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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

- 2025 *Etel Adnan: On Paper, 1960 – 2021*, Galerie Leong, New York
Zum Hundertsten, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
This Beautiful Light, White Cube New York
- 2024 *Notte al Palazzo*, La Tinaia al Bosco, San Casciano in Val di Pesa, Italy
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 Musée des Tapisseries, Aix-en-Provence, France
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
Europe 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
- 1984 Perception Gallery, San Francisco

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	<i>Sight & Insight</i> , 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

2025	<i>IN ATTENDANCE: Paying Attention in a Fragile World</i> , Fitzrovia Chapel, London
2024	<i>Arab Presences. Modern Art and Decolonisation: Paris 1908-1988</i> , Musée d'Art Moderne, Paris <i>Probité de l'image</i> , La Biennale d'Anglet, Villa Beatrix Enea, Anglet, France <i>Foreigner's Everywhere</i> , 60 th Venice Biennale <i>The Journey Before Me: Etel Adnan, Michelle Blade, Kirsty Luck</i> , Marin MOCA, Novato, California
2023	<i>What If Women Ruled the World? Part I</i> , National Museum of Contemporary Art, Athens <i>To Weave the Sky: Textile Abstractions from the Jorge M. Pérez Collection</i> , 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; 17th 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, Musée D'Orsay, Paris
- 2020 *A yellow sun with anger*, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Hamburg
 There, where we promenade, Freeland's 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, Musée Yves Saint Laurent, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2017 *All the words for rock, Nature and Conflict*, Visual Arts Center Fondation Helga de
 Alvear, Cáceres, Spain
Take me (I'm Yours), Pirelli Hangar Bicocca, Milan, Italy
From Ear to Ear to Eye, Nottingham Contemporary, UK
*Wheredolendandyoubegin – On Secularity, 9th 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 Demedhuis, 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
- 1977 Amitié Franco-Arab Prize, Association de Solidarité Franco-Arabe, France

Selected Public Collections

Banco de Espana, Spain
Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Bibliotheque Nationale Paris, France
Bibliotheque 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
FRAC Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand, France
Frank F. Yang Art and Education Foundation, Hong Kong
Herbert F. Johnson Museum at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
Huma Kabakçı Collection, Istanbul
Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris
Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
Jordan National Gallery 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
MUDAM, Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Luxembourg
Musée d'Art Moderne (MAM), Paris
Museo Helga de Alvear, Cáceres, Spain
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 and Contemporary Art, Tunis
Museum of Visual and Contemporary Arts, Riyadh
Museum Voorlinden, Wassenaar, The Netherlands
National Museum of Contemporary Art, Tunis
National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC
Royal Jordanian Museum, Amman, Jordan
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, California
Saradar Collection, Beirut
Serralves Museum, Porto, Portugal
Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
Sursock Museum, Beirut, Lebanon
Tate, London

The Roberts Insititute of Art, London
The Bass Museum of Art, Miami, Florida
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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