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EDUCATION

2018 MFA Fine Art, Goldsmiths College, University of London, London, England
2016 BA (Hons) Fine Art, Ulster University, Belfast, Northern Ireland
2004-2005 Higher Diploma in Painting and Drawing, The Institute of Fine Arts, Baghdad, Iraq

AWARDS AND HONORS

2025, Shortlisted artist, Turner Prize, Tate Britain, London, England

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025

Mohammed Sami, KM21, The Hague, The Netherlands
Mohammed Sami: To Whom It May Concern, Douglas Hyde Gallery of Contemporary Art, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland

2024

After the Storm: Mohammed Sami at Blenheim Palace, Blenheim Art Foundation at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, England*
Mohammed Sami: Isthmus, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin, Italy

2023

Mohammed Sami: Muzzle of Time, Luhring Augustine, New York, NY
Mohammed Sami: The Point 0, Camden Art Centre, London, England; De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-On-Sea, England*

2022

Mohammed Sami, Modern Art, London, England

2013

Mohammed Sami, JAMM Art Gallery, Kuwait, Iraq

2012

Mohammed Sami: Case of Emergency, Galleri Dag Andersson, Norrköping, Sweden

* A catalogue was published with this exhibition.

2006

Mohammed Sami, Al Khanji Gallery, Aleppo, Syria

2005

Mohammed Sami, Alwasity Gallery, Iraqi Ministry of Culture, Baghdad, Iraq

1999

Mohammed Sami, University of Baghdad, Iraq

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025-2026

Diary of Flowers: Artists and their Worlds, MOCA Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA

2025

Ensemble, The Perimeter, London, England

AMA Collection, AMA Venezia, Venice, Italy

2024

Luhring Augustine x MASA, MASA, Mexico City, Mexico

Le monde comme il va/ The World As It Goes, Bourse de Commerce – Pinault Collection, Paris, France*

The Shape of Things: Still Life in Britain, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, England

2023

Paris, Modern Art, Paris, France

2022-2023

Is it morning for you yet ?, 58th Carnegie International, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA*

2022

The London Open 2022, Whitechapel Gallery, London, England

Necessity, Gallery Magnus Karlsson, Stockholm, Sweden

STILL ALIVE, Aichi Triennale, Aichi Arts Center, Nagoya, Japan

2021

Homeplace, V.O Curations-Mayfair, London, England

Mixing It Up: Painting Today, Hayward Gallery, London, England*

There Is Always Light, Mead Gallery, Warwick Arts Centre, University of Warwick, Coventry, England

2020-2021

Towner International, Towner Eastbourne Museum, Eastbourne, England

2020

Stilla liv / Still Life, Galleri Magnus Karlsson, Gotland, Sweden

Timeout, Patrick Heide Contemporary Gallery, London, England

2018-2019

Bloomberg New Contemporaries, Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool School of Art & Design, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, England; South London Gallery, London, England*

The Sea is the Limit, York Art Gallery, York, England; Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts, Doha, Qatar

2011

The Culture Night of Norrköping City, Norrköping Art Museum, Norrköping, Sweden

2010

Salon d'Automne 2010, Paris, France

2006

The Iraqi National Museum of Modern Art, Baghdad, Iraq

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2023

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2014

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Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI
Fondation Carmignac, Paris, France
Government Art Collection, London, England
He Art Museum (HEM), Foshan, Guangdong, China
Imperial War Museum, London, England
Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami, Miami, FL
Iraqi Ministry of Culture, Baghdad, Iraq
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
MAMCO Geneva (Musée d'art moderne et contemporain), Geneva, Switzerland
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Pinault Collection, Paris, France
Rollins Museum of Art, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL
Christen Sveaas Art Foundation, Oslo, Norway
Tate, London, England
York Art Gallery, York, England