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## ETEL ADNAN

1925 Born in Beirut  
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### Education

Paris-Sorbonne University, Paris  
University of California, Berkeley  
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

### Solo exhibitions

- 2024 *Etel Adnan: Between East and West*, 2023 King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture, Dharhan, Saudi Arabia
- 2023 *Painting into Space*, The Bass Museum, Miami Beach, Florida  
*Etel Adnan: Poetry of Colours*, K20 Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Dusseldorf, Germany
- 2022 *Etel Adnan: Poetry of Colours*, Lenbachhaus, Munich  
*Behind the Horizon Line*, TEA Tenerife Espacio de las Artes, Tenerife, Spain  
*Etel Adnan: Landscapes*, VETA Galeria, Madrid, Spain  
*Colour as Language*, Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam  
*The Discovery of the Immediate*, Galerie Lelong & Co., Paris
- 2021 *Etel Adnan and Lynn Marie Kirby: THE WEATHER IS NOWADAYS CRAZY*, Cushion Works, San Francisco, California  
*Etel Adnan: New Works*, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Hamburg, Germany  
*Etel Adnan: Behind the Horizon Line*, Centro de Creación Contemporánea de Andalucía, Córdoba, Spain; TEA Tenerife Espacio de las Artes, Tenerife, Spain (2022)  
*Etel Adnan: Light's New Measure*, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York  
*Impossible Homecoming*, Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2020 *Seasons*, Galerie Lelong, New York

- Satellites and Planètes*, Galerie Lelong & Co. Paris  
*Etel Adnan: The uprising of colors*, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Beirut
- 2019 The Arts Club, London  
*Etel Adnan: Each day is a whole world*, Aspen Art Museum, Colorado  
*Etel Adnan et Les Modernes*, Mudam (Musée d'art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean), Luxembourg  
*Elsewhere*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London
- 2018 *Parler aux fleurs*, Galerie Lelong & Co, Paris  
*Etel Adnan: New Work*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art  
 Zentrum Paul Klee, Bern  
*The dazzling gesture*, Jan Michalski Foundation, Montricher, Switzerland  
*Tout ce que je fais est Mémoire*, Château La Coste, Le Puy Sainte Réparate, France  
*A yellow sun A green sun a yellow sun A red sun a blue sun*, Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, North Adams, Massachusetts  
*Life is a weaving*, Galerie Lelong & Co, Paris
- 2017 *Album à dessins*, Central Library, Universidad nacional autónoma de México, Mexico City  
*Sea and Fog*, Oakville Art Galleries, Ontario, Canada  
 FLAG Art Foundation, (with Gerhard Richter) New York
- 2016 *Painting. Drawing. Tapestry. Writing*, Galerie Sfeir-Semler, Hamburg, Germany  
*A Tremendous Astronomer*, Galerie Lelong, Paris  
 Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris  
*The Weight of the World*, Serpentine Gallery, London
- 2015 *Nouvelles estampes*, Galerie Le Long, Paris  
*Etel Adnan: La joie de vivre*, Museum Haus Konstruktiv, Zurich  
 Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin  
 White Cube, Hong Kong  
 Galerie Lelong, New York
- 2014 *Writing Mountains*, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria  
 White Cube, London  
*Etel Adnan in all her Dimensions*, Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha  
 Callicoon Fine Arts, New York  
 cipM – Marseille International Center for Poetry, France  
*Etel Adnan and Arab Modernity*, Galerie Claude Lemand, Paris  
 Galeria Continua, Beijing

2013      *Words and Places*, The Wattis Institute, San Francisco  
Galleria Continua, Les Moulins, France  
Galleria Continua, San Gimignano, Italy  
Galerie Sfeir-Semler, Beirut  
Maison de la poésie, Paris

