

# GALERIE NATHALIE OBADIA

PARIS - BRUXELLES

## YOUSSEF NABIL

### BIOGRAPHY

Born in 1972 in Cairo, Egypt.  
Lives and works in Paris, France and New York, USA.



### RESIDENCIES, AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2022** Knight of the ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Ministry of Culture, France
- 2003** Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France  
Seydou Keïta Prize, African Photography Encounters, Bamako, Mali

### SOLO SHOWS (SELECTION)

- 2025** LACMA, Los Angeles, USA
- 2022** *Memory of a Happy Place*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France
- 2020** *Youssef Nabil, Once Upon a Dream*, Palazzo Grassi, Venice, Italy
- 2019** *Youssef Nabil*, Institut du Monde arabe, Tourcoing, France
- 2017** *Deep Roots*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium  
*I Saved My Belly Dancer*, Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, USA
- 2016** *I Saved My Belly Dancer*, The Third Line Gallery, Dubaï, United Arab Emirates
- 2015** *I Saved My Belly Dancer*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France
- 2013** *Time of Transformation*, The Third Line Gallery, Dubaï, United Arab Emirates
- 2012** *Youssef Nabil*, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France
- 2011** *You Never Left*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France
- 2010** *I Live Within You*, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, USA  
*Youssef Nabil*, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, USA
- 2009** *Youssef Nabil*, GALERIST, Istanbul, Turkey  
*I Live Within You*, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, USA  
*I Won't Let you Die*, Villa Medici, Rome, Italy  
*I Will Go to Paradise*, The Third Line Gallery, Dubaï, United Arab Emirates  
*Youssef Nabil*, Volker Diehl Gallery, Berlin, Germany

- 2008** *CINEMA*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Le Cap, South Africa
- 2007** *Sleep in my arms*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Le Cap, South Africa  
*Portraits / Self portraits*, The Third Line Gallery, Dubaï, United Arab Emirates
- 2005** *Realities to Dreams*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypte
- 2003** *Pour un Moment d'Éternité*, Rencontres Internationales de la Photographie, Arles, France
- 2001** *Obsesiones*, Centro de la Imagen, Mexico, Mexico  
*Youssef Nabil*, Townhouse Gallery, Cairo, Egypte
- 1999** *Premiere*, Cairo Berlin Art Gallery, Cairo, Egypte

## **GROUP SHOWS (SELECTION)**

- 2025** *L'horizon sans fin*, Musée des Beaux Arts de Caen, France
- 2024** *Amor Roma*, Biennale De Reneva, Bonifacio, France  
*Exils*, Louvre Lens, France
- 2022** *Couleurs du temps*, Fondation pour la Photographie de Tanger, Tangier, Morocco  
*Lee Alexander McQueen : Mind, Mythos, Muse*, The Los Angeles County Museum of Art, LACMA, Los Angeles, USA
- 2021** *Au-delà de la couleur. Le noir et le blanc dans la Collection Pinault*, Couvent des Jacobins, Rennes, France  
*Divas - D'Oum Kalthoum à Dalida*, Institut du Monde arabe, Paris, France  
*A Boundless Drop to a Boundless Ocean*, The Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, USA  
*Reflections ; Contemporary Art of the Middle East and North Africa*, British Museum, London, UK
- 2020** *Portraits, from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> century*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium  
*Histories of Dance*, Museu de Arte, São Paulo, Brazil  
*Looking Forward*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France
- 2019** *Eyes East Bound*, XIII International Cairo Biennale, Le Caire, Egypt  
*Youssef Chahine*, Cinémathèque française, Paris, France
- 2018** *The Shapes of Birds: Contemporary Art of the Middle East and North Africa*, Newport Art Museum, Newport, USA  
*Al Musiqqa*, Cité de la Musique - Philharmonie de Paris, Paris, France  
*Exhibition d'été*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium
- 2017** *Move / Hips Don't Lie*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France  
*A Painting Today*, Stevenson Gallery, Le Cap, South Africa
- 2016** *Move / Hips Don't Lie*, Centre Pompidou Málaga, Málaga, Spain  
*Looking at the World Around You*, Fundación Banco Santander, Madrid, Spain  
*The Blue Hour*, Biennale of the Visual Arts of Santa Cruz, Centro Cultural de Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, Bolivia  
*Portrait of the Artist as an Alter*, Frac Normandie, Sotteville-lès-Rouen, France  
*Dream Light*, Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, USA

*Botticelli Reimagined*, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK  
*Everybody Is Crazy But Me*, Maison Particulière, Brussels, Belgium

