



# OTHMAN KHUNJI

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## LANGUAGES

English, Arabic, Spanish

## EDUCATION

- 2021 Doha, **PhD in Humanities & Social Sciences - HBKU** (Currently)
- 2015 Doha, **MFA in Design - Virginia Commonwealth University**, Class Marshal
- 2009 Bahrain, **BFA in Interior Design - Ahlyiah University** (Affiliated with Brunel, UK)
- 2005 Bahrain, **Diploma in Computer Science - AMA International University**
- 2000 Bahrain, **Diploma in Science - Sheikh Abdulaziz Intl. School**

## PRIVATE COLLECTION

- 2024 **Al Orwah Al Wuthqa:** Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, Abu Dhabi (Parker Langham Consultancy, London)
- 2023 **Religious Authority:** Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Jaidah, CEO Arab Engineering Bureau  
**Iqra:** HRH Sheikhha Moza Bint Nasser Al-Missned
- 2022 **Fifa Series:** HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani / Fifa President High Boxes  
**Cultural Coffee series,** The Raffles Hotel
- 2021 **Mecca Modified III,** Mr. Ibrahim Al Jaidah - Arab Engineering Bureau
- 2020 **The Dilmun Series,** The Jumeirah Al Sahel Resort  
**Religious Vanity II (Male & Female)** Sheikhha Nada Al Thani
- 2019 **Laa wa ila,** HRH Princess Consort Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa
- 2018 **Rawa,** La Triennale di Milano Design Museum in association with Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
**Laa wa ila,** Mrs. Bouthayna Al Muftah
- 2017 **Inhumane,** HE Sheikhha Intisar Salem Al Sabah  
**Religious Vanity,** Mr. Abdulrahman Al Zayani, Managing Director - Al Zayani Investments  
**HER II,** Mr. Majid Al Nasr
- 2016 **Religious Vanity,** Mr. Khalifa AlGhanim - President, AlGhanim Automotive  
**Recycle, Revive, Relive,** Al Riwaq Gallery  
**Unearthing,** National Museum of Bahrain  
**The Testimony Embodiment,** The Shangri La Hotel  
**Mecca Modified,** The Shangri La Hotel  
**Religious Vanity,** Qatar Museums  
**ANA, Reversed,** HE Sheikh Khalifa Al Khalifa, Director of Bahrain Museums
- 2015 **The Five Pillars of Islam, full collection,** HE Sheikhha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani

## EXHIBITION WORK

- 2022 Doha, **St. Regis Hotel, Eiwan Al Gassar Gallery,** Road to Makkah exhibit
- 2021 Doha, **Al Hosh Gallery, Msheireb Design District,** Between The Holy & The Self - Solo Exhibit
- 2020 Doha, **Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum**
- 2019 Kuwait, **The Hub Gallery,** Filtered Exhibit  
Amman, **Amman Design Week,** The Shapes of Water Exhibit  
Manama, **Artbab International Annual Art Fair**  
Riyadh, **Prince Sultan University,** The Shapes of Water Exhibit  
Virginia, **Richmond Qatar House Gallery,** Qatar Day events
- 2018 St. Petersburg, **The Manege,** Qatar Contemporary Art & Photography  
London, **Alon Zakaim Gallery,** Accumulation, Legacy & Memory  
Paris, **Rabouan Moussion Gallery,** Artbab series  
Paris, **RMN Grand Palais Museum,** The Legacy & The Contemporary Memory  
Paris, **Paris Design Week, Espace Communes,** 1000 Vases Exhibit  
Doha, **Msheireb Enrichment Center,** The Shapes of Water Exhibit  
Doha, **Qatar Foundation, Minaratein Gallery,** Deconstructing the Sacred, Solo Exhibit  
Milan, **Milan Design Week, Asian Design Pavilion,** Sarpi Bridge Oriental Design Week  
Kuwait, **The Hub Gallery,** Abolish 153  
Doha, **VCUQ,** Women Leadership Week  
Doha, **VCUQ,** Martin Luther King Week
- 2017 Berlin, **Kraftwerk Space,** Contemporary Art Qatar  
London, **Saatchi Gallery,** Diversity  
Kuwait, **The Hub Gallery,** Women in War  
Doha, **VCUQ Gallery,** 20.20.20  
London, **Menier Gallery,** Transition  
Doha, **The W Hotel, Art 29,** Art for Tomorrow conference / Exhibit  
Manama, **Bahrain Convention Center,** Art Bahrain Across Borders (Artbab)  
Manama, **Bahrain Arts Center,** Spring of Culture, Solo Exhibition  
Manama, **Bahrain National Museum,** 43rd Bahrain Annual Fine Arts Exhibition

- 2016 **Kuwait, Nuqat Annual Conference**, Commissioned by Al-Riwaq Gallery Bahrain  
**Dubai, Dubai Design Week**, ABWAB, Bahrain Pavilion, Commissioned by Bahrain Museums  
**Doha, Msheireb Museums, The Company House**, Strange Wonders  
**Doha, Fire Station, Garage Gallery**, The Selfless Holy Ground, Artist in Residence Exhibit  
**Doha, Fire Station, Garage Gallery**, Domestic Affairs
- 2015 **Dubai, The Mine Gallery**, The Orient Odyssey  
**Dubai, Dubai Design Days**, Downtown Dubai  
**Doha, Virginia Commonwealth University**, Rituals, Our Past, Present and Future: Glimpses of Islamic Enrichment, MFA Exhibition
- 2014 **Doha, Katara Cultural Village**, WISE Learning Festival Exhibit
- 2008 **Bahrain, Ahliya University**, GREEN Fashion Show