2012      Callicoon Fine Arts, New York  
*Works 1965-2012*, Galerie Sfeir-Semler, Hamburg, Germany

2010      Galerie Sfeir-Semler, Beirut  
Europie Gallery, Paris

2009      Bonnafont Gallery, San Francisco

2007      Janine Rubeiz Gallery, Beirut  
Eileen Curtis Museum, Sausalito, California

2006      Arte Mare, Bastia, Corsica, France

2004      Janine Rubeiz Gallery, Beirut

1999      Janine Rubeiz Gallery, Beirut

1998      Darat al Funun, Amman  
Salazar Gallery, University of California, Sonoma

1992      Gallery 50 x 70, Beirut

1990      Kufa Gallery, London

1989      Salazar Library, University of California, Sonoma

1988      Administration Building, Fort Mason, San Francisco

1987      Samy Kinge Gallery, Paris

1986      Marin County Civic Center, San Rafael, California

1985      Perception Gallery, San Francisco

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- 1983 Alif Gallery, Washington, DC  
Perception Gallery, Fort Mason, San Francisco
- 1982 Al Sultan Gallery, Kuwait
- 1979 Asilah Festival, Morocco
- 1978 Galerie L'Atelier, Rabat
- 1977 Galerie La Roue, Paris
- 1973 Dar el Fan, Beirut
- 1971 *Sight & Insight*, The Cannery, San Francisco
- 1969 Dominican College Gallery and Unitarian Center, San Rafael, California
- 1965 Mount Angel College Gallery, Mount Angel, Oregon
- 1964 Karamanduca Gallery, San Francisco
- 1963 Dominican College Gallery, San Rafael, California
- 1961 O'Hanlon Center for the Arts, Mill Valley, California

## Selected group exhibitions

- 2024 *Arab Presences. Modern Art and Decolonisation: Paris 1908-1988*, Musée d'Art Moderne, Paris  
*Probité de l'image*, La Biennale d'Anglet, Villa Beatrix Enea, Anglet, France  
*Foreigner's Everywhere*, 60<sup>th</sup> Venice Biennale  
*The Journey Before Me: Etel Adnan, Michelle Blade, Kirsty Luck*, Marin MOCA, Novato, California
- 2023 *What If Women Ruled the World? Part I*, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Athens  
*To Weave the Sky: Textile Abstractions from the Jorge M. Pérez Collection*, El

Espacio 23, Miami, Florida  
*Making Their Mark*, The Shah Garg Foundation, New York  
*In the Heart of Another Country: The Diasporic Imagination Rises*, Sharjah Art Foundation, United Arab Emirates  
*Etel Adnan & Simone Fattal: Voices without borders*, KINDL – Centre for Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany  
*(Un)belonging*, Galerie Lelong & Co., New York  
*New Horizons*, Centraal Museum, Utrecht, The Netherlands  
*'L'amour, La mer, les Femmes'*, Villa Noailles, Toulon, France  
*Hans-Ulrich Obrist Archive, Chapter 1: "Édouard Glissant"*, LUMA Westbau, Zurich  
*Endless*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Illinois  
*Defiant Muses: Delphine Seyrig and the Feminist Video Collectives of 1970s and 1980s France*, Württembergischer Kunstverein, Stuttgart, Germany

2022  
*Museum in Motion*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Antwerp, Belgium  
*In the Heart of Another Country: The Diasporic Imagination in the Sharjah Art Foundation Collection*, Deichtorhallen, Hamburg, Germany  
*58th Carnegie International: Is it morning for you yet?*, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
*Color Code*, McEvoy Foundation for the Arts, San Francisco, California  
*Lonesome Crowded West: Works from MOCA's Collection*, The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA, Los Angeles, California  
8th Biennale Gherdëina, *Persones Persons*, Ortisei, Italy  
*Small Paintings*, *Venus Over Manhattan*, New York, New York  
*Lonesome Crowded West*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, California  
*A Roof for Silence*, Palais de Tokyo, Paris; 17<sup>th</sup> Venice Architecture Biennale, Italy (2021)  
*Shifting the Silence*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, California  
*Beirut and the Golden Sixties: A Manifesto of Fragility*, Gropius Bau, Berlin, Germany  
*Color As Program*, Bundeskunsthalle Bonn, Germany  
*Etel Adnan and Lynn Marie Kirby: THE WEATHER IS NOWADAYS CRAZY*, Cushion Works, San Francisco, California  
*Courage Before Expectation*, FLAG Art Foundation, New York  
Etel Adnan and Simone Fattal: *Working Together*, Fondazione Antonio Dalle Nogare, Bolzano, Italy

2021  
*Suspension / Stillness*, Carré d'Art–Musée d'art contemporain, Nîmes, France  
*The Rain Forever Will be Made of Bullets*, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