- 2015** *The Botticelli Renaissance*, Gemäldegalerie, Kulturforum, Berlin, Germany  
*Home Ground*, Aga Khan Museum of Art, Toronto, Canada  
*The Divine Comedy: Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell Revisited by Contemporary African Artists*, National Museum of African Art - Smithsonian Institution, Washington, USA  
*Islamic Art Now: Contemporary Art of the Middle East*, The Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, USA
- 2014** *The Divine Comedy Revisited by Contemporary African Artists*, traveling exhibition: Museum für Moderne Kunst in Frankfurt, Germany ; Savannah College of Art and Design-Museum of Art in Savannah, USA  
*Ri-conoscere Michelangelo*, Galleria dell'Accademia, Florence, Italy  
*Tea with Nefertiti*, traveling exhibition: Staatliches Museum Ägyptischer Kunst in Munich, Germany ; Institut Valencià d'Art Modern in Valence, Spain  
*Postcards exhibition Project* at Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, USA
- 2013** *Safar/Voyage*, Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver, Canada  
*Ici, Ailleurs*, La Friche de Belle de Mai, Marseille, France  
*Sous Influences: arts plastiques et produits psychotropes*, La Maison Rouge, Paris, France  
*Palmiers, palmes et palmettes*, Musée Massena, Nice, France
- 2012** *Light from the Middle East : New Photography*, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK  
*The Royal Academy of Arts Encounter*, Cultural Village Foundation Katara, Doha, Qatar  
*Tea with Nefertiti*, Mathaf Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar  
*Édouard et Cléopâtre, Égyptomanies depuis le XIX<sup>ème</sup> siècle*, Fondation Boghossian, Brussels, Belgium  
*Pose/RE-Pose : Figurative Works Then and Now*, Savannah College of Art and Design-Museum of Art, Savannah, USA  
*Vingt-cinq ans de créativité arabe*, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France  
*Le corps dévoilé*, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France  
*In Between*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium
- 2011** *Facing mirrors*, Museum of Photography, Thessalonique, Greece  
*Of Women's Modesty and Anger*, Fondation Boghossian, Villa Empain, Brussels, Belgium
- 2010** *Told, Untold, Retold*, Mathaf Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar  
*Portraits*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium  
*« Best of »*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia invites *Artifact*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium
- 2009** *Unconditional Love, The Venice Biennale - 53rd International Art Exhibition*, Venice, Italy  
*ARABESQUE*, Arts of The Arab World, The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Art, Washington, USA
- 2008** *Far From Home*, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, USA  
*Portraits II*, Galeria Leme, São Paulo, Brazil  
*Last of the Dictionary Men*, BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Newcastle, UK  
*Disguise*, Michael Stevenson Gallery, Le Cap, South Africa  
*Regards des Photographes Arabes Contemporains*, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Alger, Algeria  
*Perfect Lovers*, Art Extra, Johannesburg, South Africa

- 2007** *Gegenwart aus Jahrtausenden, Zeitgenössische Kunst aus Ägypten*, Kunstmuseum, Bonn, Germany  
*Dialogues Méditerranéens*, Saint-Tropez, France
- 2006** *Arabiske Blikke*, GL Strand Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Word into Art*, The British Museum, London, UK  
*Images of the Middle East*, Danish Center for Culture and Development, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*19 miradas. Fotógrafos árabes contemporáneos*, Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporáneo, Seville, Spain
- 2005** *Regards des Photographes Arabes Contemporains*, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France  
*Nazar, Photographs from the Arab World*, The Aperture Foundation Gallery, New York, USA  
*L'Égypte*, Saline Royale d'Arc-et-Senans, Arc-et-Senans, France  
*Arab Eyes*, FotoFest Houston, Houston, USA
- 2004** *Nazar: Noorderlicht*, The Fries Museum, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands  
*Rites sacrés, Rites profanes: Zeitgenössische Afrikanische Fotografie*, Kornhausforum, Bern, Switzerland  
*Staged Realities: Exposing the Soul in African Photography 1870-2004*, Michael Stevenson Contemporary Gallery, Le Cap, South Africa  
*Bamako 03: Contemporary African Photography*, Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
- 2003** *Rites sacrés, Rites profanes*, 5<sup>e</sup> Rencontres de la Photographie Africaine, Bamako, Mali

## **COLLECTIONS (SELECTION)**

Barjeel Art Foundation, Charjah, UAE  
 The British Museum, Londres, UK  
 Centro De La Imagen, Mexico, Mexico  
 Collection François Pinault, Paris, France  
 Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France  
 Fundaçao Sindika Dokolo, Luanda, Angola  
 The Guggenheim Museum, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
 La Maison Européenne de La photographie, Paris, France  
 The Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, USA  
 Mathaf Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar  
 Musée Réattu, Arles, France  
 Museum of Photography, Thessalonique, Greece  
 The Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, USA  
 Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, USA  
 Ruarts Foundation, Moscow, Russia  
 Savannah College of Art and Design-Museum of Art, Savannah, USA  
 The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, USA  
 UBS Art Collection, Zurich, Switzerland  
 The Victoria & Albert Museum, Londres, UK