

Academic Resume- Zahidah Zeytoun Millie

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Academic Qualifications

- 02/2008 – 11/2010 **Master of Visual Arts**
Department of Art & Design
Monash University, Gippsland/Prato Campus
- 10/1994 – 09/1998 **Bachelor of Fine Art**
Department of Fine art
Lebanese University

Residency

- 06 - 08/2010 Higher Colleges of Technology, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE

Professional Profile

- Artist, curator and environmental activist
- Producer & host, 'Masainakum Masoonah' radio show, Geelong community radio station 94.7 *the Pulse*
- Demonstrated ability to develop goals, objectives and implement strategies through the inception & curation of the 'Mangroves from the Water' touring exhibition, 2015 to 2017, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the 2017 Mangroves Festival organizer, Umm Al Quwain, UAE.
- Designer of school, university and medical treatment art programs
- Experienced art teacher and interior painter

Presentations

- "Mangroves in Southern Victoria". Presented at the Combined Probus Club of Lara 2018, 17 October 2018
- "Mangroves from the Water". Presented at the Humans in Geelong Expo 2018, Deakin University, 6 October 2018
- "Mangroves from the Water". the World Trade Club Dubai, 24 May 2017
- "Health Day Event- Mangroves", Sheikh Khalifa General Hospital, 26 September 2016
- "From Safa to Starchitecture", Higher Colleges of Technology, Ras al Khaimah, UAE, 10 December 2008

International Employment History

May 2017 **Consultant-** A Day without Plastic Bags, Ajman City Council, UAE

Mar 2016 – Apr2017 **Curator, Mangroves Festival 2017**

Umm Al Quwain, UAE, 18 – 21/03. 30 artists.

- In partnership with the Umm Al Quwain Government in association with the Sharjah Higher Colleges of Technology, Wasit Wetland Reserves and UAE ministries and schools.
- Achieved a partnership with the UAQ Government to host fine art, music, heritage and scientific exhibitions, workshops, tours and art competitions along with sporting events (walking and traditional rowing) in location in the mangroves over four days to raise awareness of the beauty and ecological importance of the mangroves regions of the UAE in order to protect them.
- Lead the Mangroves from the Water Festival 2017 team.

Oct 2015 – Mar 2016 **Curator of touring exhibition/UAE**

Mangroves from the Water UAE Series, New York University of Abu Dhabi, Environment Agency- Abu Dhabi, Emirates Arts Society, Umm Al Quwain National Museum, thejamjar Dubai- October 2015 to March 2016

- Multi-media: painting, film, installations, sculpture, short stories.
- Sought & negotiated sponsorship for the entire series from the Environment Agency- Abu Dhabi.
- Prepared & coordinated all arrangements for 10 artists.
- Liaised & negotiated with artists, galleries & sponsors regarding budgeting, installation, accommodation, tours, timings & placement.
- Coordinated marketing including interviews with artists for MBC Arabia TV & the National newspaper.
- Produced the exhibition booklet.
- Managed all sales at front of house.
- Organised inhouse sketching & sewing workshops (thejamjar). Organised & lead sketching from kayak workshops and boat tours in the Umm Al Quwain mangroves.
- Participated as an artist.

Current Extra Curricular Activities in Geelong, Australia

Aug 2018 - date **Volunteer radio producer & host**
'Masainakum Masoonah' radio show, Geelong community radio station 94.7 *the Pulse*

Jul – Aug 2018 **Volunteer teacher of Art**
Barwon Heads Primary School

2017 - date **Volunteer writer**
Humans in Geelong

Oct 2015 - date	Founder of 'Mangroves from the Water'
Official Exhibition Blog	https://mangrovesfromthewater.wordpress.com/
Email	mangrovesfromthewater@gmail.com
Twitter	mangrovesFTW
Facebook	facebook.com/mangrovesfromthewater
Instagram	mangrovesftw

Aug 1997 **Volunteer art teacher**
Teaching children painting and sculpture at the Annual Summer Art Fair, Brighton

Professional Memberships

2015 - date Mangroves from the Water Group
2019 - date The National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA)
2017 - date Humans in Geelong
2018 - date Barwon Estuary Project
2000 - 2017 Emirates Fine Arts Society (UAE)

Academic Employment- Teaching

02 – 06/2007 Teacher of Art – Introduction to the Art Studio (AVT 103)
George Mason University, Ras Al Khaimah
04/1999 Teacher of Art as Therapy (eight classes)- Medical
College, Lebanese University, Beirut

Interests

Road marathon running, swimming, tennis, travelling, rowing
& kayaking

Collections

Fujairah Municipality, Fujairah Free Trade Zone
Ras Al Khaimah Free Trade Zone and Ras Al Khaimah Hospital
H.E Zaki Nusseibeh, Minister of State, Government of the United Arab Emirates

