

Haya Zaidi

Born 1993, Karachi, Pakistan

Lives and works in Karachi, Pakistan

EDUCATION

2013–2017 Bachelor in Fine Arts, National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan

Major: Indo-Persian Miniature Painting

Graduated with Distinction

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 Haya Zaidi, Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL

2025 Becoming, Sanat Initiative, Karachi, Pakistan

2023 Angst: Portrait of an Afterthought, Sanat Initiative, Karachi, Pakistan

2022 Unpinned, Dominion Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan

2021 Family Hall, Sanat Initiative, Karachi, Pakistan

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 MENASA+: Thresholds of Representation, Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL

2024 Mirage of Life, Numaish Gah, Lahore

2023 Re-imagine/Re-trace, O Art Space, Lahore

2022 Eve's Eye, Sanat Initiative, Karachi

2022 Why do Artists do Strange Things, Full Circle Gallery, Karachi

2022 Elsewhere, O Art Space, Lahore

2021 Flower of a Blue Flame, Canvas Gallery, Karachi

2021 PAF Collector's Art Soiree, Pakistan Art Forum, Islamabad

2021 ARTDOM, ARTDOM, Oslo, Norway

2020 On the Twenty Fifth, O Art Space, Lahore

2020 Pretty Art for Pretty People, Sanat Initiative, Karachi

2020 Art for art's sake, Pakistan Art Forum, Islamabad

2020 Prints for Pandemic Relief, PFPR, Islamabad

2019 Space in Time, Contemporary Miniatures from Pakistan, Rietberg Museum, Zurich, Switzerland

2019 Naya Pakistan, Sanat Initiative, Karachi

2018 On Art, Swiss Embassy, Islamabad

2018 Augmentation, U.S. Consulate, Karachi

2018 Parallel Realities, Sanat Initiative, Karachi

2018 Ever Let the Fancy Roam, Chawkandi Art Gallery, Karachi

2018 International Women's Day Exhibition, U.S. Consulate, Karachi

2017 Karachi Biennale, Alliance Française, Karachi

2017 Beneath the Surface, Canvas Gallery, Karachi

2017 MICROCOSM, Gandhara Art Gallery, Karachi

2017 NEXT O, Art Space, Lahore

2017 Premise of Promise, Canvas Gallery, Karachi

NOTABLE REVIEWS & PUBLICATIONS

The News <https://www.thenews.com.pk/amp/988002-dipping-into-the-layers-of-miniature-art>

Platform Magazine <https://www.platform-mag.com/art/haya-zaidi.html>

Karachi Collective <https://thekarachicollective.com/family-hall/>

The News <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1121853-exploring-a-girl-s-narrative-within-constraints-of-strict->

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GROUP EXHIBITIONS REVIEWS & PUBLICATIONS

Express Tribune <https://tribune.com.pk/story/1454872/young-visual-artists-depict-reality-nature/>
GEO <https://www.geo.tv/latest/131827-Premise-of-Promise-a-group-show-of-six-emerging-artists-curated-by-Quddus-Mirza>
Dawn Magazine <https://www.dawn.com/news/1351183/exhibition-a-microcosm-of-experiences>
Destinations <http://destinations.com.pk/adeel-uz-zafars-microcosm/>
Additional Publications and Media Coverage
Dawn Magazine <https://www.dawn.com/news/1348585>
Art Now <http://www.artnowpakistan.com/microcosm/>
The News <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/219180-Microcosm-encapsulating-the-dynamics-of-change>
Swiss Embassy coverage <https://www.dawn.com/news/1447059>
ARY News <https://www.arynews.tv/ud/microcosm-art-exhibition-in-karachi/>
Business Recorder <https://epaper.brecorder.com/2017/12/16/22-page.html>
Art Now <http://www.artnowpakistan.com/beneath-the-surface/>
Pakistan Press Foundation <https://www.pakistanpressfoundation.org/10-finalists-announced-for-pechakucha/>
The Friday Times <https://thefridaytimes.com/21-Sep-2018/ever-let-the-fancy-roam>
Youlin Magazine <https://www.youlinmagazine.com/story/parallel-realities-by-onaz-taji-and-haya-zaidi-at-sanat-gallery-/MTlyMg==>
Dawn Magazine <https://www.dawn.com/news/1500066/exhibition-chasing-dreams>
Art Now <http://www.artnowpakistan.com/old-rules-new-aspiration-naya-pakistan/>
Images and Features
Dawn Images <https://images.dawn.com/news/1185182/over-50-pakistani-artists-have-donated-their-artwork-to-this-covid-19-fundraiser>
Arab News <https://www.arabnews.pk/node/1669381/pakistan>
Sunday Magazine <https://sunday.com.pk/lifestyle/art/prints-for-pandemic-over-50-artists-donate-artwork-for-covid-19-fundraiser/>
Mashable Pakistan <https://pk.mashable.com/coronavirus/3033/more-than-fifty-pakistani-artists-unite-for-print-for-pandemic-relief>
Daily Times <https://dailytimes.com.pk/611345/prints-of-art-for-pandemic-relief/amp/>
O Art Space <https://oartspace.com/team/syeda-haya-zaidi/>
ArtDom <https://www.artdomproject.com/artdom-part-2>
The Free Library <https://www.thefreelibrary.com/Fancy+and+imagination-a0549731254>
Medium https://medium.com/@aarish.sardar_58710/the-waves-and-visual-poetry-734001f4d857
Wordpress <https://nageenshaikh.wordpress.com/2019/10/02/new-aspirations-yet-do-not-equalize-male-to-female-artists-ratio/>
Dawn Magazine <https://www.dawn.com/news/1718015/creative-strangeness>
The News <https://www.thenews.com.pk/magazine/you/1003067-celebration-of-artists>