

FATMA CHARFI

EDUCATION

Bachelor's degree in Visual arts

Institut Supérieur des Beaux-Arts de Tunis, Tunisia

Doctorat de 3ème cycle en Esthétique et Science de l'art

Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, France

PRIZES

2000

GRAND PRIX LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR

International Biennale of Contemporary African Art Dak'Art (4 times winner), Dakar, Senegal.

1999

Jury's prize

International biennale of contemporary art of Alexandria, Egypt

B.1955, Tunisia D. 2018, Switzerland

Fatma Charfi was a Tunisian-Swiss artist whose multidisciplinary practice spanned installation, sculpture, performance, photography, video, drawing, and painting. Born in Sfax, Tunisia, she studied at the École des Beaux-Arts de Tunis before pursuing doctoral studies in aesthetics at the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and further training at the Institut d'Art Visuel in Geneva.

EXHIBITIONS

POSTHUMOUS EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 – *Cantando Bajito*, Curated by Beya Othmani
Ford Foundation Gallery, New York, USA
- 2019 – *Hommage à Fatma Charfi par les artistes sénégalais*,
Galerie Nationale d'Art, Dakar, Senegal
- 2018 – *ÊTRE-AVEC*, Embassy of Switzerland in Tunisia,
The Swiss Confederation, Tunis, Tunisia.
- 2018 – *Hommage « 40ème jour du décès de l'artiste »*,
City of Culture – Ministry of Culture, Tunis, Tunisia.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2009 – *Jardin et désastres - Cultiver les paradoxes*, A.Gorgi Gallery, Sidi Bou Said, Tunisia
- 2007 – *Rouge, Blanc, Noir*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, USA
- 2006 – *Laboratoire de Paix*, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois, Switzerland
- 2006 – *Cri d'enfant, futur d'un rêve*, El Marsa Gallery, Tunis, Tunisia
- 2002 – *Laboratoire de Paix*, Stadtgalerie – Stadttheater, Bern, Switzerland
- 2002 – *Suisse du Sud*, Galerie Heubar, Bâle, Switzerland
- 2001 – Schweizerische Akademie der Naturwissenschaften SANW, Bern, Switzerland
- 2001 – *Fatma Charfi*, Kunstkeller Galerie, Bern, Switzerland
- 1999 – *Abrouc était un homme*, Maison des Arts, Tunis, Tunisia
- 1999 – *Fatma Charfi*, Palais des Rumines, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 1998 – *Frauen Kunst Forum*, Bern, Switzerland
- 1995 – *En quête de liberté*, Frauen Kunst Forum, Bern, Switzerland
- 1995 – *Abrouc est*, 50m2 – Espace Faits Divers, Geneva, Switzerland
- 1994 – *Kultur Panorama*, Lucerne, Switzerland
- 1994 – *Abrouc*, Galerie Filambule, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 1993 – *Galerie Municipale des arts Yahia*, Tunis, Tunisia

BIENNALES

- 2010 – **9th Dakar Biennale of Contemporary African Art**
Dakar, Senegal
- 2004 – **Cairo International Biennale**
Cairo, Egypt
- 2004 – **6th Dakar Biennale of Contemporary African Art** –
Dakar, Senegal
- 2002 – **5th Dakar Biennale of Contemporary African Art** –
Dakar, Senegal
- 2000 – **4th Dakar Biennale of Contemporary African Art** –
Dakar, Senegal
- 2000 – **Paradise Zero – International Contemporary Art Biennale**
EVENT 5, Sweden
- 1999 – **Alexandria International Contemporary Art Biennale**
Alexandria, Egypt
- 1998 – **3rd Dakar Biennale of Contemporary African Art** –
Dakar, Senegal
- 1996 – **15th International Biennial of Lausanne – Musée Cantonal des Beaux-Arts**
Lausanne, Switzerland
- 1996 – **15th International Biennial of Lausanne** Palais de Rumine, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 1996 – **15th International Biennial of Lausanne – KUNSTEN Museum of Modern Art**
Aalborg, Denmark
- 1996 – **15th International Biennial of Lausanne** Art Museum of Tilburg, Tilburg, Netherlands
- 1996 – **Biennale Internationale d'Angers**
Angers, France

