

# Leila Khoury

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## Education

- 2017-20 Master of Architecture (Emphasis in Interior Architecture) + Certificate in Historic Preservation.  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL.
- 2011-15 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Interdisciplinary Sculpture. Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD.
- Other: 2018 Summer courses, Ox-Bow School of Art + Artist Residency. Saugatuck, MI.

## Select Commissions

- 2023-24 (Upcoming) Artist, Queen Zenobia Memorial Sculpture. Syrian Cultural Garden, Cleveland, OH.
- 2015 Artist, Nizar Qabbani Memorial Sculpture. Syrian Cultural Garden, Cleveland, OH.

## Publications, Art Books, and Zines

- 2023 Co-Author, Complex Structures: Indelible Stories of Coming Home. Collaboratively published with support from Cleveland Foundation (Cleveland, OH.)
- 2022 Co-Author, Among Relatives: Indigenous Voices in the Cuyahoga Valley. Self-published with support from the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Cleveland, OH.)
- 2021 Author, A Soulful Body: The Immigration and Placemaking of Arabs in Detroit. Empress Editions (Cleveland, OH.)

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2016 عرائس البحر // the mermaids. The Sunroom, Cleveland, OH.  
Aleppo Bathhouse. The Vandal, Pittsburgh, PA.  
al-Jiran. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
Concrete Images from a Syria Lost. The Trimont, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2015 Kamins Island. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
DIRGES. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
Nizar Qabbani Memorial Unveiling. Cleveland Cultural Gardens, Cleveland, OH.

## Select Group Exhibitions

- 2023 (Upcoming) Complex Structures: Indelible Stories of Coming Home. Cleveland Foundation. Cleveland, OH.
- 2022 Among Relatives: Indigenous Voices in the Cuyahoga Valley. Trail Mix Boston. Peninsula, OH.  
Enactive Architecture. Ministry of Culture and Tourism. Columbus, OH.  
August Show. The Mine. Cleveland, OH.
- 2021 Object Lounge. Collar Works Gallery. Troy, NY.  
Printed Matter Virtual Art Book Fair. New York City, NY.  
An Introduction. Current, Cleveland, OH.  
Buds Pt II. PM Threads, Cleveland, OH.
- 2020 A Public Trust. SPACES, Cleveland, OH.  
Small Works. Abattoir Gallery, Cleveland, OH.
- 2019 (dis)comfort zones: Underrepresentation and Invisibility in the Institution. Carroll University, Waukesha, WI.
- 2018 Women to Watch. National Museum for Women in the Arts, Washington DC.  
Women to Watch Ohio (via National Museum for Women in the Arts). Riffe Gallery, Columbus, OH.  
Tender House Project. McCormick Bridgehouse and Chicago River Museum, Chicago, IL.
- 2017 Sadeer Day Exhibition. Sadeer General Trading & Contracting Co., Subhan, Kuwait.
- 2016 Creative Fusion Artists Group Exhibition. Cleveland Collection Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
A Little Bit of Tenderness. Data Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
Aleppo Bathhouse. Market Square, Pittsburgh, PA. via World Refugee Day. Organized by Acculturation for Justice, Access and Peace Outreach (AJAPO).

- Cleveland Orchestra's Fridays @ 7 Concert Series. Severance Hall, Cleveland, OH.  
 Neighborhood Dances, a performance-based installation by Victoria Bradford.  
 Curated by Megan Young in junction with Re|Marking arts event. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.
- 2015 DIRGES // CHEMICAL ASH. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
 From the Dust. Article Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
 Shades of Grey. Creative Space, Cleveland, OH.  
 Lab Bodies: Borders, Boundaries, and Barricades. Gallery CA, Baltimore, MD.  
 Not from Here, Not from There. Gallery CA, Baltimore, MD.  
 LANDSWEPT. Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD.  
 Antier; Ya'aburnee. La Bodega Gallery, Baltimore, MD.  
 Protest Era 3. Annex 2e, Baltimore, MD.  
 100% YES (via Refugee Youth Project). Current Space, Baltimore, MD.
- 2013 Ply. Middendorf Gallery, Baltimore, MD.
- 2012 ON/OFF. Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, OH.  
 Faculty Exhibition. Orange Art Center, Pepper Pike, OH.

