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Education

Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, NL, 2003-2006

Lebanese University, Beirut, LB, 1997-2001 (Painting)

Residencies

2008 Rijksakademie van beeldende kunsten

2007 Rijksakademie van beeldende kunsten

2006 Hotel Mariakapel, Hoorn, NL

2002 Thupelo Workshop, Cape Town, South Africa

Awards, nominations and grants

2008 Fellowship, Van den Berch van Heemstede Stichting, NL

2007 Uriòt Prize

2007 Culture Department of the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

2007 16th International Electronic Art Festival - Videobrasil, São Paulo, BR, for 'Rawane's Song'

2007 CBK Zuidoost, Amsterdam, NL, 'Black Magic Woman Award 2007'

2006 Gerrit Rietveld Academy, Amsterdam, NL, nominated for the Fine Art Prize

2002 Kentertainment International Contest, Beirut, LB, First Painting Prize

(Selected) Solo exhibitions

2005 Squat Deluxe, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 'May B.'

2003 Fennel Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon, '150 Watts'

(Selected) Group exhibitions

2008 The Brno house of Arts, Kick start, Young Dutch Video 2005-08, Czech Republic

2008 Van Abbe Museum, Eindhoven, NL, Be(com)ing Dutch, NL, 'As If I Don't Fit There'

2008 Montevideo, Temporary Museum Amsterdam, 'Let's Not Swim Then!'

2008 Home Works IV, A Forum on Cultural Practices, Beirut, Lebanon, 'The Sea Is A Stereo' and 'NOA (Not Only Arabic) Magazine'

2008 Motive Gallery, Amsterdam, NL, 'The Sea Is A Stereo'

2007 Rijksakademie Open Ateliers

2007 Black Magic Woman Festival, CBK Bijlmer, NL, 'Dochters & Vaders'

2007 Kunsteyssen, Alkmaar, NL, 'Snow Peaks'

2007 La Biennale di Venezia, Venezia, IT, 'Foreword', Pavilion of Lebanon, 'As If I Don't Fit There'

2007 Hebbel Theater, Berlin, DE, '2732 KM from Beirut'

2006 MAMA showroom for media and moving art, Rotterdam, NL, 'Mr. Miyagi', video installation 'As If I Don't Fit There', Video projection 'Rawane's Song'

2006 Vlaams Cultureel Centrum de Brakke Grond, Amsterdam, NL, 'Catalyst'

2006 The Art Lounge, Beirut, LB, 'Chou Tabkha Ya Mara'

2006 Oude Kerk, Amsterdam, NL, 'Rietveld in the Church'

2005 66 East: Centre for Urban Culture, Amsterdam, NL, 'Below Zero'

2005 Club11, Amsterdam, NL, 'Zoom is available'

2005 Fadi Moghabghab Gallery, Beirut, LB

2002 South African National Gallery Annex, Cape Town, ZA, Thupelo Workshop Exhibition

2001 Aida Cherfan Gallery, Beirut, LB

(Selected) Video screenings

2008 Kunsthalle Basel, "Catching Breath" film program, curated by November Paynter

2008 The Aqua project, and the Arizona State University Art Museum, USA, "I'm keeping an eye on you" with "Paris Without a Sea", curated by John Spiak

2008 Né à Beyrouth, Film Festival, Beirut, LB, with 'Paris Without A Sea'

2007 16th International Electronic Art Festival - Videobrasil, São Paulo, BR, 'Southern Panoramas'

- with 'Rawane's Song'
- 2007 Nederlands Film Festival, Utrecht, NL, with 'A Cat in the Hippodrome', commissioned by Kosmopolis
- 2007 Tate Modern, London, GB, 'In Focus'. Recent films and videos from the Middle East, with 'Canteen Stories'
- 2007 Paris Cinema, Paris, FR, with 'Rawane's Song'
- 2007 Né à Beyrouth, Film Festival, Beirut, LB, with 'Rawane's Song'
- 2006 Victoria & Albert Museum, London, GB, 'Arabise Me', with 'Rawane's song'
- 2006 Impakt Festival, Utrecht, NL, with 'Rawane's Song'

(Selected) Lectures, artist's talk

- 2007 If I can't dance I don't want to be part of your revolution, De Balie, Amsterdam, NL, symposium/conversation with Katarina Zdjelar
- 2007 Mediamatic, Amsterdam, NL, 'El Hema', presentation of three videos
- 2007 TENT, Rotterdam, NL, 'A Buttock Sitting Comfortably on a Watery Threshold', on 'The Sea is a Stereo', curated by Angela Serino

(Selected) Guest teacher/ cultural advisor/ Juror

- 2008 Juror committee member for the Balck Magic Woman award
- 2008 Guest Teacher, The Rietveld Academy, Growing Symbols, curated and organised by Herman Gabler, and Kosmopolis, Amsterdam
- 2007 Workshop guest teacher, Den Bosch Art Academy, Laconic Traces, with Ikke Trink
- 2003-06 Cultural Advisor for Al Amal Institute for the Disabled, Broummana, Lebanon, Projects in South of Lebanon, Arnoun Village
- 1997-01 Cultural assistant, L'Ecole Des Loisirs, Beirut, Lebanon

(Selected) Publications by

- 2008 Home Works IV, A Forum on Cultural Practices, Beirut, Lebanon, NOA (Not Only Arabic) Magazine, Issue Number 1, 'Treason Is Like A Bible', Produced by Ashkal Alwan

(Selected) Group catalogues

- 2007 Pavilion of Lebanon, Forward, La Biennale di Venezia, 52. Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte, Partecipazioni Nationali, Alarm Editions, Printed by 53 Dots sal, Beirut, Lebanon
Commissioners Saleh Barakat, Sandra Dagher, Vittorio Urbani.
Artists Fouad Elkoury, Lamia Joreige, Walid Sadek, Mounira Al Solh, Akram Zaatari
- 2006 Catalyst, Brakke Grond, Amsterdam, Leen Laconte Publisher, Printed by MacdonaldSSN
Curators Tessa Giblin and Angela Serino. Artists Thomas Desmet, Marlies Leplae, Ronald Detige, Johann Arens, Mounira Al Solh, Filip de Roek, Reiko Kanazawa, Sandor Klijn

(Selected) Articles and reviews written by

- 2007 Metropolis M, 'Between Beirut and Amsterdam', Mounira Al Solh, vol. 28 (August/September) issue 5
- 2007 Nawafez, Al Mustaqbal Newspaper, 'These Are Fireworks, It's Not A War! '
- 2003 Mr. Motley, 'Mounira en Mounira', Mounira Al Solh, 'The Family Issue'

(Selected) Articles and reviews written about

- 2008 Daily Star Lebanon, Wednesday, April 23, 2008, 'Ever wonder what's going on at the Rijksakademie? Projects by Mounira Al Solh and Ahmet Ogut overlap at Home Works IV ' by Jim Quilty
- 2007 Art in America, Sept 2007, ' 2007 AD ' by Marcia E. Vetrocq