

Born in Cairo in 1956 to a German mother and an Egyptian-Sudanese father, **Hisham El Zeiny** grew up in a bilingual multi-cultural environment. He studied architecture at the Faculty of Fine Arts in Cairo between 1974-1979 followed by postgraduate studies with Prof. Hassan Fathy, the pioneer of Egyptian traditional architecture. His first exhibition was at Goethe Institute in Cairo which was his first steps as an artist, followed by numerous solo and group exhibitions in Egypt and in Europe, where he has been living for more than 10 years. He uses mixed media and collage with newspapers pages as reflections on everyday life. By overlapping layers, he blends feelings with colour, memories with textures, personality with patterns.