Donations

Wasit Wet Land Reserves,
Sharjah American International School, in UAQ/ UAE
Ras Al Khaimah Hospital

Art Awards

Certificate of Appreciation, Combined Probus Club of Lara, Vic, 17 October 2017
 Certificate of Appreciation, Sharjah American International School, UAE, 8 June 2017
 Certificate of Recognition, Municipality & Planting Department, Government of Ajman, UAE, 15 to 16 April 2017
 Certificate of Appreciation, Umm Al Quwain Business Women's Council, UAQ Government, UAE, 2017
 Certificate of Appreciation, Government of Um Al Quwain, Municipality Department, UAE, 2 June 2016
 Certificate of Appreciation of Contribution and Successful Participation at the Sharjah Art Museum, UAE, 22 January to 8 February 2002
 Certificate of Recognition, Emirates Fine Art Society, UAE, 18 to 26 March 2001
 Certificate of Appreciation, Fujairah Government, UAE, 24 to 26 October 2001
 Certificate of Appreciation, El Mina Municipality, Lebanon, 26 February 1999
 Certificate of Gratitude and Appreciation, Minister of Culture & Higher Education, 26 February 1999
 Certificate of Appreciation, UNESCO Cultural Council of Southern Lebanon, 1 to 3 April 1998

Sport Awards

Certificate & medal of completion, Dubai Marathon, 2005
 Medal of completion, the RAK 10km run, 2006
 Medal of completion, the RAK 10km run, 2007
 Medal of completion, the RAK 10km run, 2008
 Certificate & medal of completion, the RAK Half Marathon, 2009
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 Medal of completion, the RAK 10km run, 2012
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 Certificate & medal of completion, the RAK Half Marathon, 2014
 Certificate & medal of completion, the RAK Half Marathon, 2015
 Certificate & medal of completion, the RAK Half Marathon, 2016

Upcoming Exhibitions

Curator & Artist, **Mangroves from the Water**, Project Space Gallery, Deakin University Waterfront (upcoming), 26 July-18 August 2020

Curator & guest speaker, Humans in Geelong Expo 2020, Deakin University, Waterfront Campus, October

Exhibitions

Humans in Geelong Expo, Deakin Waterfront, Mangroves from the Water exhibition, guest speaker and artist 7 October, 2018

Bellarine Art Trail, Barwon Estuary Project, Barwon Heads, 2-6 November 2018

Bellarine Art Trail, the Uniting Church, Queenscliff, 4-5th November 2017

Mangroves from the Water Exhibition, Mangroves Festival 2017, Umm Al Quwain, March, 2017

Steps Gallery, Melbourne, 'Connection', August/September 2016
thejamjar Dubai, 'Mangroves from the Water 4', March 2016
Umm Al Quwain National Museum, 'Mangroves from the Water 3', December 2015
Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, 'Mangroves from the Water 2', November 2015
New York University of Abu Dhabi, 'Mangroves from the Water 1', October 2015
Alliance Francaise, Dubai, 'Connection'-Beauty Art Project, November 2014
Tashkeel House, Dubai in 'Sikka Art Fair 2014', March 2014
Courtyard Gallery, Dubai 'Women in Art IX', November 2013
Happenstance Gallery, London 'Salon des Refuses', England, June 2013
Tashkeel House, Dubai Tashkeel in 'Sikka Art Fair 2013', March 2013
National Museum of Ras Al Khaimah 'Ras Al Khaimah from the Mangroves', March 2013
Courtyard Gallery, Dubai, 'Women in Art VIII', February 2013
Switchback Gallery, Monash University, Gippsland Campus,'Zahidah' (solo) curated by Rodney Forbes, July 2012
Monash Prato, Italy, 'Between Bodies' July 2010
RAK Hospital, Ras Al Khaimah, 'Tracking the Emirates, Contemporary Art Exhibition' April 2010
Higher Colleges of Technology, Ras Al Khaimah, 'From Al Safa to Starchitecture' (Solo), December 2008
Majlis Gallery, Dubai, December 2006
Hilton Ras Al Khaimah, 'Impressions' (Solo) November 2006
Hilton Ras Al Khaimah, 'Impressions' (Solo) February 2004
Majlis Gallery, Dubai December 2002
Sharjah Art Precinct, Handicapped Guardians Association, 'Creativity' April 2002
Majlis Gallery, Dubai March 2002
Sharjah Art Museum, 'The 21st Exhibition for Artists' January 2002
Hilton Fujairah April 2001
Sharjah Art Museum, 'Expressions of Faces' April 2001
Sharjah Art Museum, 'The 20th Exhibition for Artists' March 2001
Hilton Fujairah, 'Fujairah in Art' (Solo) December 2000
Forum de Beirut May 1999
Beit Al-Fen, Tripoli February 1999
UNESCO Centre, Beirut April 1998
Syrian Cultural Centre, Damascus August 1994

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