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BIO

AYMAN KAAKE (he/him) is an award-winning Lebanon-born Australian photo-media visual artist currently based in Melbourne's inner northern suburbs. He explores diasporic melancholy and the agony of exile through contemplative portraiture and sculptural, styled poses.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *In their Names*, Eltham Library Community Gallery, Melbourne
- 2024 *The Future Is Shaped by Those Who Can See It*, Photo Festival 2024, Abbotsford Convent
- 2023 *99 Names*, Edge Gallery, Maldon
- 2023 *99 Names*, Brunswick Street Gallery & Midsumma Festival, Melbourne
- 2023 *Exulansis*, Museum of Australian Photography, Melbourne
- 2019 *Untitled Feelings, Hares & Hyenas*, Melbourne
- 2018 *Homage, Off the Kerb*, Melbourne

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Angels in Exile*, Incinerator Gallery, Melbourne
- 2024 *Zaffé, season 2*, Arts House theatre, Melbourne
- 2024 *Arts Souk*, Curated by MzRizk and Multicultural Arts Victoria, Art Centre Melbourne
- 2024 *The Future Is Shaped by Those Who Can See It*, Photo Festival 2024, Abbotsford Convent
- 2024 *Bowness Prize 2024 finalist exhibition*, Museum of Australian Photography, Melbourne
- 2023 *Bowness Prize 2023 finalist exhibition*, Museum of Australian Photography, Melbourne
- 2023 *Zaffé*, Malthouse theatre, Melbourne
- 2023 *National Photographic Portrait Prize finalist exhibition*, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra
- 2023 *Nillumbik Contemporary Art Prize finalist exhibition*, Montsalvat, Melbourne
- 2023 *Wyndham Art Prize finalist exhibition*, Wyndham Art Centre, Melbourne
- 2022 *William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize finalist exhibition*, Museum of Australian Photography
- 2022 *Vantage Point Sharjah 10*, Alhamariya Studios, Dubai
- 2022 *National Photographic Portrait Prize finalist exhibition*, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra
- 2022 *Incinerator Art Prize finalist exhibition*, Incinerator Gallery, Melbourne
- 2022 *Australian Muslim Award finalist exhibition*, Islamic Museum, Melbourne
- 2022 *Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award finalist exhibition*, No Vacancy Gallery, Melbourne
- 2022 *Small Works Art Prize exhibition*, Brunswick Street Gallery, Melbourne
- 2022 *Multifaith Art Exhibition*, Incinerator Gallery, Melbourne
- 2022 *Légitimes*, Solruim Gallery, France
- 2022 *Joy Seekers, Off the Kerb*, Melbourne
- 2022 *CCP Salon 2022*, Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne
- 2022 *Looking For Adam*, XYZ Photo Gallery & Midsumma, Melbourne
- 2021 *The 5th Noel Counihan Commemorative Art Award*, Counihan Gallery, Melbourne
- 2021 *OUT*, Brunswick Street Gallery, Melbourne
- 2021 *Room To Create*, Collingwood Yards, Melbourne
- 2020 *Pink*, Tacit Gallery & Midsumma festival, Melbourne
- 2020 *Company Of Men*, Club 80, Melbourne
- 2020 *After Dawn*, Albert Street Gallery, Melbourne
- 2018 *Fortyfive Downstairs Art Award finalist exhibition*, Fortyfive Downstairs Gallery, Melbourne
- 2017 *Provocaré*, On Chapel Street Gallery, Melbourne

BOOK PUBLICATION

- 2024 *99 Names, Published by Tall Poppy Press, Launched at International Photo Festival, Melbourne*
- 2022 *LÉGITIMES?, Collaboration book published by Clara Fantassin, Lunched at ABCgalerie, France*
- 2021 *Beirut, Photobook Self-Published*
- 2021 *Group of Zines, Self-Published*
- 2021 *Rabbit, Photo and poetry collaboration with RMIT University, Melbourne*

AWARDS

- 2024 *Rainbow Exhibition 2024 recipient, Nillumbik Shire Council commission program*
- 2024 *Green Room Nomination for Best Set Design, Malthouse theatre*
- 2023 *Highly Commanded, William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize, MAPH*
- 2022 *Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award Winner, Midsumma Festival*
- 2022 *Small Works Art Prize Winner, Brunswick Street Gallery*
- 2022 *Best self-portrait from RMIT winner, Centre for Contemporary Photography*
- 2022 *Best video work from ACMI winner, Centre for Contemporary Photography*
- 2021 *Highly Commanded, The 5th Noel Counihan Commemorative Art Award, Counihan Gallery*
- 2020 *Room to Create Art Residency Program recipient, Collingwood Yards*
- 2020 *RMIT Excellence in staged photography winner, Centre for Contemporary Photography*
- 2018 *People's choice award recipient, Midsumma festival*
- 2018 *Emerging Artist Award winner, Fortyfive Downstairs Gallery*
- 2017 *Emerging Artist Award winner, Provocaré*
- 2016 *Small Works Award winner, Brunswick Street Gallery*
- 2016 *Best Conceptual Folio winner, Melbourne Polytechnic*
- 2014 *Click 14 Award winner, Brunswick Street Gallery*