

Shezad Dawood

Born 1974 in London, United Kingdom.

Education

2004 – 2008

Leeds Metropolitan University PhD (Fine Art)

2000 – 2003

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

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

2020

Encroachments, New Art Exchange, Nottingham, UK

Leviathan: Dreams of a future past, The RYDER, Madrid, Spain

Leviathan - The Paljassaare Chapter, Kai Art Center, Tallinn, Estonia

Nets, Timothy Taylor, London, UK

2019

Leviathan, Kunstverein Munich, Germany

Leviathan, Bluecoat, Liverpool, UK

Leviathan, MOCA Toronto

Leviathan: The Cod Trap, Toronto Biennial of Art

2018

Leviathan, A Tale of a Tub, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Leviathan, The Atlantic Project and Plymouth Arts Centre, Plymouth, UK

Leviathan: On Narrative and Philosophical Systems, HE.RO, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Leviathan: On Sunspots and Whales, Barakat Contemporary, Seoul

A Lost Future: Shezad Dawood, Rubin Museum, USA

Leviathan, MOSTYN, Wales, UK

2017

Leviathan, Fondazione Querini Stampalia, Venice

2016

Kalimpong, Timothy Taylor, London, UK

Anarchitecture, Jane Lombard, New York, USA

Why Depend on Space and Time, Galerist, Istanbul, Turkey

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

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

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

Piercing Brightness, Modern Art Oxford, Oxford, UK

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

Selected Group Exhibitions

2021

In-Between Days, Guggenheim, USA

2020

between the sun and the moon, Lahore Biennial, Pakistan

University of NonDualism, Dhaka Art Summit, Bangladesh

Risquons-Tout, Wiels, Belgium

Infinite Village, Manifesta 13, Nice & Marseille, France

Our Ashes Make Great Fertilizer, PUBLIC Gallery, London, UK
The Light House, Boghossian Foundation – Villa Empain, Bruxelles, Belgium
Winter Light, Southbank Centre, UK

2019

Leaving the Echo Chamber, Sharjah Biennial 14 – Sharjah Art Foundation
United Artists for Europe, Galerie Thaddeaus Ropac, London, UK
The Aerodrome – An exhibition dedicated to the memory of Michael Stanley, IKON, Birmingham, UK
5 Passages to the Future, National Gallery of Indonesia

2018

Imagined Borders, Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju, South Korea
Delirium/Equilibrium, Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi
Delfina in SongEun: Power play, SongEun ArtSpace, Seoul
What's essential, Jhaveri Contemporary, Mumbai
Rendez-vous with Frans Hals, Frans Hals Museum, Haarlem, The Netherlands
Lahore Biennale 01, Lahore, Pakistan

2017

Screen City Biennial, Stavanger, Norway
I Want! I Want! - Art and Technology, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, UK
HUMAN/DIGITAL: a symbiotic love affair Digital, Post Internet and Virtual Reality from the Brown Family Collection, Kunsthal Rotterdam, Netherlands

2016

Thinking Tantra, The Drawing Room, UK
Neon: The Charged Line, Grundy Art Gallery, UK
Theatre De L'absurde, Galerie Gabriel Rolt, Amsterdam
The Universe and Art, Mori Art Museum, Japan
A Rotation of Six Video Works by Six International Artists from Collection (Anonymous), BMOCA's Union Works Gallery, USA
Thinking Tantra, Jhaveri Contemporary, Mumbai, India

2015

Future Light, Vienna Biennale, Museum Angewandte Kunst (MAK) and Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna.
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
INTERACT: Deconstructing Spectatorship, Eastwing Biennial, 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
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

Living in Evolution, Busan Biennale, Busan
Rude Britannia: British Comic Art, Tate Britain, London, UK
Grand National, Vestfossen Kunslaboratorium, Vestfossen.
Dawnbreakers, John Hansard Gallery, University of Southampton, Southampton, UK
Wonderland, Assab One, Milano, Italy
The Empire Strikes Back: Indian Art Today, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK

2009

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

Prizes, Awards and Commissions

2019 Sharjah Biennial 14, Special Mention
2019 Homerton College Cambridge
2017 Clerkenwell Design Week
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

Guggenheim
Arts Council Collection
Tate, UK
Government Art Collection, UK
UBS
The British Museum, London
EKARD Collection
LACMA, Los Angeles
National Gallery of Canada
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Art Jameel, Dubai
Harris Museum, Preston
Devi Art Foundation, Delhi
US Government Art Collection
Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, Delhi

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Making New Time: Sharjah Biennial 14: Leaving the Echo Chamber, Omar Kholeif (ed.), ISBN: Prestel, Munich, Germany, 2019, ISBN: 978-3791358499

Artists' Moving Image in Britain since 1989, Erika Balsam, Lucy Reynolds and Sarah Perks (eds.), Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art; London, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-913107-01-7

A Lost Future, The Rubin Museum of Art, New York, 2018. ISBN: 9780692194591

Shezad Dawood: Kalimpong, Camilla Palestra (ed.), Sternberg Press and Timothy Taylor, London, 2016 ISBN: 978-3-95679-276-2

Chandigarh is in India, Shanay Jhaveri (ed.), The Shoestring Publisher, Mumbai 2016. ISBN 81-904720-7-0

It was a time that was a time, Gabriel Florenz and David Everitt Howe (eds.). Pioneer Works, New York, 2015. ISBN 978-0-9905935-6-0

The Great Acceleration – Taipei Biennial 2014, Jo Hsiao (ed.), Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, Taiwan, 2014. ISBN: 978-9860444438

Shezad Dawood: Towards the Possible Film, Ziba Ardan (ed.), Parasol unit foundation for contemporary art, London, 2014. ISBN 9780957351820

Black Sun, Gerrie van Noord (ed.). Ridinghouse 2013 in association with Devi Art Foundation and Arnolfini, ISBN 978-1-905464-845

Piercing Brightness, Gerrie van Noord (ed.), Koenig Books, London, 2012, ISBN 978-3-86335-146-5.

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