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Born 1981 in Cairo , Egypt

Born in Cairo, Egypt in 1980; lives and works in Egypt.

Ahmed El Shaer is a multi-disciplinary artist (installation, photography, sound, video), with a particular interest in digital technologies. His videos combine Machinima, stock footage, 3D animation and experimental soundscapes. He is Co-Founder of "CAIRO DOCUMENTA" an independent event and he started to establish "TOLON STUDIO FOR CONTEMPORARY ART" - as an Individual Company, a non-profit organization devoted to contemporary arts.

His work has been highlighted in numerous exhibitions and festivals, among which: (2012) Cairo Documenta, Cairo, Egypt, (2011) After the Rage, Beton7 Art Center, Athena, Greece, (2011) Disconnect , the Town House Gallery, Cairo, Egypt, (2011) Bamako Biennale , Bamako National Museum, Bamako, Mali, (2011) The Changing Room, Group Exhibition, Torino-Italy, Presidents Remix, SALT Beyoğlu, Istanbul, Turkey (2011); The Oakland Standard, Contemporary Arab Video Encounter (CAVE), Oakland Museum, California, USA (2011); Cairo Documenta, Cairo, Egypt (2010); Sanctioned Array, White Box, New York, USA (2010); Living Spaces The 2nd AllArtNow Festival for Contemporary Arts, Damascus, Syria (2010); Awkward Conversations, The 17th New York African Film Festival, New Museum, New York and Axis Gallery, New York, USA (2010); Under Current: Contemporary Art from Egypt, SAWA Gallery, Dubai, UAE (2009);

Fugitive Video Project 2009 (International Festival for Alternative Film and Video, Dublin and Mantua, 2009); *Under Current: Contemporary Art from Egypt* (SAWA Gallery, Dubai, 2009); Orebro International Video Art Festival (Orebro, Sweden, 2008); International Biennial of Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean, Bari, Italy (2008). He is the recipient of numerous awards and has participated in several residency programs, such as the Pro Helvetia Artist-in-Residence cycle (Zurich, Switzerland, 2009) and the Summer Academy of Fine Arts (Salzburg, Austria, 2006 and 2007).

Education

06/2002 B.A. in Art Culture **Art** College, Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt

01/2004 Certificate of Excellence in Macromedia Dream weaver M X 2004, Russian Cultural Center, Cairo, Egypt

08/2006 Certificate of Video Game/ Video Art, From Summer Academy for Fine art, Salzburg-Austria

08/2007 Certificate of Video Art By Artist Vale Export, From Summer Academy for Fine art, Salzburg-Austria

Membership

(APT) Artist Pension Trust

<http://www.apglobal.org/view/artist.asp?ID=7578>

LOWAVE film & curator label

http://www.lowave.com/?language=EN§ion=artists&id_artist=144

International Exhibition

07/2012 Image Contre Nature, international festival of experimental video - 12th edition, Marseille, France.

05-06/2012 AthinaArt International Arts Festival, " River Raid" 8bit Portrait, Izmail, Ukraine.

01/2012 Cairo Documenta2, Cairo, Egypt.

12/2011 After the Rage, Beton7 Art Center, Athena, Greece.

12/2011 Disconnect , the Town House Gallery, Cairo, Egypt

10/2011 Bamako Biennale , Bamako National Museum, Bamako, Mali

09/2011 The Changing Room, Group Exhibition, Torino-Italy

06/2011 screening with EDV distributors, Solus programs , Toulouse, France

05/2011 Matilha Cultural, São Paulo, Brazil

05/2011 VIDEOAKT International Video Biennale, Salt Gallery , Barcelona, Spain

04/2011 screening the Presidents Remix, Salt Gallery , Istanbul, Turkey.

04/2011 Life Quartet Exhibition Alex *Jesuits*, Alex, Egypt.

04/2011 The Oakland Standard, Contemporary Arab Video Encounter (CAVE), Oakland Museum, California, US

03/2011 Screening of [IN/FLUX](#) in collaboration with [Performance Saga](#) @ [Neues Kino](#), Basel, Switzerland.

12/2010 Cairo documenta, Group Exhibition, enter active game, Cairo, Egypt

11/2010 SanctionedArray video project, white box, New York, USA

10/2010 Screening of IN/FLUX @ Museet for Samtidskunst, Roskilde, Denmark

2010 50JPG: The Revenge of the Archive The Presidents: Remix Blancpain Art Contemporain Gallery In collaboration with the Centre of Photography Geneva <http://www.blancpain-artcontemporain.ch>

2010 : Living Spaces The 2nd AllArtNow Festival for Contemporary arts Damascus Syria, WWW.allartnow.com

2010 IN/FLUX: Awkward Conversations The 17th New York African Film Festival Curated by Cedric Vincent and Dominique Malaquais New Museum, New York Axis Gallery, New York, May

