

Shezad Dawood

Born 1974 in London, United Kingdom.

Education

2004 – 2008

Leeds Metropolitan University PhD (Fine Art)

Thesis: 'The Killing of Chief Crazy Horse - A Metaphorical Allegory in 3 Parts'. A paper examining the relationships between live art, gallery and text, as both artistic and curatorial practice.

2000 – 2003

Royal College of Art, London MPhil Fine Art (Photography)

Thesis: 'Cowboys & Indians – Duality & Difference in the contemporary empire of signs'

1998 – 2000

Royal College of Art, London MA Fine Art (Photography)

1994 – 1997

Central St Martin's College of Art & Design, London BA (Hons) Critical Fine Art Practice (First Class)

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2015

The Room, Fig-2, ICA, London, UK

Towards The Possible Film, John Hansard Gallery, Southampton, UK

It was a time that was a time, Pioneer Works, New York City, USA

The Double Life of Arthur Schnitzler, Gabriel Rolt Gallery, Amsterdam, NL

2014

Towards The Possible Film, Parasol Unit, London, UK

Towards The Possible Film, Leeds Art Gallery, UK

Anthropology of Chance, OCAT Xi'an, China

Sadler's Wells & Tate Visual Art Commission, 2014, Sadler's Wells London, UK

2013

Wolf Panel, Paradise Row, London, UK

Piercing Brightness, KINOKINO, Sandnes, Norway

Trailer, Art in General, New York, USA

2012

Parasolstice – Winter Light, inc. a special performance of Shezad Dawood: New Dream Machine

Project II with experimental music duo Praed, Parasol unit foundation for contemporary art, London, UK

Piercing Brightness, Newlyn Art Gallery & The Exchange, Penzance, Cornwall, UK

Piercing Brightness, Modern Art Oxford, Oxford, UK

Cosmic Beach, Galerie Gabriel Rolt, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2011

New Dream Machine Project, L'Appartement22, Rabat, Morocco

Piercing Brightness, Harris Museum & Art Gallery, Preston, UK

2010

A Mystery Play, Plug In ICA, Winnipeg, Canada
The Jewels of Apor, Paradise Row, London, UK
Cities of the Future, Chemould Prescott Road, Mumbai, India
Intensive Surfaces, Århus Kunstbygning, Århus, Denmark

2009

I Knew I Should Have Taken that Right Turn at Albuquerque, Washington Garcia, Glasgow, UK
MONTANA, Galerie Gabriel Rolt, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2008

Feature: Architecture, East Side Projects, Birmingham, UK
Journey to the End of the Night', Galleria Riccardo Crespi, Milano, Italy
Until the End of the World, The Third Line, Dubai, UAE

2007

If I Should Fall From Grace With God, Paradise Row, London, UK
The End of Civilisation, Axel Lapp Projects, Berlin, Germany

2006

Shezad Dawood & Friends, Artists' Studio, London, UK

Selected Group Exhibitions

2015

Vienna Biennale, Future Light, Museum Angewandte Kunst (MAK) and Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna. Curated by Maria Lind
Doris Duke's Shangri La: Architecture, Landscape, and Islamic Art, Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu
Own Land/Foreign Territory, 7th Moscow Biennale, Manege, Moscow, Russia

2014

Blow up, Albertina Museum, Vienna, Austria
Blow up, C/O Berlin, Germany
Sous nos yeux, MACBA, Barcelona, Spain
Where are we now? Marrakech Biennale 5, Morocco
Moving Images, Art Dubai, UAE
Eastwing Biennial. INTERACT: Deconstructing Spectatorship, Courtauld Institute, London, UK
Thread, MMKA, Arnhem Museum, Netherlands
The Great Acceleration - Taipei Biennial 2014, Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
Blow-Up, Photo-Museum Winterthur, Germany
Conflict and Compassion - 3rd Asia Triennial Manchester, IWM North, Manchester, UK
/Seconds, Sharjah Art Foundation, UAE

2013

Doris Duke's Shangri La: Architecture, Landscape and Islamic Art, touring exhibition, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach
The World Turned Inside Out, Witte de With, Rotterdam, Netherlands
Shakti, Kedleston Hall, Derby, UK
I Appear Missing, Galerie Gabriel Rolt, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Black Sun, Devi Art Foundation, Delhi (Curated by Shezad Dawood), India I Look to You and I See Nothing, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE Sous nos yeux, La Kunsthalle Mulhouse, France
Open Heart Surgery, The Moving Museum, London, UK

