

# THIS IS NO FANTASY

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## EZZ MONEM

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## QUALIFICATIONS

2021 Master of Contemporary Art, Victorian College of the Arts (VCA), University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia

2007 Bachelor of Engineering, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 In Search of Mohamed, PHOTO2022, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne  
Mohamed Mohamed Mohamed, Blindsight ARI, Melbourne  
In Search of Mohamed: Archive of Opening Credits, Fitzroy Library, City of Yarra, Melbourne
- 2021 Collectables, Online commission for KINGS Artist-Run, Melbourne  
Revolutionary Failure, Noir Darkroom, Melbourne
- 2020 Delivered Orders, Seventh Gallery, Melbourne
- 2019 The Pyramids Postcards: Following the Policeman, KINGS Artist-Run, Melbourne
- 2016 Formal Specters, Artellewa, Cairo
- 2012 Align, Artellewa, Cairo
- 2010 Circle, El-Balad Gallery, Cairo

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 Gertrude Studios, Gertrude Contemporary, Melbourne  
The Way We Talk (About It), Brunswick Temporary, Melbourne  
Exposure Site, Gertrude Glasshouse, Melbourne  
Abutting Afar, Kaiserslautern Photo Festival, Germany
- 2021 Sydney Contemporary: Explore, online  
VCA Art Grad Show, Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne  
Incinerator Art Award Exhibition: Art for Social Change', Incinerator gallery, Melbourne  
A Whole Population of Poets, Sumac Space  
From Where I stand #3, curated by Kim Donaldson, VCA Artspace, Melbourne  
Coming From – Going To, VCA Artspace, Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne
- 2019 ILFORD CCP Salon, Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne  
COMPACT, Alternating Current Artspace, Melbourne
- 2018 Whatever (Doesn't) Works!, curated by Masato Takasaka, Creative Spaces: Assembly Point, Melbourne  
While They Decide, curated by Kim Donaldson, VCA Artspace, Melbourne  
Made in Australia, VCA Artspace, Melbourne
- 2016 Log In, Darb1718, Cairo  
Locate Egypt, an online exhibition curated by KoProjects  
Artists Of Tomorrow, Arts-Mart Gallery, Cairo  
Less Than Important, Saad Zaghloul Culture Center, Cairo
- 2015 Kevät Egyptistä (Spring in Egypt), Äkkigalleria, Jyväskylä, Finland  
Supermarket - Stockholm Independent Art Fair, Stockholm, Sweden

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- Market Point, Artellewa, Cairo
- 2014 Have a peaceful day, Saad Zaghloul Culture Center, Cairo  
The 25th Youth Salon, the Palace of Arts, Opera House, Cairo
- 2013 The Nile Salon of photography, the 8th session, Mahmoud Mokhtar Museum, Cairo  
Downtown, Gallery Misr, Cairo  
The 24th Youth Salon, the Palace of Arts, Opera House, Cairo
- 2012 Shift Delete 30, Saad Zaghloul Culture Center, Cairo  
Supermarket, Gezira Arts Center, Cairo  
Cairo Open City New Testimonies from an Ongoing Revolution, Museum for photography Braunschweig  
Studio Viennoise, Viennoise Hotel, Cairo  
The 23rd Youth Salon, the Palace of Arts, Opera House, Cairo
- 2011 The Revolution, Sakia Culture Wheel, Cairo  
We Are Tahrir, Sadat Metro Station, Cairo  
Text, Darb1817, Cairo  
Sharjah festival for Arab Photo, American University of Sharjah, Emirates  
Residency project exhibition, Centre D'Art I Natura, Farrera, Catalonia, Spain
- 2010 The 21st Youth Salon, the Palace of Arts, Opera House, Cairo  
Clowns Without Borders, in collaboration with Olivier Ouadah, Citadel of Qaitbay, Alexandria
- 2009 Street Photography, Abu Dhabi, Emirates  
Meeting 4, L'atelier D'Alexandrie, Alexandria  
The Nile Salon of Photography, the 7th session, Mahmoud Mokhtar Museum, Cairo  
The 7th Arabic Festival of Photography, Jordan  
AFRICAM (Contemporary Art in Africa), Casoria Contemporary Art Museum, Naples, Italy
- 2008 100mm, Artellewa, Cairo  
The 19th Youth Salon, the Palace of Arts, Opera House, Cairo  
CD, AFCA gallery, Cairo  
Art of Reform project, Portrait Gallery in Cairo, Jesuit institute in Menia, Eldokan, Alexandria  
The Portrait Salon, the 2nd session, Portrait Gallery, Cairo  
Egypt: life in a picture, the Delegation of European Commission, the Townhouse gallery for contemporary arts, Cairo
- 2007 The 18th Youth Salon, Citadel of Qaitbay, Alexandria  
The Nile Salon of Photography, the 6th session, Arts Palace, Opera House, Cairo
- 2006 Nature Effect, the Egyptian Salon of Photography, the Russian Culture Center, Cairo  
Twins, the Egyptian Salon of Photography, Music Hall, Opera House, Cairo  
Photo Meeting, the 2nd festival, the French cultural center (CFCC), Cairo  
Another idea, the annual exhibition of Egyptian Salon of Photography, Hanager, Opera House, Cairo  
Port Said 1st photo festival, Port Said
- 2005 Time, the Egyptian Salon of Photography, Music Hall, Opera House, Cairo

