

## Curriculum Vitae of the Kuwaiti Formative Artist and Writer

### THURAYA AI-BAQSAMI

Born 1951 in Kuwait, Al-Baqsami began her artistic career in the age of 19 years, when she received her first award the Bronze Medal of the "Kuwaiti Formative Art Society" in 1971. She is member of the "Kuwaiti Formative Art Society" since 1969, the "Formative Arts Group" of the GCC countries and member of the "Very Special Arts Organization" in Washington, D.C. (USA). She was awarded the "Golden Palm Leaf" of the GCC-Print-Biennial in Riad/Saudi Arabia in 1989, in Doha/Qatar in 1992 and she won the 1st Price of the "National Museum Exhibition" in Kuwait in 1987 and 1992.

She was awarded the "Prize for Art Activities" of the European Union of Arts, in Prague/Czech Republic in May 2001;

The "European Medal of Franz Kafka" by the European Circle Franz Kafka, in September 2001 in Berlin; "World Prize of Salvador Dali" by the Alliance Salvador Dali International, Czech Republic, Spain, 2003; Founding Member of the Women's Diplomatic Club, in Kuwait, 2003.

#### **Academic Training:**

College of Fine Arts in Cairo (Egypt) from 1972 to 1973.

Master's Degree in Graphic Book Illustration and Design, Art College of Surikov in Moscow (Russia) in 1981.

#### **Participation in Art courses / Workshops :**

- Silk Screen printing, drawing, batik and ceramics (in Senegal during 1981-1983); London, UK
- Etching course, 1991, Silk screen printing course, 1992, Silk screen, 1995, Lithograph, 1997
- Collagraph, 1998, 1999, 2000; Monotype 2001, Brighton, UK; Snina Art Workshop, Slovak Republic, September 2000, Plovdiv Bulgaria, 2002
- Mixed media, Monoprint, Budapest, Hungary, 2002. Art workshop, Intern. European Artists Symposium, Velbert/Germany, May 2003.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Intern. Artist Symposium, Budapest, 12<sup>th</sup> District Council, Hungary, August 2003.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Intern. Symposium "European Artist ev" Essen, Germany, May 2004
- 1<sup>st</sup> Intern. Art Camp in Uchisar, Cappadocia, Turkey, May-June, 2004
- Very Special Art (VSA) 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Washington, D.C., USA, June 2004

- 4<sup>th</sup> Intern. Symposium of Contemporary Art in Verbania, Milan, Italy, June 2004
- 4<sup>th</sup> Intern. Art Festival "Plein Air Complex" Russalka, Bulgaria, June 2004.
- Intern. Artist Symposium, 12<sup>th</sup> District Council, Budapest, Hungary, August 2004.
- First International Art and Craft Expo in Dubai, Grand Hyatt Hotel, UAE, from 4-6 April 2005.
- Print Making Workshop at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Mauritius, Jan 2006.
- Intern. Symposium of Contemporary Art at @Pro Loco@, Ichieppo, Italy, Aug. 2006.

### **Publications:**

Articles and short stories since mid 60's, Art illustrations in local Kuwaiti magazines and newspapers; publication of the book "The Free Gallery (of Kuwait) in 25 Years", 1986.

### **COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS**

- International Youth Festival in Berlin, July-August 1973.
- International Youth Festival in Moscow, 1985.
- Exhibition of the contest "Safat Square", Kuwait Municipality, 1985
- Participant in 18th Exhibitions Worldwide as an active member of Group of Friends of Formative Arts in GCC countries

Abu Dhabi, UAE, Oct. 1985	Ajman, UAE, Oct. 1985
Doha, Qatar, oct 1985	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Dec. 1985
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Dec. 1985	Manama, Bahrain, Feb. 1986
Kuwait City, Kuwait, April 1986	Tunis, Tunisia, June 1987
Cairo, Egypt, Aug. 1987	Madrid, Spain, Nov. 1987
Kuwait City, Kuwait, Feb. 1988	Amman, Jordan, Nov. 1989
Bonn, Germany, March 1990	Washington D.C., USA, June 1990
Damascus, Syria, May 1991	Kuwait City, Kuwait, Feb. 1992
Istanbul, Turkey, July 1993	Muscat, Oman, Dec. 1995.

- First Gallery of Oil Drawings, Doha, Qatar, 1987
- International Festival for Formative Arts in Baghdad, Iraq, 1988.
- International Exhibition of Children's Illustrations, Bratislava, Slovakia, 1989.
- Islamic Modern Art Exhibition in London, England, 1989.

