

## REEM AL FAISAL

Reem Al Faisal (b. 1968) explores solitude in modern society and within ourselves through her photography. With a degree in Arabic Literature from King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Reem Left the kingdom to pursue a photographic career in Paris, France where she studied Photography in Spéos International School of Photography in Paris. She is the first woman photographer to document the entire Hajj, and the first from the Gulf region to have exhibited her work in Palestine.

Her work has been exhibited in many countries around the world; Art Vision Gallery Jeddah, Saudi Arabia 1994, Mystic Lights, Loccum, Germany 1999, Port of Jeddah, the Arab World Institute Paris, France 1999, Diwan Al-noor, The Sakakini Cultural Center Ram Allah, Palestine 2002, Divine Manifestations, Galerie Agathe Gaillard, Paris, France 2003, Nazar, IFA Gallery, Stuttgart, Germany 2006, Images From The Arab World, National Museum Of Singapore 2007, Together, Jordan National Gallery, Jordan 2008, Howard Greenberg, New York 2014, Chiaroscuro Empty Quarter Gallery Dubai 2016, and many more.

Her work is part of the permanent collection of Sakakini Centre in Ram Allah, Palestine , The National Museum of Seoul Korea and The National Gallery of Jordan. She is the recipient of the Medal of Legion of Honor.

Graduated from Manarat High School in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Studied Arabic Literature in King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: Left to pursue a photographic career in Paris, France; Studied Photography in Speos School in Paris, France.

First Woman Photographer to Document the entire Hajj

First Arab photographer to exhibit in China first Saudi Photographer to exhibit in Palestine

First Saudi photographer documented China Japan's and Korea

First Saudi photographer to get the Medal of Legion of Honor

First Saudi photographer to do extensive work on the Muslim community of America

### EXHIBITIONS

1994 Paris, Art Vision Gallery Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

1996 Port of Jeddah, Saudi Art Center Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Port of Jeddah, Sheraton Hotel Medina, Saudi Arabia

- Port of Jeddah, Opera House Cairo, Egypt
- 1998 port of Jeddah, the University of Art and Design Beijing, China
- 1999 Mystic Lights, Loccum, Germany
- Port of Jeddah, the Arab World Institute Paris, France
- Port of Jeddah, Encounter of Three Continents Nantes, France
- 2001 Diwan Al-noor, The Art Center Manama, Bahrain
- 2002 Diwan Al-noor, The Sakakini Cultural Center Ram Allah, Palestine
- Diwan Al-noor, at The Peace Center Bethlehem, Palestine (A suspended Exhibition)
- Joined the 2nd international Media Art Biennale in Seoul, Korea
- 2003 Divine Manifestations, Galerie Agathe Gaillard, Paris, France
- 2004 Nazar, Noorderlicht Photofestival, Groningen, Netherlands
- 2004 Reflets d'ici ET d'ailleurs, Lille, France
- 2004 Women by Women, fotografie Forum International, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2005 The Colours of Saudi Arabia, Palace of Congress, Madrid, Spain
- 2005 Hajj, Galerie Agathe Gaillard, Paris, France
- 2005-6 Regards des photographes arabes contemporains, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris France
- 2006 Nazar, IFA Gallery, Stuttgart, Germany
- 2006 Regards des photographes arabes contemporains, Centro Andaluz De Arte Contemporaneo, Sivile, Spain
- 2006 Hajj and People, King AbdulAzize University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- 2007 Images From The Arab World, National Museum Of Singapore
- 2007 Devine Presence, DIFC Center, Dubai, UAE
- 2008 The Shap of Light, Sony Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 2008 Nour/Lumiere, Galerie Montcalm, Gatineau, Canada
- 2008 Together, Jordan National Gallery, Jordan
- 2009 Le Pont International Festival, Aleppo, Syria
- 2009 The Shape of Light, Moscow, Russia
- 2009 The Shape of Light, Hewar Gallery Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

- 2014 women photographers of the Middle East, Howard Greenberg, New York  
2015 Nass RGallery Jeddah Saudi Arabia  
2016 Chiaroscuro Empty Quarter Gallery Dubai

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 1994 Voice Magazine  
1996 A Calendar for the Saudi Arabian Embassy in the USA  
1999 La Photo En Pro  
2000 L'Insense Magazine Issue No. 1  
2006 Dummy Magazine Issue 11  
2007 Departures Magazine

#### COLLECTIONS

- Sakakini Centre in Ram Allah, Palestine  
The National Museum of Seoul Korea  
The National Gallery of Jordan

#### BOOKS

- 2000 Diwan Al-Noor A Photographic Journey through Light, Water, and People  
2009 The Hajj