

IBI IBRAHIM

Ibi Ibrahim was born in 1987 in the United States and is currently a resident at GlogauAIR in Berlin.

Raised throughout the the Middle East, between Yemen, Libya, Iraq and the Unites Arab Emirates, Ibrahim reflects his multi-cultural mindset through his works of photography and film. While many of his photographs are based on his own life experiences, they often address controversial topics which conflict with the traditional Yemeni society he comes from.

In his work, Ibrahim seeks to emphasise a pivotal aspect of Middle Eastern culture and history that is accepting and open to change, regardless of conservative trends that have recently swept throughout the region. He also hopes to shed light on the the clear tradition of liberalism in the region dating back centuries which now can only reveal itself through contained spurts. Through his practice, Ibrahim engages in controversial topics in an effort to normalise public discussions about self exploration, sexuality, gender equality and freedom of expression in his country and the region as a whole.

Selected exhibitions:

- 2015 IDEA at Colorado College | Colorado Springs (USA) (upcoming)
Light, Leaves and Yemeni Coffee | JAMM Art Gallery | Dubai
- 2014 *It's Really Expensive* | Nouvel Organon | Paris
- 2013 *Paintings and Photographs* | European Union Office | Sana'a
Photos that scream | Basement Gallery | Sana'a
- 2012 *Black & White: Absence of Color* | Mpls Photo Center | Minneapolis (USA)
- 2011 *Peace by Toby* | Athr Gallery | Jeddah
Gender Matters/Matters of Gender | Freedman Gallery | Reading (USA)
- 2010 *Sana'a Fashion & Identity* | Cultural House | Sana'a
GLAAD OUT Auction | Metropolitan Pavilion | New York
The Peace Project | Gallery 9 | Los Angeles
Meridian Gallery | San Francisco
Black & White Photography | KAS Gallery | Louisville (USA)
La Marqueta Plaza of Harlem | New York
Curate NYC | Rush Arts Gallery | New York
Annual Art Market | Work Gallery | Brooklyn (USA)
- 2009 Zoom on Sana'a | Jamil Ghanem Institute for Fine Art | Aden (Yemen)
Zoom on Sana'a | Cultural House | Sana'a

Residencies:

- 2015 GlogauAIR | Berlin
- 2014 Cité internationale des arts | Paris

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