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# MOHAMMED SAMI

Born 1984, Baghdad, Iraq Lives and works in London, England

### **EDUCATION**

2018 MFA Fine Art, Goldsmiths College, University of London, London, England
 2016 BA (Hons) Fine Art, Ulster University, Belfast, Northern Ireland
 2004-2005 Higher Diploma in Painting and Drawing, The Institute of Fine Arts, Baghdad, Iraq

# **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

#### 2024

After the Storm, Blenheim Art Foundation at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, England Mohammed Sami: Isthmus, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin, Italy

# 2023

Mohammed Sami: Muzzle of Time, Luhring Augustine, New York, NY
Mohammed Sami: The Point 0, Camden Art Centre, London, England; De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-On-Sea, England\*

### 2022

Mohammed Sami, Modern Art, London, England

# 2013

Mohammed Sami, JAMM Art Gallery, Kuwait, Iraq

# 2012

Mohammed Sami: Case of Emergency, Galleri Dag Andersson, Norrköping, Sweden

#### 2006

Mohammed Sami, Al Khanji Gallery, Aleppo, Syria

### 2005

Mohammed Sami, Alwasity Gallery, Iraqi Ministry of Culture, Baghdad, Iraq

### 1999

Mohammed Sami, University of Baghdad, Iraq

<sup>\*</sup> A catalogue was published with this exhibition.

## **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

#### 2024

Luhring Augustine x MASA, MASA, Mexico City, Mexico
La monde comme il va/ The World As It Goes, Bourse de Commerce – Pinault Collection, Paris, France\*

#### 2023

Paris, Modern Art, Paris, France

### 2022-2023

Is it morning for you yet ?, 58th Carnegie International, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA\*

### 2022

The London Open 2022, Whitechapel Gallery, London, England Necessity, Gallery Magnus Karlsson, Stockholm, Sweden STILL ALIVE, Aichi Triennale, Aichi Arts Center, Nagoya, Japan

### 2021

Homeplace, V.O Curations-Mayfair, London, England

Mixing It Up: Painting Today, Hayward Gallery, London, England\*

There Is Always Light, Mead Gallery, Warwick Arts Centre, University of Warwick, Coventry, England

# 2020-2021

Towner International, Towner Eastbourne Museum, Eastbourne, England

### 2020

Stilla liv / Still Life, Galleri Magnus Karlsson, Gotland, Sweden Timeout, Patrick Heide Contemporary Gallery, London, England

# 2018-2019

Bloomberg New Contemporaries, Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool School of Art & Design, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, England; South London Gallery, London, England\*

The Sea is the Limit, York Art Gallery, York, England; Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts, Doha, Qatar

### 2011

The Culture Night of Norrköping City, Norrköping Art Museum, Norrköping, Sweden

#### 2010

Salon d'Automne 2010, Paris, France

## 2006

The Iraqi National Museum of Modern Art, Baghdad, Iraq

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# 2022

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#### 2021

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#### 2018

Bloomberg New Contemporaries 2018, exh. cat., 165-166. London: New Contemporaries Ltd, 2018.

#### 2014

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Pinault Collection, Paris, France Rollins Museum of Art, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL Christen Sveaas Art Foundation, Oslo, Norway Tate, London, England York Art Gallery, York, England