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## SARAH ALMEHAIRI

Sarah Almehairi's overarching body of work unfolds a discourse on themes of materiality, systems & interrelations, and language through the intuitive and poetic examination of narrative and abstraction. By engaging with geometric forms, she extracts and defines a structural language read time and time again to suggest a form other than its own – a map, a sentence, a puzzle piece. Through the process, they are broken down, built, and reassembled as continuous iterations of themselves. These elements towards telling a story are not so explicit, lines and layers are used throughout her pieces as a means of exploring clarity and organization of collected information. Working primarily with investigative range of media, she explores the push and pull of material to evoke a story that both conceals and reveals itself.

Born in 1998, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Lives and works in Abu Dhabi, UAE

### Education

2015 - 2019 BA, Art and Art History (Visual Arts Track), New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE

### Solo Exhibitions (selected)

- 2023 "Off Centered Pauses", JJ Joong Jung Gallery, Seoul  
"Don't Overlook the Weather (As Your Thoughts Collect)", Alserkal Arts Foundation Public Commission. Alserkal Avenue, Dubai, UAE
- 2022 "When the Ground Was", CARBON 12, Dubai
- 2019 "Between", NYUAD Project Space, Abu Dhabi  
"Between", CARBON 12, Dubai

### Group Exhibitions (selected)

- 2024 "The Errantries of Sarah Almehairi and Bernhard Buhmann", CARBON 12, Dubai  
"Encounters' لقاءات", Dubai Collection, Dubai
- 2023 "Beyond: Emerging Artists", Cromwell Place, London  
"Perceptible Rhythms/Alternative Temporalities", MEI Art Gallery, Middle East Institute, Washington DC
- 2022 "Beyond: Emerging Artists", Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi  
"Portrait of a Nation II: Beyond Narratives", Curated by Maya El Khalil, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi
- 2020 "A Picture Held Us Captive", Virtual Exhibition, Abu Dhabi Art  
"SEAF Community & Critique", Warehouse 421, Abu Dhabi  
"Out of The Woods", CARBON 12, Dubai  
"Intimaa", UAEUnlimited, NYUAD Project Space, Abu Dhabi  
"Intimate Dimensions", Hafez Gallery, Jeddah
- 2019 "The Youth Takeover", Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai  
"PLAY", Tashkeel Gallery, Dubai
- 2018 "This Time in This Place", Culture Summit 2018 Abu Dhabi, Manarat Al Saadiyat  
"35th Annual Emirates Fine Arts Society Exhibition", Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah

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## **Collections**

Jameel Arts Center, UAE  
Khouri Art Foundation, Dubai

## **Residencies**

2021 Cultural Foundation Art Residency, Abu Dhabi  
2020 Salama bint Hamdan Emerging Artists Fellowship, Cohort 7, Abu Dhabi

## **Awards**

2024 Finalist, Louvre Abu Dhabi Art Here – Richard Mille Art Prize, UAE