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 "Rituals, Our Past, Present and Future: Glimpses of Islamic Enrichment." Doha: Virginia Commonwealth University Qatar
- 2014 "The Prayer." Designed, fabricated, performed and visualised. Vimeo Short video. <https://vimeo.com/123185985>

## BIBLIOGRAPHY AND MEDIA

**Harpers Bazaar | Brown Book | Gulf Times | Al Raya | Alef | Context | 3Ders Domus | The Makers Movement | Makerbot Stories | The Mine | QF Telegraph Doha News | Qatar TV | Saudi Design | Context | Bahrain TV | Shafer Court Connections | VCUarts Studio | Elle Arabia | Purificacion Garcia**

**VCUarts Qatar BFA Thesis** «Impermanence: Islamic Prayer.» Precedent /Interview. Noora Al-Thani.

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2024 **Ramallah, Visual Arts Forum Palestine** Portfolio Development Instructor
- 2021 **Doha, University of Doha for Science & Technology**, Adjunct Faculty (Up to date)
- 2020 **Doha, Sheikh Faisal Al Thani Museum** (The Big Meet Up group exhibit)  
Art Consultant, Curator, Panel Moderator
- 2017 **Doha, Virginia Commonwealth University** Assistant Director of Recruitment & Admissions / Portfolio Development Instructor (Up to date)
- 2016 **Doha, Qatar Museums**, Exhibition Design Production Specialist (Sept 2016 - Oct 2017)  
**Madrid, Studio Banana**, WISE Workshop Media Specialist (June 2014)
- 2014 **Doha, Virginia Commonwealth University**, Media Specialist (Sept 2013 - May 2015)
- 2013 **Bahrain, French House Design**, Interior Designer
- 2012 **Bogota, ArtBO** International Art Fair of Bogota, Assistant to artist Hugo Blandón (Jan 2012 - Dec 2012)  
**Bogota, Gimnasio Nuevo Modelia**, Curriculum Design / Art & English teacher (Jan 2012 - Dec 2012)
- 2009 **Bahrain, American Express**, Premium Account Manager - Centurion & Platinum Card and Lifestyle Services (Sept 7th 2009 - July 31st 2011)  
**Bahrain, Arab Open University**, Administration, Marketing, Translation (Jan 2009 - Jan 2010)
- 2008 **Bahrain, Dilmon Palms**, Landscape Designer (Jan 2008 - Dec 2008)
- 2005 **Dubai, Ports, Customs & Free Zone Corporation**, Civil Engineering Dept. Interior Designer, Personal Assistant to Senior Manager of Projects (May 2005 - May 2006)
- 2004 **Bahrain, Model United Nations**, Officer of AMA MUN Society (May 2004 - May 2005)
- 2003 **Bahrain, Gulf Innovation for Training & Consulting**, Administrative Affairs Supervisor (Sept 2003 - Sept 2004)  
**Bahrain, Standard Chartered Bank**, Loans and credit cards Executive (May 2003 - August 2003)
- 2002 **Bahrain, ZARA**, Vitrine Assistant curator, Customer services
- 2019 **Richmond VA, Virginia Commonwealth University**, 10 under 10 Award
- 2018 **Milan, Sapri Bridge Oriental Design Week, Fuorisalone co-founder of Asia Design Pavilion at Milan Design Week and official member of the Milan Fuorisalone Commission**
- 2017 **London, Kings College of London**, Arab Arts Society, Guest lecturer
- 2016 **Doha, Fire Station** Artist in Residency Program
- 2015 **Rhode Island US, Brown University**, Guest lecturer  
**Doha, Virginia Commonwealth University**, Outstanding Student Award, Qatar Foundation Digital Year Book
- 2013 **Doha, HBKU**, Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani Photography Contest, 1st place  
**Doha, Virginia Commonwealth University** MFA Fellowship Grant
- 2009 **Bahrain, Ahliya University**, Certificate of Appreciation (Innovative/Modern Design Art)
- 2004 **Bahrain, Gulf Innovation for Training & Consulting**, Certificate of Presentation Skills Program

## SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

## VOLUNTEER WORK

- 2019 **Doha, VCUarts Qatar ESL for Staff Program**, English Teacher
- 2018 **Manama, Bahrain Supreme Council for Women**, Creative mentor,  
Women Pride Day competition
- 2015 **Milan, EXPO**, Bahrain Pavilion Representative, Bahrain Ministry of Culture
- 2014 **Doha, Best buddies International**, Member
- 2013 **Doha, Ladies of Harley, Pink Ribbon Campaign**, Breast Cancer  
Awareness, Master of Ceremonies
- 2012 **Bogota, Aiesec Universidad Los Andes & Javriana**, Member
- 2002 **Bahrain, Supreme Council for Youth & Sports**, Member

## WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

- 2015 **Doha, Virginia Commonwealth University**  
Gambiarra Workshop participant, Felipe Fonseca
- 2014 **Doha, Virginia Commonwealth University**  
Digital Art 'KINECT' Workshop participant, Tegan Bristow
- Doha, Virginia Commonwealth University**  
Unhide & Seek Workshop, Ali Ganjavian
- 2013 **Doha, Virginia Commonwealth University**  
Manifesto Generation Workshop participant, Alice Twemlow
- Doha, Virginia Commonwealth University**  
Melody of Letters Workshop, Mehdi Yamini
- Bahrain, Aiesec**, Member of Global Exchange Program
- 2011 **Bahrain, Batelco Telecommunications Company**  
Marketing / Customer service
- 2009 **Bahrain, Orbit Communications**, Marketing

## PORTFOLIO

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hOuo1uKeIWo2E\\_aawbMAlIcuPYA7M8R8](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hOuo1uKeIWo2E_aawbMAlIcuPYA7M8R8)

## REFERENCES

References / recommendation letters available upon request