- Hiding in Plain Sight*, Pace Gallery, New York  
*Another Energy: Power to Continue Challenging. 16 Women Artists from around the World*, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo  
*When our eyes touch*, Maison Louis Carré, Bazoches-sur-Guyonne, France  
*Coming to our senses*, Kunsthalle, Helsinki  
*Writing is Drawing*, Centre Pompidou Metz, France  
*Earthbound: Contemporary Landscape from the Roberts Institute of Art*, Millennium Gallery, Sheffield Museum, Sheffield, UK  
*Women in Abstraction*, Centre Pompidou, Paris  
*Horizons*, Lévy Gorvy, Paris, France  
*Baudelerian Voices*, Musee D'Orsay, Paris
- 2020 *A yellow sun with anger*, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Hamburg  
*There, where we promenade*, Freelands Foundation, London
- 2019 *Le monde n'est pas nécessairement un empire. Etel Adnan, Simone Fattal, Joana Hadjithomas & Khalil Joreigne*, Lille Métropole Museum of Modern, Contemporary and Outsider Art, Lille, France  
*An Instant Before the World*, Rabat Biennale, Morocco  
*Luogo e Segni*, Punta della Dogana, Venice  
*Sophie Whettnall – Etel Adnan. La banquise, la forêt et les étoiles*, Centrale for Contemporary Art, Brussels
- 2018 *Painting the Night*, Centre Pompidou-Metz, France  
*This is the Gallery and the Gallery is Many Things II*, Eastside Projects, Birmingham, UK  
*Memory Palace*, White Cube, London  
*Remembering Tomorrow: Artworks and Archives*, White Cube, Hong Kong  
*De Biënnale van de Schilderkunst, Over landschappen*, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, Belgium  
*Home Beirut. Sounding the Neighbours*, Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI secolo, Rome  
*Hot Sun, Late Sun*, Fondation Vincent Van Gogh, Arles, France  
*Garden of Memory*, Musee Yves Saint Laurent, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2017 *All the words for rock, Nature and Conflict*, Visual Arts Center Fondacion Helga de Alvear, Caceres, Spain  
*Take me (I'm Yours)*, Pirelli Hangar Bicocca, Milan, Italy  
*From Ear to Ear to Eye*, Nottingham Contemporary, UK  
*Wheredolendandyoubegin – On Secularity, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of Göteborg International Biennial for Contemporary Art*, Röda Sten Konsthall, Göteborg, Sweden

*100 Masterpieces of Modern and Contemporary Arab Art: The Barjeel Collection*, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris  
*Making Space: Women Artists and Postwar Abstraction*, Museum of Modern Art, New York  
*Three Women: Three Eyes on the World*, Contemporary Art Center of the EAP, Chatellerault, France  
*Colour Is*, Waddington Custot, London  
*L'emozione dei COLORI nell'arte*, Castello di Rivoli Museum of Contemporary Art, Turin, Italy

2016 *Outside*, Karma Gallery, Amagansett, New York  
*Towards a Larger World*, Moderna Museet, Malmö, Sweden  
*Barjeel Art Foundation Collection: Part 4*, Whitechapel Gallery, London  
*Looking at the World Around You*, Fundacion Santader, Madrid  
*Frequent Long Walks*, Hannah Barry Gallery, London

2015 *Take me (I'm yours)*, Monnaie de Paris  
*Albert the Kid is Ghosting*, David Roberts Art Foundation, London  
*Too Early, too late. Middle East and Modernity*, Pinacoteca Nazionale, Bologna, Italy  
*The past, the present, the possible*, Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates  
*SALTWATER: A Theory of Thought Forms*, 14th Istanbul Biennial  
*Etel Adnan, Christina Forrer, Mimi Lauter, Scott Olson, Ulrich Wulff*, TIF SIGFRIDS, Los Angeles  
*The past, the present, the possible*, Sharjah International Art Biennial, United Arab Emirates  
*The Sea - Salut D'honneur Jan Hoet*, PMMK - Museum voor Moderne Kunst, Oostende, Belgium  
*Looking Back / The 9th White Columns Annual - Selected by Cleopatra's*, White Columns, New York

2014 *Here and Elsewhere*, New Museum, New York  
*Whitney Biennial*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
*What Remains: Part II*, Rose Issa Projects, London  
*The Printed Room: read the room/you've got to*, SALTS, Birsfelden, Switzerland  
*A Special Arrow Was Shot In The Neck*, The David Roberts Art Foundation, London  
*Paysages, Entre Reel Et Imaginaire*, Galerie Claude Lemand, Paris  
*Paysage Et Modernite Arabe, Espace*, Galerie Claude Lemand, Paris  
*5 billion solar years*, Galerie Rainhard Hauff, Stuttgart, Germany  
*the secret world that exists right there in public*, Rampa Istanbul