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 – *Passerelles* – Centre Urbain, Tunis, Tunisia
- 2014 – *Laboratoire de Paix* (performance and exhibition) – Paul Klee Zentrum, Bern, Switzerland
- 2014 – *Écritures* – Galerie A. Gorgi, Sidi Bou Saïd, Tunisia
- 2014 – *Hommage à Paul Klee* – Espace Art Sadika, Tunis, Tunisia
- 2013 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – Handwerker Gallery, New York, USA
- 2012 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – Bartlett Center for the Visual Arts, Oklahoma City, USA
- 2012 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – Saint Mary's College Museum of Art, California, USA
- 2011 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – University of Kentucky Art Museum, Kentucky, USA
- 2011 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – Allegheny College Art Gallery, Pennsylvania, USA
- 2011 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – Saisset Museum, California, USA
- 2011 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – Idaho University Gallery, Idaho, USA
- 2011 – *Conférence sur la psychologie* (projection) – Bienne, Switzerland
- 2010 – *L'enfance en partage* – United Nations Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2010 – *La part du Corps* – Palais Kheireddine, Tunis, Tunisia
- 2010 – *Laboratory of Peace* (conference with Aida Nasrallah) – New York City, USA
- 2010 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – California State University Art Gallery, California, USA
- 2010 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – Richard E. Peeler Art Center, Indiana, USA
- 2010 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – Kean Galleries, New Jersey, USA
- 2009 – *Caravansérail – Confluences Africaines* – Palais Dar Tazi, Fez, Morocco
- 2009 – *Alienator Tour* – Fribourg, Switzerland
- 2009 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – Alexey von Schlippe Gallery of Art, Connecticut, USA
- 2009 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – Indiana University East Art Galleries, Indiana, USA
- 2009 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – Drury University Pool Art Center Galleries, Missouri, USA
- 2008 – *Borderlines* – Le Violon Bleu Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2008 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – Fine Art Center Gallery, Arkansas, USA
- 2008 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – The Dairy Center for the Arts, Boulder, USA
- 2008 – *The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces* – Union Gallery, Wisconsin, USA
- 2008 – *Contemporary Art: Breaking News from the Middle East* – Paris, France
- 2008 – *Hommage à Gorgi* – Galerie Ammar Farhat, Sidi Bou Saïd, Tunisia
- 2007 – *Filare il tempo* – Mini Art Textil Como 2007, Como, Italy (travelling exhibition in 8 countries)
- 2007 – *einAnder* – Kunsthalle Dominikanerkirche, Osnabrück, Germany

ART FAIRS

2008

Foire de l'art contemporain Africain – Pierre Bergé

Brussels, Belgium

2008

International photography Fair

Athens, Greece

2007

Gulf Art Fair with El Marsa Gallery

Dubai, UAE

COLLECTIONS

Baltimore Museum of Art

USA

The Ministry of Culture of Tunisia collection

Tunisia

State of Geneva

Switzerland collection

Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois

Switzerland

Private collections

Switzerland, Tunisia, Morocco,
France, Italy (Luciano Benetton),
Senegal, USA, Abu-Dhabi (Royal
family)

- 2007 – *Été 07* – Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 2006 – *A Fiction of Authenticity (3rd step)* – Blaffer Art Museum, Texas, USA
- 2006 – *Mémoire de demain* – El Marsa Gallery, Tunis, Tunisia
- 2004 – *A Fiction of Authenticity (2nd step)* – Regina Gouger Miller Gallery, Pittsburgh, USA
- 2004 – *Swiss Scene* – Hartware MedienKunstVerein (PHOENIX Halle), Dortmund, Germany
- 2004 – *Papiers d'Hiver* – Galerie Monos, Liège, Belgium
- 2004 – *Impressions croisées* – Palais Kheireddine, Tunis, Tunisia
- 2003 – *Shatat Diaspora* – University of Colorado Art Gallery, Boulder, USA
- 2003 – *A Fiction of Authenticity (1st step)* – Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, St. Louis, USA
- 2002 – *Espacios trascendentes* – Espacio Interdisciplinar Internacional de Arte Contemporáneo, Santander, Spain
- 2000 – *Tunisian Contemporary Art Scene* – Universal Exhibition Hannover 2000, Hanover, Germany
- 2000 – *Un autre regard* – Palais Kheireddine, Tunis, Tunisia
- 1999 – *Change Directory* – Kunsthalle Bern, Bern, Switzerland
- 1998 – Bellerive Museum, Zurich, Switzerland
- 1997 – *Botanique : science et art* – Fondation Claude Verdan, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 1997 – *Botanique : science et art* – Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 1997 – *Un autre regard* – Neuhaus Museum, Biel/Bienne, Switzerland
- 1997 – *Virus Express* – Museum of Design, Zurich, Switzerland
- 1996 – *La 2ème croisière des cultures* – Musée de Carthage, Carthage, Tunisia
- 1996 – *From the Disappearing of the Body* – Kunstraum Aarau, Aarau, Switzerland
- 1996 – *NEUCHATEL-ARTS* – Neuchâtel, Switzerland