

AYAN FARAH

Born in 1978, Sharjah, UAE
Lives and works in Stockholm, Sweden

Education

2012 MA Painting, Royal College of Art, London, UK
2006 Post Graduate Degree, Fine Art, Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design,
London, UK
2003 BA Fashion Design, Middlesex University, London, UK

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025

Galerie Nordenhake Stockholm, Sweden (upcoming)

2024

Seeds, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany
Heliacal Rising, Kadel Willborn, Düsseldorf, Germany

2022

Peradam, Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden
Kasbah, Galerie Kadel Willborn, Düsseldorf, Germany

2020

Pippy Houldsworth Gallery, London, UK

2019

Between Two Lands, Galerie Kadel Willborn, Düsseldorf, Germany

2018

Hanging #19, Sammlung Klein, Eberdingen-Nussdorf, Germany

2016

Maps, Pippy Houldsworth Gallery, London, UK
Ayan Farah, Galerie Kadel Willborn, Düsseldorf, Germany

2014

Notes on running water, Almine Rech Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

2012

Ayan Farah, Vigo Gallery, London, UK

2009

Flash Herring (Observatory for Northern Light), University Centre In Svalbard, Svalbard, Norway

Selected Group Exhibitions

2024

Stockholm Cosmology, Liljevalchs konsthall, Stockholm, Sweden

Black Rock Sénégal / Dak'art Biennale, Dakar, Senegal

2023

To Weave the Sky: Textile Abstractions, El Espacio 23, Miami, USA

Close Looking: Collection Studies from the Roberts Institute of Art at Cromwell Place, London, UK

The Stuff of Life, The Life of Stuff, Sainsbury Centre, Norwich, UK

A Meeting with Eldfell, Safnahús Vestmannaeyja, Iceland

Stockholm art visits Liljevalchs+, Liljevalchs+, Stockholm, Sweden

Everybody Talks About the Weather, Fondazione Prada, Venice, Italy

ENVIRONMENT, Blue Knowledge Art Collection, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2022

Flesh Arranges Itself Differently, The Hunterian, Glasgow, UK

IDENTITÄT NICHT NACHGEWIESEN - Neuerwerbungen der Sammlung des Bundes, Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn, Germany

2020

Common Thread, New Art Centre, Salisbury, UK

Silence is so accurate, curated by Lien Craps, Geukens & de Vil, Antwerp, Belgium

2018

The London Open 2018, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK

Ravelled Threads, Sean Kelly Gallery, New York, USA

In the Eye of the Beholder, Tarble Arts Center, Charleston, USA

Textile Abstraction, Casas Riegner, Bogota, Colombia

2017-18

How It's Made, Carl Kostyál, Stockholm, Sweden

2017

From a distance, Pippy Houldsworth Gallery, London, UK

Adjustment, Malmö, Sweden

2015

Ayan Farah, Max Lamb, Chris Succo, Almine Rech Gallery, London, UK

Dans un Intérieur. Meubles, oeuvres murales et textiles d'artistes, Almine Rech Gallery,

Brussels, Belgium

2014

Le musée d'une nuit (script for leaving traces), Fondation Hippocrène, Paris, France
Dans un Intérieur. Meubles, oeuvres murales et textiles d'artistes, Almine Rech Gallery, Paris, France
Infinitude, Roberts & Tilton, Los Angeles, USA
Proxima, Museo Británico Americano, Mexico City, Mexico
Shakti, Brand New Gallery, Milan, Italy
The Figure in the Carpet, Bugada & Cargnel, Paris, France
Girlfriend material, Soho House, Berlin, Germany
Robert Blumenthal Gallery, New York, USA

2013

All that remains is here, Galleri Mejan, Stockholm, Sweden
Xtraction, The Hole, New York, USA
Alchemy, The Arts Club, London, UK
Wanderlust, Contemporary Art Society, London, UK
Girlfriend material, The Standard, Los Angeles, USA
RA, UNTITLED, Miami, USA

2012

Ululation, Vigo Gallery, London, UK
Summer Show, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, UK
MA Degree show, Royal College of Art, London, UK
The Constance Fairness Award, The Constance Fairness Foundation, London UK
The Alchemist's day out, Park Central Hotel, New York, USA

Residencies

2023 The Roberts Institute of Art Residency, Scotland
2022 Black Rock, Dakar, Senegal
2013 Eilean Shona, Scotland, UK
2012-13 Royal Institute of Art, Stockholm, Sweden
2009 The University Centre in Svalbard, Svalbard, Norway
2007 Creative Collaboration, Reykjavík, Iceland

Collections

The Hill Collection, NY, USA
El Espacio 23, Miami, USA
Stockholm konst, Sweden
Public Art Agency Sweden, Sweden
Roberts Institute of Art, UK
Kunstpalaat, Düsseldorf, Germany

Contemporary Art Collection of the Federal Estate of Germany, Germany

HSBC Art Collection, UK

Kadist Foundation, France

Sammlung Klein, Eberdingen-Nussdorf, Germany

Saatchi Gallery, London, UK