2012

Speak Nearby, Whitstable Biennale, UK
Lost in Paradise: Du spiritual dans l'art actuel, Loft Sévigné, Paris, France Videonale 13 on tour, IZOLYATSIA Art Centre, Donetsk, Ukraine Drawings, Paradise Row, London, UK

2011

Videonale: Dialogue in Contemporary Video Art, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taiwan How I Learned To Stop Fearing and Love the Exotic Art, Art Life Lounge, JAMM Foundation, Kuwait
Generation in Transition, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland Videonale, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Bonn & BWA Contemporary Art Gallery, Katowice The Pavement and the Beach, Paradise Row, London, UK
AS THE WORLD TURNS: New Art From London, Anna Schwartz Gallery, Sydney, Australia

2010

Illuminations (After Arthur Rimbaud), Leila Taghinia-Milani Heller Gallery, New York, USA
Living in Evolution, Busan Biennale, Busan
Rude Britannia: British Comic Art, Tate Britain, London, UK
Grand National, Vestfossen Kunstlaboratorium, Vestfossen.
Dawnbreakers, John Hansard Gallery, University of Southampton, Southampton, UK
Wonderland: New Art from London, Assab One, Milano, Italy
The Empire Strikes Back: Indian Art Today, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK

2009

Disorientation II, Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi, UAE
AiM International Biennale 3rd Edition, Marrakech, Morocco The Artist's Studio, Compton Verney, Warwickshire, UK Making Worlds, The 53rd Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
Natural Wonders: New Art from London, Baibakov Art Projects, Moscow, Russia
Altermodern: Tate Triennial, Tate Britain, London, UK
Untold: The Rise of Schisms (Indian Popular Culture and Beyond), Sala de Exposiciones Alcala 31, Madrid, Spain

2008

Indian Highway, in collaboration with Mukul Deora, Serpentine Gallery, London, UK
Lightness of Being, Initial Access, The Frank Cohen Collection, UK
ReAsia, HKW, Berlin, Germany

2007

Hobbyhorse, Arndt & Partner, Zurich, Switzerland

2006

Bubble & Squeak, PM Gallery, Toronto, Canada
East Wing Collection, Courtauld Institute, London, UK

2005

Yabba Dabba Do, Cell Project Space, with Hilary Koob-Sassen, London, UK
London in Six Easy Steps, ICA, London, UK
Go Between, Kunstverein, Bregenz, Austria
We Have Met the Enemy & He Is Us, Redux, London, UK

2003
Indians & Cowboys, Gallery 4a, Sydney, Australia

2002
Site + Sight, Earl-Lu Gallery, Singapore
Ausgang, Studio Voltaire, London, UK

2001
Century City, Tate Modern, London, UK
Selbst | porträt, Schloss Agathenburg, Agathenburg, Germany

2000
Through A Glass Darkly, Künstlerhaus Mösenturm, Frankfurt, Germany

1999
000zerozerozero, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London, UK

Selected Screening

2015
Piercing Brightness, MoMA, New York City, USA
Piercing Brightness, Floating Cinema, London UK
Piercing Brightness, Nitehawk Cinema, Brooklyn, USA
Towards the Possible Film, Kurz/ Dust - CCA Warsaw, Poland

2014
New Dream Machine Project, Felix Meritis, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
New Dream Machine Project, Artefact Festival, STUK, Leuven, Belgium
Piercing Brightness, Aspen Art Museum, USA

2013
Trailer, Kino der Kunst, Munich, Germany
A Mystery Play, part of Assembly: A Survey of Recent Artists' Film and Video in Britain 2008–2013, Tate Britain, London, UK
Trailer, special edit for Random Acts, Channel 4, 29.03.13 00:10, UK
Piercing Brightness, Flatpack Festival, Birmingham, UK
Piercing Brightness, Sci-Fi London (additional screenings: ICA, Fact Liverpool, Sheffield Showroom, Manchester Cornerhouse, Arnolfini, Cambridge Arts Picturehouse, Oxford Picturehouse, Norwich Picturehouse, Cameo Edinburgh, Star and Shadow Newcastle
Piercing Brightness, Glasgow Film Theatre, UK
Piercing Brightness, Preston's 7th International Film Festival, UK

