

**Adel El Siwi** was born in 1952 in Beheira, Egypt. He studied medicine at Cairo University between 1970 and 1976 and in the same years he studied art at the Faculty of Fine Arts. In 1980 he moved to Milan, Italy, where he lived and worked for a decade before moving back to Cairo, where he currently lives and works.

### **Solo exhibitions**

- 2017 *In the presence of the Animal*, Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art, Cairo, Egypt  
*The Face and Beyond*, Artspace Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2015 Artspace Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2013 Inception Gallery, Paris, France  
Artspace Gallery, London, UK
- 2012 Artspace Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2010 *The Fables*, Horizon One Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 2009 *Contemporary icons*, Artspace Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2008 *Au delà du visage*, Le Violon Bleu, Tunisia
- 2007 *Siwi Faces*, Artspace, Dubai, UAE
- 2006 *My stars*, Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art, Espace Karim Francis, Cairo, Egypt
- 2005 French Cultural Center, Alexandria, Egypt
- 2004 Illusion Art Gallery, Kuwait City, Kuwait  
Atassi Gallery, Damascus, Syria  
Agial Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2003 Ammar Farahat Gallery, Tunisia  
Al Riwaq Gallery, Manama, Bahrain
- 1999 Akhnaton Gallery, Center of Arts, Zamalek, Cairo, Egypt  
*Vision Egyptienne d'Eternité*, Ville d'Agde, France
- 1996 Egyptian Academy, Rome, Italy
- 1995 Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art, Cairo, Egypt
- 1993 Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art, Cairo, Egypt  
Epreuve d'Artiste Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 1992 Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art, Cairo, Egypt
- 1990 Papiy Gallery, Berlin, Germany  
Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art
- 1989 Koreuber Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 1988 Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art
- 1987 Cairo Atelier, Cairo, Egypt
- 1985 Cairo Atelier, Cairo, Egypt
- 1980 Cairo Atelier, Cairo, Egypt

## Group exhibitions

- 2015 SYRA Arts, New York, USA
- 2014 *Contemporary Egyptian Art*, Egyptian Academy, Rome, Italy
- 2012 *25 years of contemporary Arab art*, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
- 2011 *Window on contemporary Egyptian art*, London, UK
- 2009 Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy  
*Invisible presence: Looking at the Body in Contemporary Egyptian Art*  
(curated by Stefania Angarano), Samaakhana, Cairo, Egypt  
*The Face*, Horizon One Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
- 2008 *The Other*, Cairo Biennale, Cairo, Egypt  
*Arabia Italia*: Chelsea Art Museum, New York, USA  
*Word into Art - Artists of the Middle East*: traveling exhibition (curated by Venetia Porter), The British Museum, Dubai, UAE  
*Mediterranean Trilogy*, Palais des Arts, Marseille, France  
*Arab artists in between Italian and Mediterranean Tradition*  
Damascus/Beirut/Cairo
- 2007 *Occidentalism* (curated by Karim Francis), Swiss hotel, Cairo, Egypt
- 2005 *Al Azhar Park meets Contemporary Art*, Azhar Park, Cairo, Egypt  
Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art, Cairo, Egypt  
Fonon Gallery, Cairo, Egypt  
Espace Karim Francis, Cairo, Egypt
- 2003 *ARAB canvas* (curated by Saleh Barakat), Dubai, UAE  
*Repliques* (curated by Philippe Mouillon), Algeria
- 2002 *Contemporary Egyptian Art*, Beijing, China  
*Ateliers Arabes*, Unesco Hall, Beirut  
*18 International artists: Homage to King Henry IV* (curated by Philippe Mouillon), Lyon, France
- 2001 *Contemporary Art in Egypt*, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2000 *Trans African Art*, Orlando Museum of Modern Art, Florida, USA
- 1999 *A la nuit tombée* (curated by Philippe Mouillon), Grenoble, France  
*12 Contemporary Egyptian Artists*, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
- 1998 Bellektin – Moderling, Dolmabachi Cultureal Center, Istanbul, Turkey.  
Days of Kom Ghurab, Hanager Center, Opera House, Cairo, Egypt
- 1997 *Modernities and Memories: Recent works from the Islamic world*, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy  
Sharjah Biennale, Sharjah, UAE  
Alexandria Biennale, Alexandria, Egypt
- 1996 Biennale of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, parallel works in Rio de Janeiro  
Cairo Biennale, Cairo, Egypt
- 1995 Lexus Hall, Jedda, Saudi Arabia  
*Modern Egyptian Art Exhibition*, Marseille, France  
International Institute for Commerce, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1994 *Rencontres Africaines*, Institute du Monde Arabe, Paris, France

- National Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa; Capetown, South Africa  
Lisbon, Portugal, British Council, Cairo, Egypt
- 1993 Modern Art Museum, New Delhi, India
- 1989 Ghoury Palaca, Cairo, Egypt
- 1986 *Foreign Artists in Italy*, Palazzo Innocenti, Florence, Italy

### **Other Achievements**

- 2006 Translation of Giuseppe Ungaretti's *Life of a man*
- 2001 Translation and preface of Paul Klee's *Bauhaus Lectures*
- 1997 Member of the Supreme Council of Culture, Egypt  
Editor of the magazine of Visual Art *Ain*
- 1996 Creator of the Kom El Ghorab Community Art Project, Old Cairo
- 1995 Translation and preface of the Leonardo da Vinci's *A treatise on painting*
- 1994 Art director of *Ya Donia ya Gharami*, directed by Magdi Ahmed Ali

### **Acquisitions**

Several private collections and museums hold acquisitions of works by Adel El Siwi, such as: British Museum, London, UK, The Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, UAE, Museum of Modern Egyptian Art, Cairo, Egypt, Institut du monde Arabe, Paris, France; Sharjah Art Foundation, UAE, Greater Cairo Library, Egypt, Cairo International Airport, Egypt; Kinda Foundation, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Kamel Lazaar Foundation, Tunis, Mathaf, Doha, Qatar.