- 2013 **Frieze** London. Galerie Krinzinger. London, UK.
- 2013 **FIAC.** Galerie Krinzinger. Paris, France.
- 2013 **Art Dubai.** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Dubai, UAE.
- 2013 **Art Dubai.** Galerie Krinzinger. Dubai, UAE.
- 2013 **India Art Fair.** Lakeeren Gallery. New Delhi, India.
- 2012 **JustMad Mia.** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Madrid, Spain.
- 2012 **Beirut Art Fair.** Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Madrid, Spain.
- 2012 **India Art Fair.** Lakeeren Gallery. New Delhi, India.
- 2011 **Art Dubai.** Lakeeren Gallery. Dubai, UAE.
- 2011 **India Art Summit.** Lakeeren Gallery. New Delhi, India.

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

**Ishara Art foundation** - Dubai , UAE

**HBL Collection** - Karachi, Pakistan

**The Whitworth.** Manchester, UK

**Manchester Museum.** Manchester, UK

**British Museum.** London, UK

**Victoria & Albert Museum.** London, UK

**Manchester Art Gallery.** Manchester, UK

**Kamel Lazaar Foundation.** Tunis, Tunisia

**Kiran Nadar Museum.** New Delhi, India

**Devi Art Foundation.** New Delhi, India

**The Deutsche Bank Collection.** Frankfurt am Main, Germany

## PUBLICATIONS

*Parted: a lost love story.* Alistar Hicks. **Published by Purdy Hicks Gallery, London.** 2017.

ISBN 978-605- 88005-7-1

*Exhibition Catalogue:Doublethink : Doublevision.* **Published by Pera Museum.** 2017. ISBN

978-605- 4642-70-0

*Color and Line - The Naqvi Collection.* **Published by The Naqvi Collection.** 2015. ISBN:

978-9948-18- 110-1

*Feelings: Soft Art.* **Published by Rizzoli.** 2015

*Exhibition Catalogue: Waqas Khan – Acoustics of Life.* **Published by Galerie Krizinger,**

2015 *Waqas Khan: The Untitled Show.* **Published by Sabrina Amrani Gallery.** 2014

*Three Trends, a Divided Art World, and 10 Artists Under 40:* Deutsche Bank Senior Curator

Alistair Hicks Shares Insights on Frieze. **Published by Artsy.** 2014

*The Miniature, Mystical Cosmologies of Waqas Khan.* **Published by Artsy.** 2014 Waqas

Khan. *Abstraction Contained.* **Published by Sabrina Amrani Gallery.** 2012

## **RESIDENCIES**

2012-2013 Krinzinger Projekte, Vienna.

## **SELECTED VIRTUAL SHOWS**

2020 “Vertiginous Whirl” Art Basel 2020 Online Viewing Rooms.

2020 “Memory Ver versus ver. Sabrina Amrani gallery. Madrid, Spain

2020 “Let’s Play” OVR: Miami Beach. Miami, USA

## **NOTABLE DISTINCTIONS**

2018 Finalist. Best Exhibition, Manchester Cultural Award

2018 ACTA Award, Eastern Eye Award for Arts.

2017 Art Spectrum Award South Asia.

2013 Shortlisted to Jameel Art Prize 3. (Victoria and Albert Museum)

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSIONS**

2020 Lahore Literary Festival (LLF). Lahore, Pakistan

2019 Lahore Literary Festival (LLF). London, UK

2018 Lahore Literary Festival (LLF). New York, USA

2017 Manchester Art Gallery. Manchester, UK

2017 Pera Museum. Istanbul, Turkey

2016 Art Basel Salon Talks. Art Basel in Hong Kong