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KEY SKILLS

- Ability to build relationships and communicate with clients and colleagues across cultures
- Effective design management and attention to detail

LANGUAGES

English, Arabic, Spanish, Farsi and Urdu

EDUCATION

- 2015 **Doha, MFA in Design Studies – Virginia Commonwealth University**, Class Marshal
- 2009 **Bahrain, BFA in Interior Design - Ahliyah University (Affiliated with Brunel, UK)**
- 2005 **Bahrain, Diploma in Computer Science - AMA International University**
- 2000 **Bahrain, Diploma in Science - SH. A. Aziz Intl. School**

EXHIBITION WORK

- 2020 **Chicago, The Sullivan Gallery, The School of the Art Institute**
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

PRIVATE COLLECTION

- 2020 **The Dilmun Series**, The Jumeirah Al Sahel Resort
- 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
- 2017 **Inhumane**, HH Sheikha Intisar Salem Al Sabah
- 2016 **Recycle, Revive, Relive**, Al Riwaq Gallery
Unearthing, Bahrain Museums
The Testimony Embodiment, The Shangri La Hotel
Mecca Modified, The Shangri La Hotel
Religious Vanity, Qatar Museums
ANA, Reversed, Sheikh Khalifa Al Khalifa, Director of Bahrain Museums
- 2015 **The Five Pillars of Islam, full collection**, HE Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani

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 |

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

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2020 **Doha, Sheikh Faisal Al Thani Museum / The Big Meet Up 5.0**
Art Consultant, Curator, Panel Moderator
- 2017 **Doha, Virginia Commonwealth University**
Portfolio Development Counselor (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, Dilmun 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 (Feb 2002 - Oct 2002)

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 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 an official member of the Milan Fuorisalone Commission**, Certified member
- 2017 **London, Kings College of London**, 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
- Doha, HBKU**, Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani Photography Contest, 1st place
- Doha, Virginia Commonwealth University** MFA Fellowship Grant

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 Minister 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

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
- 2011 **Bahrain, Aiesec**, Member of Global Exchange Program
- 2009 **Bahrain, Batelco Telecommunications Company**
Marketing / Customer service
- Bahrain, Orbit Communications**, Marketing

PORTFOLIO

- 2020 https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hOuo1uKeIWo2E_aawbMAllcuPYA7M8R8

REFERENCES

References / recommendation letters available upon request