

ADEEL UZ ZAFAR

Born 1977 in Karachi, Pakistan

Adeel Uz Zafar completed his BFA degree at the prestigious National College of Arts, Lahore in 1998. Zafar took up the role of an illustrator and worked with several established publications before dedicating himself to painting almost two decades later. His time in the remote district of Gilgit, proved to be of vital importance to his practice where his style evolved in a rather unusual way. The restrictions of mediums and techniques at this time gave birth to his engraving technique. Due to the dearth of paints and prepared surfaces in Gilgit, the artist started using photographic sheets and a cutter to create his imagery.

Zafar employs his childhood experiences and insight as a children's book illustrator into his practice. In his work, childlike imagery is given a certain seriousness or gravity by being wrapped in bandages. With the use of bandages, Zafar tries to raise questions about identity and the delusion of individuality. He wraps his subjects so that the individual features or elements that make them different from one another are concealed, cloaking their identity. These monstrous objects are then placed in front of a pitch-black backdrop to create sublime visuals. The artist's meticulous detail and laborious technique might resemble the painstaking technique of miniature painting yet he is set apart from miniature painters due to the sheer size of his art pieces.

Zafar has exhibited his work extensively within the country as well as internationally. The artist has been a part of several fairs such as Art Stage Singapore (2016), India Art Fair (2016), Art Basel, Hong Kong (2015) and Pulse Art Fair, New York (2012). He has also undertaken residencies in Lahore, Sydney and Cleveland.

His work was part Converging Lines, a two-person show in 2012 and a solo exhibition, Being/ Becoming curated by Aasim Akhtar at Khaas Art Gallery, Islamabad in 2015.

The artist lives and works in Karachi, Pakistan.

Education

1998 BA (Fine Arts) Painting, National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan

Select Solo Exhibitions

2017 *Prophecies*, Sanat Initiative
 2016 *Universal / Personal*, Hinterland Galerie, Vienna, Austria
 2015 *Monomania*, Aicon Gallery, New York, USA*
 2014 *Parrhesia II*, Koel Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
 2014 *Silsila II*, Sanat Initiative, Karachi, Pakistan
 2014 *Stranger Than Fiction*, Gandhara-art, Karachi (solo show)
 2011 *Psychological Space*, Indus Valley School Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
 2010 Two Person Show- Adeel uz Zafar & Ayaz Jokhio, Canvas Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
 2010 *The Rising Tide*- New directions in Art from Pakistan 1990 -2010, The Mohatta Palace
 2012 *Protagonists*, Fost Gallery - Gillman Barracks, Singapore

Select Group Exhibitions

2018 *Shared Coordinates*, Singapore Art Week 2018 at the Arts House, Singapore
 2018 *Reflection*, Sanat Initiative
 2014 *Semblance of Order*, Koel Gallery, Karachi
 2013 Extra/Ordinary 37 Do-It-Yourself Art ideas for free, Canvas Gallery, Karachi,

	Pakistan
2012	<i>Semblance of Order</i> , Parramatta Artists Studios, Sydney
2012	<i>Are you in Character?</i> Gandhara-Art, Karachi
2012	<i>Ussman aur Mein</i> , Koel Gallery, Karachi
2011	<i>Stop Play Pause Repeat</i> , Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai
2011	<i>Let's not talk about Politics</i> , Gandhara-Art, Karachi
2011	<i>Mein</i> , Koel Gallery, Karachi
2011	<i>Converging Lines</i> (A suite of Drawings), Khaas Art Gallery, Islamabad, Pakistan
2011	<i>Letters to Taseer II</i> , The Drawing Room, Lahore, Pakistan
2010	<i>ICON- A Tribute to Film star RANI</i> , Alhamra Art Gallery, Lahore
2010	<i>Silsila</i> , Koel Gallery, Karachi
2009	Museum, Karachi, Pakistan
2009	<i>The Drawing Room at Slick Paris</i> , The Palais de Tokyo and the Musée d'Art moderne de la Villa de Paris, Paris, France
2009	<i>Out of the Box- Box Print Portfolio</i> , Indus Valley School Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
2009	<i>Sanjh, an Art exhibition in support of efforts for the relief of the Flood Affectedes</i> , Alhamra Art Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan
2009	<i>On the Brink</i> , Fost Gallery, Singapore
2009	<i>RM Studio Residency International Show</i> , Ejaz Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan
2009	<i>One Square Mile</i> , Arts Council, Karachi, Pakistan
2009	<i>Being a Man in Pakistan</i> , Art Chowk- The Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
2008	<i>Size Does Matter</i> , VM Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
2008	<i>Redo Pakistan</i> , Other Asias (in collaboration with Shanaakht Festival), Arts Council, Karachi, Pakistan
2008	<i>Gift to Pakistan</i> , VASL (in collaboration with Shanaakht Festival), Arts Council, Karachi, Pakistan
2008	<i>Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture (IVSA) Faculty show</i> , IVSA Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
2008	<i>Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture Faculty Show</i> , IVSA Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
1998	<i>Degree Show</i> , National College of Arts, Zahoor ul Ikhlq Gallery, Pakistan

Selected Illustration Projects

2012	<i>Prerana & Lal Peela</i> (Children Story Book- Bilingual edition), Kathalaya publications, Kathmandu
2008	<i>Urdu Readers (Series of Text books)</i> , Danish Publications, Karachi, Pakistan
2007	<i>Zafran (Children Story Book)</i> , Paramount Publishing Enterprise, Karachi, Pakistan
2006	<i>Just Like Other Kids (Children Story Book)</i> , The World Bank, Islamabad, Pakistan
2004	<i>Oxford Progressive English (Series of Text Books)</i> , Oxford University Press, Karachi, Pakistan
2004	<i>What Is In My Mouth? (Children Story Book-Bilingual edition)</i> , Human Rights Education Programme, Karachi, Pakistan
2003	<i>Dirawna Dar (Children Story Book)</i> , The Book Group, Karachi, Pakistan

2003	<i>Head Start Readers (Series of Text Books)</i> , Danish Publications, Karachi, Pakistan
2003	<i>The Mountain That Loved a Bird (Children Story Book)</i> , The Book Group, Karachi, Pakistan
2001	<i>Yahan Wahan Kahan (Children Story Book)</i> , The Book Group, Karachi, Pakistan
2001	<i>Mujhay Acha lagta hay (Children Story Book)</i> , The Book Group, Karachi, Pakistan
2001	<i>Oxford Social Studies for Pakistan (Series of Text books)</i> , Oxford University Press, Karachi, Pakistan
2001	<i>A Tale of Two Kittens (Children Story Book-Bilingual edition)</i> , Human Rights Education Programme, Karachi, Pakistan
1999	<i>Beemar Dost (Children Story Book)</i> , The Book Group, Karachi, Pakistan
1999	<i>Kantay ki Ani Par (Children Story Book)</i> , The Book Group, Karachi, Pakistan

Special Projects

2016	<i>India Art Fair 2016</i> , Aicon Gallery
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