- Collective Art Exhibition at Albert Gallery in London, July 1993.
- International Triennial of Graphic in Cairo, December, 1993.
- Forces of Change - National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington D.C.  
USA, February 1994
- International Very Special Arts Festival, Brussels, May 1994.
- Art with a Heart Exhibition, American Women Association,  
Royal Meridien,  
Bahrain, June 1994.
- International Exhibition of Contemporary Art, Florence, Italy,  
Dec. 1994.
- National Museum of Bahrain, State of Bahrain, Dec. 1994.
- 2nd Sharjah Arts Biennial, Sharjah, UAE, April 1995.
- Contemporary Art Exhibition - Groovner Hotel, London, UK,  
July 1995.
- Biennial of Lathakiyah, Syria, August 1995.
- Huairo - Beijing , P.R. of China, September 1995.
- Kuwaiti cultural week - Casablanca, Morocco, November 1995.
- Al-Qurain Cultural Festival [2] Al-Adwani Exhibition Hall,  
Kuwait, Nov. & Dec. 1995.
- Kuwait Society for Human Rights Exhibition, Graduate Society,  
Kuwait, Dec. 1995.
- 25th Exhibition Kuwait Formative Art Society, Kuwait, April  
1996.
- Children workshop-Sharjah, U.A.E, May 1996.
- Arabic Artist Women Exhibition-Balduna Gallery, Amman,  
Jordan, June 1996.
- Kuwaiti Cultural Week, Beirut, Lebanon, October 1996.
- Four Arabic Artists Exhibition- Egyptian Cultural Center,  
London, Nov. 1996.
- Al-Qurain Cultural Festival[3]-Arts Gallery-Kuwait, Nov. & Dec.  
1996.

- Workshop ( monotype ) for handicapped Children, Al Sharjah City  
for Human Services, (UAE), Nov. 1997 and May 1999.
- Al-Qurain Cultural Festival[4]-Arts Gallery, Kuwait, Nov. & Dec. 1997.
- Exhibition of 30 Formative Artist from the Arab Countries, London, UK, Oct. 1998.
- United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Mishrif Theater, Kuwait, Oct. 1997.
- Al-Qurain Cultural Festival [5]-Arts Gallery, Kuwait, Nov-Dec. 1998.
- 4th Sharjah Arts Biennial, Sharjah, UAE, April 1999.
- Dialogue of the Present, Women Artist of the Arab World (an exhibition traveling through the U.K. from April 1999 until January 2000).
- "Art Well" Exhibition-Fair, Beirut, Lebanon, Oct. 1999.
- Al-Quarain Cultural Festival [6]-Arts-Gallery, Kuwait, Nov. 1999.
- "Women of the World", a global collection of Art, Gallery White Columns,  
starting in New York City, USA, June 2000, around the world exhibition until 2003.
- Exhibition at the 7th International Fine Art Festival Snina 2000 (Slovak Rep.),  
Org.: Miro Gallery, Sept. ?2000.
- First Islamic Biennial in Teheran, Islamic Rep. of Iran, Nov.- Dec., 2000.
- "Breaking the Veils" Exhibition by the Royal Society of Fine Arts in Jordan and the  
National Gallery of Fine Arts, Amman (Jordan) start: October 2002-2004, around the  
world exhibition 'Breaking Veils': Rhodes (Greece; Oct. 2002),

- Athens (Greece, Feb. 2003), Valencia (Spain, June 2003), Napoli (Italy, July 2004).
- Art & Culture Centre "Forum Niederberg", Velbert, Germany, May 8 to June 15, 2003.
  - Art & Culture Centre "Forum Niederberg", Verlbert, Germany, Jay 2004.
- Participation at an exhibition at Gallery Fulvio Colangelo, Turin, Italy, 27 Jan. 2005.
- International Art Exhibition with FAM International (Femme Art Mediterannee) and AVAA ( Association des Villages des Ateliers d'Artistes) under the patronage of HM King Mohammed IV from 14 – 17 April 2005 in Casablanca, Marocco.
  - International European Artist Forum, Workshop and Collective exhibition.
  - Free 111 Art Symposium in Tenerife, Spain.

## **PERSONAL EXHIBITIONS**

1. National Museum of Kuwait, March 1971.
2. Intercontinental Hotel, Kinshasa, D.Rep. of Kongo (former Zaire), Sept. 1978.
3. Free Art Gallery, Kuwait, February 1979.
4. Dakar, Senegal, March 1982.
5. Hamamat, Tunisia, August 1982.
6. Kuwaiti Journalists Association, Kuwait, November 1986.
7. Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait, March 1988.
8. Montreux, Switzerland, July 1989.
9. Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait, February 1990.
10. Kiklos Gallery, Paphos, Cyprus, May 1991.
11. Alpine Gallery, London, UK, July 1991.
12. Edinburgh, UK, August 1991.
13. Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait, November 1991.
14. Athens College Theater, Athens, Greece, November 1992.
15. Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait, December 1992.
16. Paris Hilton, Paris, France, June 1993.
17. Ghadir Gallery, Kuwait, December 1994.
18. Sheraton Doha, Qatar, January 1994.
19. Opera House Cairo, Egypt, May 1994.
20. National Museum Scopje, Macedonia, October 1994.
21. Art Center, National Museum of Bahrain, November 1994.