2012
Trailer, The Film London Jarman Award Shortlist National Tour, Various Venues, UK
Feature, Petach Tikva Museum of Art, Tel Aviv, Israel Trailer, Sci-Fi Weekender, Whitechapel Gallery, London Trailer, Impakt Arts Festival, Utrecht, Netherlands

2011
Feature, Videonale: Dialogue in Contemporary Video Art, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taiwan
Sunday Morning and Feature, Generation in Transition, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland
Piercing Brightness (Experimental cut with live soundtrack by Acid Mothers Temple), Abandon Normal

Devices Festival, FACT, Liverpool, UK
Feature, Video Night, Cinema Gnomo in association with Galleria Riccardo Crespi, Milano, Italy
Feature', Videonale, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Bonn & BWA Contemporary Art Gallery, Katowice

2008
Feature, Aurora Festival, Norwich , UK

Prizes and Awards

2012 Jarman Award Shortlisted
2011 Abraaj Capital Art Prize
2008 Commissions East
2007 Film London, LAFVA Award
2005 Live Art Development Agency One to One Bursary
2003 Artsadmin Bursary

Selected Collections

Government Art Collection, UK
UBS
The British Museum, London
LACMA, Los Angeles
National Gallery of Canada
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Abraaj Capital Art
Harris Museum, Preston
Devi Art Foundation

Selected Bibliography

Books

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'Subplots to a City. Ten Years of In Certain Places', Edited by Charles Quick, Elaine Speight, and Gerry van Noord. Published by In Certain Places, Preston, 2014. ISBN 9780993049804

'Blow Up, Antonioni's Classic Film and Photography', Edited by Klaus Albrecht Schröder, Walter Moser. Text by Roland Fischer, Philippe Garner, Anna Hanreich, Gabriele Jutz, Astrid Mahler, Walter Moser, Thomas Seelig. Published by Hatje Cantz, 2014. ISBN-13: 978-3775737371

'Shezad Dawood: Towards the Possible Film', Ziba Ardalan (ed.), texts by Oliver Basciano and Sarah Brown, Parasol unit foundation for contemporary art, London, 2014. ISBN 9780957351820

'Where are we now?', Edited by Hicham Khalidi, Amanda Sarroff, Natasha Hoare, Marrakech Biennale and Jap Sam Books, 2014 ISBN 978-94-90322-46-5

'Open Hearth Surgery', Edited by Aya Mousawi & Simon Sakhai, The Moving Museum, London, 2013, pp. 215-224 ISBN 978-0-9575853-2-4

'Black Sun. Edited by Gerrie van Noord; Texts by Shezad Dawood, Megha Ralapati and Tom Trevor, Ridinghouse 2013 in association with Devi Art Foundation and Arnolfini, ISBN 978-1-905464-845

'Photography as a Performative Act. Shezad Dawood and Amelia Jones', in Perform Repeat Record. Live Art in History, Eds. Amelia Jones & Adrian Heathfield, Intellect: Bristol, 2012, pp. 483-492, ISBN 978 1 84150 489 6

Piercing Brightness: Shezad Dawood, Ed. Gerrie van Noord, inc. texts by Sam Thorne, Abdellah Karroum, Shumon Basar, Mark Bartlett & Jean Fisher, Koenig Books, London, 2012, ISBN 978-3-86335-146-5.

Sanctuary: Britain's Artists & Their Studios, Ed. Hossein Amirsadeghi, Thames & Hudson, London, 2012, p. 40-43, ISBN 978-0-9545083-9-5.

VIDEONALE.13 Festival For Contemporary Video Art, Exhibition Catalogue, texts by Georg Elben, Dr. Dirk Rustemeyer, Kerber Verlag, Bielefeld, 2011, p.38-39, ISBN 978-3-86678-551-9

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Intensive Surfaces: Shezad Dawood, Exhibition catalogue, Århus Kunstbygning 26 June - 15 August 2010, Århus, Denmark, ISBN 978-87-92025-13-5.

Rude Britannia: British Comic Art, Exhibition catalogue, texts by Tim Batchelor, Cedar Lewisohn & Martin Myrone, Tate publishing, London, 2010, p.109, ISBN 978-1-85437-886-6.

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A Proposal for Articulating Works and Places: 3rd AiM International Biennale, Abdellah Karroum, Editions Hors'champs, Morocco, 2009, p.58-61, ISBN 2-914164-35-1.

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