2010 Howmuch Contemporary Art Project / Nicosia

2010 On Look Films Benefit: Featuring Films from the Middle East – Chicago – USA

02/2010 CONTEMPORARY ARABIC VIDEOS SCREENING: WITHIN THE REGION- UCCA: A CATALYST FOR

CONTEMPORARY CREATION IN CHINA

- 09 /2009 the Cairo Box in the beehive experiment Amsterdam - Netherlands
- 09 -11/2009 " Solus & Guests " Irish / Arabian ' Avant - Grade ' film tour 2009
- 05/2009 " Under Current " Group Exhibition for Egyptian Contemporary Art at Art Sawa Gallery - Dubai
- 04/2009 CIGE 2009 Special Art Project China International Gallery Exposition 2009, China
- 04/2009 Fugitive Video Project 2009 International festival for alternative film and video Dublin and Mantua, Ireland
- 02/2009 (MidEast cut)International festival for alternative film and video Denmark & Finland
- 02/2009 All art now 1st international video art festival in Syria
- 01/2009 the final Exhibition of the Cairo – Alicanty media art Workshop at Alicante Art Center – Alicanty - Spain
- 11/2008 the final Exhibition of the Cairo – Alcanty media art Workshop at Gezer Art Center Cairo
- 10/2008 ÖREBRO INTERNATIONAL VIDEOART FESTIVAL - Sweden Art-Curator" Contemporary Practices Magazine
- 10/2008 Biennale de Arte Contemporary de Seville Biacs3 - Spain Curator MEDRAR (Egypt) Within the region.
- 05/2008 Daleky Blizky Vychod 2008 Festival for short Films in Slovakia
- 05/2008 The International Association of the Biennial of Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean (BJCEM) Bari- Italy 2008
- 03/2008 Dubai Art Fair, Video Art-**Curator**" Contemporary Practices Magazine" Sherif Awaad .
- 08/2007 Group Exhibition at Summer Academy for Fine Art in Salzburg - Austria.
- 04/2007 2nd international Youth Salon At Alexandria Atiller .
- 03/2007 **After Urban** - Video art & architecture even Festival- University of Pennsylvania, 34th & Walnut - Philadelphia USA– **curator** Luca Curci
- 08/2006 Group Exhibition at Summer Academy for Fine Art in Salzburg - Austria .
- 05/2006 2emes Rencontres de L'Image By French Culture Center in Cairo .
- 04/2006 1st international Festival for Short Films By French Culture Center in Port Said .
- 04/2006 1st international Youth Salon At Alexandria Atiller .
- 02/2006 1st international annual web exhibition At Egyptian Contemporary Artists site www.ecartists.com
- 11/2005 The Exhibition of "Form through Light 2" In Art of Palace.
- 07/2005 "Art communicates – across the world" project at the German Embassy
Site http://www.kairo.diplo.de/de/kunstprojekt/ahmed__elshaer__seite.html

11/2004 The Exhibition of "Form through Light" In Art of Palace

Solo Exhibition

12/2009 Personal Exhibition Title "Meine Zurich " in F+F School for Art & Media Design Zurich - Switzerland

06/2009 Personal Exhibition Title "Under Examination " in El Gezera Art Center

12/2008 Personal Exhibition at Cairo Atiller

08/2007 Personal Exhibition at "ALCATRAZ" Gallery Summer Academy in Salzburg - Austria

05/2007 Personal Exhibition at Tahia Halim hole Cairo Atelier – Cairo - Egypt

07/2006 Personal Exhibition at "ALCATRAZ" Gallery Summer Academy in Salzburg - Austria

05/2005 Personal Exhibition Title "Conversation" in El Gezera Art Center

Grant

06/2011 International Visitor Program by State Department, USA

08/2007 Grant at Summer Academy for Fine Art in Video Art by Artist "Vale Export" – Salzburg - Austria

07/2006 Grant at Summer Academy for Fine Art in Video game& Video Art by Artist Fung Meng bo– Salzburg - Austria

Artist in Residence

06-07 / 2012 ART OMI RESIDANCY, NEW YORK, USA.

10-12 / 2009 Prohelvetia Artist in Residence for three months at F+F School for Art & Media Design Zurich – Switzerland

Teaching

07/2010 Organizing & Teaching in Workshop for Video Game Art (Machinima) Jesuit Alexandria, Egypt.

07/2010 Organizing & Teaching in Workshop for Video Game Art (Machinima) as part of 9th The Experimental Workshop for Media Art & Creativityin Faculty of Art Education

04/2010 Organizing & Teaching in Workshop for Mono print for hi school student in Summer class of American University

07/2009 Organizing & Teaching in Workshop for Video Game Art (Machinima) as part of 9th The Experimental Workshop for Media Art & Creativityin Faculty of Art Education

06/2008 Organizing & Teaching in Workshop for Beginners in Video Art at Townhouse Gallery" the Product artworks of this workshop showing at New Museum in New York – USA"

Professional Development

12/2008 Workshop with Spanish Artists from L'aporal Art Center in Media & interactive Art with Pure data Program

11/2008 Cairo - Alicanty Workshop Sharing Between Spanish & Egyptian in Media & Videoe Art in Gizera Art Center- Cairo

07/2002 Third Practice of Education Art Colleges Workshop in Video Art and Media

2002 Second Update Workshop in video art and media, German Culture Center (Gota)

Awards

09/2003 First Prize in Media Art, Fifteenth Youth Saloon

09/2002 Honor Prize, Media Art, Fourteenth Youth Salon