## AWARDS/OPPORTUNITIES

- 2022-24 Gertrude Contemporary Studio Artist
- 2021 Chin Chin Award, VCA Art Grad Show, Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne.  
Shortlist, Incinerator Art Award for social change, Melbourne
- 2019 Noir Darkroom Most Experimental Image, CCP Salon, Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne
- 2013 The Salon Award, the 24th Youth Salon, the Palace of Art, Cairo
- 2011 Golden Award, Sharjah Award for Arab photo, Sharjah  
Residency, Centre D'Art I Natura, Farrera, Catalonia, Spain

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- 2009 Golden Award, Emirates International Photography Competition, Abu Dhabi
- 2008 Second Award, the UNDP, "Sailing the Nile" photo competition, Cairo  
Jury's award, the Delegation of European Commission, Cairo
- 2006 Fourth Award, "Red" photo contest, British Council, Cairo  
Three Awards from Sakia 3rd and 4th photography Contests, Cairo

## COLLECTIONS

Braunschweig Museum of Photography, Germany  
The Commercial International Bank (CIB), Egypt  
Various private collections in Egypt and Australia

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2014 Photographing without a camera, a photo essay about the cell phone series of Downtown, Panorama, Mada Masr, Egypt
- 2013 Cairo: Open City: New Testimonies From An Ongoing Revolution, by Florian Ebner and Constanze Wicke  
Highlights of the 24th Youth Salon, by Mai Elwakil, Mada Masr, Egypt  
He was not a president for all, interview with Clara Gauthey, Bieler Tagblatt (Swiss newspaper), Switzerland
- 2012 The forum section: Artists from Cairo, selected by Mia Jankowicz (Contemporary Image Collective, Kairo and Constanze Wicke (Museum für Photographie, Braunschweig), CAMERA AUSTRIA 118  
Inside story of "Masr Station", interview with Laurence Cornet, Le Journal de la Photographie  
Removing the Past: Shift Delete 30, by Aida Eltorie, Nafas Art Magazine
- 2010 Alternative News Agency, a publication by the Contemporary Image Collective (CIC)

## WORKSHOPS/PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 Teaching photography basics for the Fine Arts students at the training program of Studio Khana, Cairo
- 2015 Teaching Van-Dyke printing process in a one-day workshop at ASCII foundation, Cairo  
Slideshow screening at Aleppo International Photo Festival, Aleppo, Syria  
Student seminar, a presentation for the Mass Communication students, AUC, Cairo
- 2014 Talk about experimental photography at the second conference of the Arab Union of Photographers, Cairo
- 2011 Slideshow screening at Bursa 1st International Photography Festival, Turkey