22. Al Adwani Gallery, Kuwait, May 1995.
23. Radisson SAS Hotel, Kuwait, October 1995
24. The Museum for Applied Arts, Budapest, Hungary, March 1996
25. Art Connoisseur Gallery, London, July 1996
26. Arts Gallery- Dahiyat Abdullah Al-Salem, Kuwait, March 1997
27. The Arabic Cultural Center, Damascus, Syria, May 1997.
28. Casa Di Italia-Asmara, Eritrea, May 1997
29. Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi (UAE), Oct. 97.
30. Dar Al Kutb, Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, Dec. 97.
31. Gallery "Via Larga", Florence, Italy, Feb. 98.
32. Central University for Nationalities, Beijing, China, Oct. 98.
33. Ajanta Art Gallery (ICCR), New Delhi, India, Feb. 99.
34. German Foreign Office, Bonn, Ippendorf, Germany, March 1999.
35. Taj-Marhaba Hotel, Sousse, Tunisia, April 1999.
36. The Omani Society of Fine Arts, Muscat, Oman, May 1999.
37. Radisson SAS Hotel, Kuwait, June 1999.
38. Barg Art Gallery, Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran, Nov. 1999.
39. "Artists & Illustrators" Exhibition, 27-30 July 2000, London, U.K.
40. MIRO Gallery, May 2001, Prague, Czech Republic.
41. Gallery "Am Potsdamer Platz, September 2001, Berlin, Germany.
42. Arts Gallery, Dahiyat Abdullah Al-Salem, Kuwait, October 2002
43. Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia, Feb. 2002.
44. Al-Riwaq Art Gallery, Manama/Bahrain, May 2003.
45. Afghan Film, Kabul/Afghanistan, June 2003.
46. Miro Art Gallery, Bratislava, Slovakia, Sept. 2003.
47. Museum of the Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, Oct. 2004.
48. Radisson SAS Hotel Kuwait, from 20-23 Feb 2005.
49. Gallery twenty-four, Berlin, Germany from 25 May – 7 June 2005.
50. Ministry of Culture & information in Hanoi, Vietnam and Ho Chi Min City, Nov. 2005.

#### **OWNERS OF THURAYA AI-BAQSAMI'S WORKS**

- Amiri Diwan-Sate of Kuwait.
- Kuwait National Museum-Kuwait.

- Bahrain National Museum-Bahrain.
- Kuwait Institute for Advanced Technology.
- Kuwait Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Very Special Art International (organization) Washington D.C., USA.
- Modern Art Museum-Escobia-Macedonia.
- Ministry of Information-State of Bahrain.
- Kuwait Foundation of Advancement of Science (KFAS).
- Ministry of Information-Kuwait.
- National Council for Arts & Literature-Kuwait.
- Ministry of Information-Qatar.
- Opera Theater-Cairo-Egypt.
- Italian-Kuwait Friendship Association-Florence- Italy.
- Contemporary Islamic Art Museum-Amman-Jordan.
- International Council For Woman In The Arts-California-U.S.A.
- Kuwait News Agency.
- American University-Athens-Greece.
- Arabic Institute of Economical & Social Planing, Kuwait.
- United Bank of Kuwait-London.
- Escobia City Museum-Macedonia.
- Various Kuwait Embassies abroad.
- Various Ambassadors, Diplomats, Arabic & Foreign V.I.P's.
- The British Museum -London.
- Radisson SAS Hotel, Kuwait
- Al-Sultani Diwan Muscat, Oman
- The Ruler of the Sharjah Diwan, UAE.
- Sirjal House-Sharjah, UAE.
- UNESCO-Paris.
- Kuwait Airways Association, New Head Quarter, Kuwait.
- Bayan Palace-Amiri Diwan, Kuwait.
- Ministry of Culture, Sana'a, Republic of Yemen.
- Cultural Foundation - Abu Dhabi (UAE).

- Central University of Nationalities, Beijing, China.

### **AWARDS IN LITERATURE**

- First Award from the Kuwait foundation for the Advancement of Sciences ( KFAS)for her collection of short stories "Cellar Candles", 1993.
- State Award for children literature "The Recollection of small Kuwaiti Fatuma",1997.
- Award from ( Almedina Culture Society ) Madrid - Spain 2006 .For her poems A blue bird in my palm .( Pajaro Azul ) .

Kuwait, November, 2006