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Basel Abbas and Ruanne Abou-Rahme

Born 1983, Nicosia, Cyprus and Boston
Live and work between Ramallah and New York

Solo Exhibitions

- 2017 *And Yet My Mask is Powerful*, Kunstverein in Hamburg, Hamburg (Upcoming)
And Yet My Mask is Powerful, Art Jameel Project Space, Dubai
And Yet My Mask is Powerful, Alt Bomontiada, Istanbul
- 2016 *Only the beloved keeps our secrets*, The Gallery at Tyneside Cinema, Newcastle
And Yet My Mask is Powerful, Carroll / Fletcher, London
- 2015 *Unforgiving Years: The Incidental Insurgents, Part 2*, Carroll / Fletcher, London
The Incidental Insurgents, Part 1 and 2, OCA, Oslo
The Incidental Insurgents, Part 1 and 2, ICA, Philadelphia
- 2014 *The Incidental Insurgents, Part 2: Unforgiving Years*, AKW, Cologne
- 2011 *The Zone*, New Art Exchange, Nottingham
- 2009 *Collapse*, Delfina Foundation, London

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2017 *Upstream*, Ghebaly Gallery, Los Angeles
If Not For That Wall, Contemporary Image Collective, Cairo
And yet my mask is powerful, Hong Kong International Film Festival, Hong Kong
Parallax Views, International Film Festival Rotterdam, Rotterdam
Blind Date, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Beirut
Looking at one thing and thinking something else. A Group Show in Four Parts, Carroll / Fletcher, London
- 2016 *House of Commons*, Portikus, Frankfurt
This Sea Is Mine, Qalandiya International, Ramallah
For an Image, Faster Than Light, Yinchuan Biennale, Yinchuan
NERIRI KIRURU HARARA, SeMA Biennale Mediacity, Seoul
Syntax and Society, Abraaj Group Art Prize, Art Dubai, Dubai
Histories of a Vanishing Present: Chapter 1, The Mistake Room, Los Angeles
- 2015 *Political Populism*, Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna
Great Tricks From Your Future, Downtown Contemporary Art Festival, Cairo
12th Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah, UAE (Recipients of the Sharjah Biennial Prize)
Lest The Two Seas Meet, Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw
- 2014 *Burning Down the House*, 10th Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju
Insert 2014, New Delhi
How to talk about things that don't exist, 31st Sao Paulo Biennial, Sao Paulo
El futuro no espera, La Capella, Barcelona
Tentura and Antitentura, Studio of Young Artists' Association, Budapest
Now Showing: A Group Exhibition of Artists Films, Carroll / Fletcher, London
Private Nationalism, m21 Gallery, Pecs
- 2013 *Mom, am I barbarian?*, 13th Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul,
4th Asian Art Biennial National Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei
Points Of Departure, ICA, London
- 2012 *Gestures in Time*, The Jerusalem Show VI, Jerusalem
Presenting Absence, Bonington Gallery, Nottingham
Loop, Al Hoash Gallery, Jerusalem
- 2011 *On/off Language*, The Jerusalem Show V, Jerusalem
Collapse, De Balie, Amsterdam
Re-View Videonale, Rondo Sztuki Gallery, Katowice
- 2010 6th Liverpool Biennale, Future Movements: Jerusalem, Liverpool
NY LYD Images Festival, Copenhagen
Homeworks V, Ashkal Alwan, Beirut

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- 23es Instants Video, Marseille
Twice Is Too Much, Freies Museum, Berlin
Arabicity, The Bluecoat Gallery, Liverpool
2009 *The Jerusalem Syndrome*, Jerusalem Show III, Jerusalem
53rd Venice Biennale, Palestinian Pavilion, Venice

Selected Performances

The Incidental Insurgents: A lecture performance

- 2013 *A Journey Of Ideas Across*, Haus der Kulturen der Welt HKW, Berlin
Scores#7, Tanzquartier, Museumsquartier Wien, Vienna
2012 Akademie der Kunste der Welt, Cologne

Tashweesh (Video/Sound performance group)

- 2015 *All The Instruments Agree*, The Hammer Museum, Los Angeles
2013 *SPEILART Festival*, Munich
Continuous City, Serpentine Pavilion, London
2012 *4th Guangzhou Triennial*, Opera House Guangzhou
Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary (TBA21), Ephemeropterae~ Pavilion, Vienna
The City, The Image, Ramallah
2011 *De Balle*, Amsterdam
Beirut Art Centre, Beirut
Club 50/50, Katowice
2010 *Poetry International* South Bank Centre, London
Images Festival, Copenhagen
Space Makers College of Arts, Edinburgh
Beyond Borders Festival, CCA, Glasgow
Palestine Literature Festival, Nablus

Duo video and sound performance

- 2009 3rd Riwaq Biennale
53rd Venice Biennale

Residencies/Fellowships/Grants/Awards

- 2015 Abraaj Group Art Prize 2016
Young Arab Theatre Fund, Production Grant, Brussels
Sharjah Biennale 12 Art Prize, Sharjah
2014 TBA21, Research Commission, Vienna
2013 Akademie der Kunste der Welt Fellowship, Cologne
2012 Young Arab Theatre Fund, Production Grant, Brussels
2009 Delfina Foundation, Artist Residency, London

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