## Curation

- 2023 (Upcoming) Complex Structures: Indelible Stories of Coming Home. Cleveland Foundation. Cleveland, OH.
- 2022-23 Cleveland Babies Secret Books. Cleveland, OH.
- moCa Bound Art Book + Zine Fair. Cleveland, OH.
  - Detroit Art Book Fair. Detroit, MI.
  - Columbus Art Book Fair. Columbus, OH.
- Home Soon: An exhibition of art created by youth within the Cuyahoga County Detention Center alongside Mayfair Elementary School students. Co-hosted with the Tamir Rice Foundation. SPACES, Cleveland, OH.
- 2020 Cleveland Community Archives (cc-archives.com).
- 2017 By Force and By Choice: A Benefit for the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
 By Force and By Choice. By Amber N. Ford. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
 NESTING. By Danielle Muzina. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
 Polimetria Curva. By Luis Ituarte. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.
- 2016 Selections: Photographs and prints from Nomadic Bookshelf. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
 Clay in CLE. A BRICK Ceramic + Design Studio members' exhibit. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
 Arti(fice)fact. By Ryan Rennie. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
 al-Jiran. By Leila Khoury. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
 Neighborhood Dances. By Victoria Bradford. Curated by Megan Young in junction with Re|Marking arts event. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
 Kairos. By Mike Lombardy. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.
- 2015 Kamins Island. By Leila Khoury. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
 Dirges/Chemical Ash. By Leila Khoury and Antoinette Nero. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
 Dirges. By Leila Khoury. ZAINA Gallery, Cleveland, OH.  
 LANDSWEPT. By Leila Khoury and Steph Tarlton. Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD.  
 Antier; Ya'aburnee. By Leila Khoury and Erick Benitez. La Bodega Gallery, Baltimore, MD.  
 100% YES (in collaboration with Refugee Youth Project). Current Space, Baltimore, MD.

## Teaching Experience

- 2020-21 Teaching Artist, Cleveland Museum of Art Virtual Studio Programs. Cleveland, OH.  
 Teaching Artist, Cleveland Museum of Art Summer Camp. Cleveland, OH.
- 2012-17 Teaching Artist, Orange Art Center. Pepper Pike, OH.
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, David Brooks. MICA, Baltimore, MD.
- 2012-15 Teaching Artist, MICA Community Art Partnership, Baltimore, MD.
- Refugee Youth Project.
  - The Arc of Baltimore.
  - Baltimore Franciscan Center.

## Awards

- 2020 Nominee, AIA Chicago Foundation Student Design Competition.
- 2018 Certificate of Recognition, President of the Ohio State Senate.
- 2017-20 Dean's Scholarship, School of the Art Institute of Chicago.
- 2017 Ox-Bow Steketee Merit Scholarship.
- 2011-15 Merit Scholarship, Maryland Institute College of Art.  
Dean's List, Maryland Institute College of Art.

## Artist Talks, Lectures, and Panels

- 2022 Low Power Happy Hour. Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Peninsula, OH.
- 2021 Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security and Conflict Transformation - Virtual Conference, Artist Panel.
- 2020 Patricia Summerville Arts Professional Panel. Murray State University. Murray, KY.
- 2020 Lyric by the Lake Theater. Fairport Harbor, OH. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2018 Riffe Gallery. Columbus, OH.
- 2017 The King's Academy. Madaba, Jordan.

## Juries

- 2022 Caregiver Art Show. Cleveland Clinic. Cleveland, OH.
- 2021 Fieldhouse Art Mural Selection Committee. West 117 Foundation, Inc. Cleveland, OH.

## Artist Residencies

- 2019 Makers Circle. Marshall, NC.
- 2016 Creative Fusion. Cleveland Foundation, Cleveland, OH.

## Selected Bibliography

- 2022 [The Ministry of Culture and Tourism establishes first bureau in Franklinton](#), Columbus Monthly.
- 2021 [School of the Art Institute of Chicago presents 10 student architectural projects](#), Dezeen.
- 2019 [Pillagers and Preservation, A Conversation with Leila Khoury](#), The Queer Arabs Podcast.
- 2018 [Artist Spotlight: Leila Khoury](#), National Museum of Women in the Arts.  
[The Artist Re-Creating and Preserving Palmyra in Metal](#), OZY Rising Stars.  
[How Female Sculptors Are Pushing the Bounds of Metal as a Medium](#), Hyperallergic.  
[Ohio Metal Sculptors Crack Art World's Glass Ceiling](#), NPR Ideastream.  
[Spotlight: Riffe Gallery-Women to Watch Ohio 2018-Leila Khoury](#), The Ohio Channel.
- 2016 [Aleppo Bathhouse: One American Artist's Personal Response to the Syrian Crisis](#), VICE.  
[Preserving Syria Through Art](#), Your Middle East.  
[Cleveland Artist Spotlight: Leila Khoury](#), Arts Cleveland.
- 2015 [A Dedication for the Son of Syria](#), Arab America.