- Rose*, CEAAC - Centre européen d'actions artistiques contemporaines, Strasbourg, France  
*What We Want To Show*, Heidelberger Kunstverein, Germany  
*Poetry will be made by all*, LUMAS Editions Galerie, Zurich
- 2013 *Calligraffiti: 1984 - 2013*, Leila Heller Gallery, New York  
*Hiwar, Conversations in Amman*, Darat al Funun–The Khalid Shoman Foundation, Amman  
*Tajreed. A selection of Arab Abstract Art: 1908-1960*, Contemporary Art Platform, Kuwait  
*Here, Elsewhere*, La Friche de la Belle de Mai, Marseille, France
- 2012 *Documenta 13*, Kassel, Germany  
*The Emerald City*, Thomas Solomon Gallery, Los Angeles  
*Art from Lebanon - Modern and Contemporary artists: 1880 – 1975*, Beirut Exhibition Center, Lebanon  
*De Menocchio, nous savons beaucoup de choses*, Bétonsalon, Paris, France  
*Papierwelten*, Galerie nächst St. Stephan - Rosemarie Schwarzwälder, Vienna  
*On the Edgware Road*, Serpentine Gallery, London  
*The Art of Friendship*, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, Connecticut
- 2011 *The Last Grand Tour*, Museum of Cycladic Art, Athens
- 2009 *Tafsir*, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin
- 2007 *5 Artists*, State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg; The State Museum of Oriental Art, Moscow
- 2006 *World into Art: Artists of the Modern Middle East*, British Museum, London
- 2004 Palazzo Reale, Naples, Italy
- 2003 Musée Municipal de Thionville, France  
Jordan National Gallery, Amman
- 2001 Galerie Claude Lemand, Paris  
*L'art du Livre Arabe*, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris
- 2000 *Art Paris*, Le Carrousel du Louvre, Paris
- 1998 Bradford-Smock Gallery, San Francisco  
*London Artists' Book Fair*, Barbican Center, London

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Bradford Gallery, San Anselmo, California  
Fine Arts Gallery, University of Arkansas, Lafayette
- 1996      *Book Art VIII*, National Museum for Women in the Arts, Washington, DC  
Andre Demedthuis, Wielsbeke, Belgium
- 1995      Bedford Gallery, Walnut Creek, California  
Hallie Brown Ford Gallery, Salem, Massachusetts  
Nexus Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia  
Chicago Cultural Center  
Inter-American Gallery, Dade Wolfson Campus, Miami  
*Le Arie del Tempo*, Studio Alaya, Genoa, Italy
- 1994      *Forces of Change*, National Museum for Women in the Arts, Washington, DC  
*4 Women Artists*, Alif Gallery, Washington, DC  
Galerie de Paperbusse, Ostende, Belgium  
Harelbeke Demedthuis, Wielsbeke, Belgium
- 1993      André Demedthuis, Wielsbeke, Belgium  
Galerie Natkin-Berta, Paris
- 1991      Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris  
*20 ans, 20 artistes*, l'Atelier, Rabat; Médiathèque Les Mureaux, France and  
Unesco, Paris
- 1990      *Evenements urbains*, Grenoble, France  
Villa Croce, Genoa, Italy

### Selected awards

- 2014      Women Playwrights International Honours  
Chavelier des Arts et des Lettres, France  
Lifetime Achievement Award, Radius of Arab American Writers Inc. (RAWI)
- 2013      California Book Award for Poetry  
LAMBDA Literary Award for Poetry, New York
- 2010      Arab American Book Award, Arab American National Museum, Dearborn, Michigan  
PEN Oakland Josephine Miles Book Award, San Francisco

## Selected Public Collections

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, New York, New York  
Banco de Espana, Spain  
Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates  
Bibliothèque Nationale Paris, France  
Bibliothèque Sainte-Genevieve, Paris, France  
Birzeit University Museum, Palestinian Territories  
British Museum, London  
Carré d'Art, Contemporary Art Museum, Nîmes, France  
Castello di Rivoli, Turin, Italy  
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris  
Château La Coste, Le Puy-Sainte- Réparate, France  
Colby Museum of Art, Waterville, Maine  
FLAG Art Foundation, New York  
Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris  
Fondation Saradar, Beirut  
FRAC Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand, France  
Frank F. Yang Collection, Hong Kong  
Herbert F. Johnson Museum at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York  
Houston Museum of Fine Arts, Texas  
Huma Kabakçı Collection, Istanbul  
Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris  
Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland  
John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, Boston, Massachusetts  
Jordan National Museum of Fine Arts, Amman, Jordan  
Kadist Art Foundation San Francisco, California  
Kunsthaus Zurich  
Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf, Germany  
LAM Lille, France  
M+, Hong Kong  
Maraya Art Centre, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates  
Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha  
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York  
Moderna Museet, Stockholm  
Musée National d'Art Moderne (MNAM), Paris  
Museo Helga de Alvear, Caceres, Spain  
Museum of Arts and Design, New York  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Illinois

Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles  
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas  
Museum of Modern Art, New York  
Museum of Modern Art, Tunis  
Museum Voorlinden, Wassenaar, Netherlands  
National Museum of Contemporary Art, Tunis  
National Museum of Modern Art (MNAM), Paris, France  
National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC  
Royal Jordanian Museum, Amman, Jordan  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, California  
Serralves Museum, Porto, Portugal  
Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates  
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York  
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam  
Sursock Museum, Beirut, Lebanon  
Tate, London  
UBS Art Collection, Zurich  
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
World Bank Collection, Washington, DC  
Written Art Collection, Ingelheim, Germany

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