

MIRAL MOKHTAR

Contemporary Figurative Artist

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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SELECTED ARTIST CV

ARTISTIC PRACTICE

Miral Mokhtar is a Toronto-based contemporary figurative artist working across painting, drawing, mixed media, photography, collage, textile intervention and public art.

Using the human figure as a psychological landscape, Mokhtar explores vulnerability, memory, identity, survival, cultural inheritance and the psychological tensions carried beneath what is visible.

Developed across Egypt and Canada, her practice draws on visual art, documentary photography, observational drawing, Arabic calligraphy and psychology.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

Oct 3, 2026 — GLOW! Nuit Blanche Night Market

Daniels Spectrum, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

[View event](#)

Sep 19–20, 2026 — ArtWorks 2026

Arts on the Credit, Small Arms Inspection Building, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

Juried Art Show · Featured Fine Artist

Associated Arts on the Credit Virtual Gallery Exhibition

Featured artwork: *Shelter of Becoming A Woman Made of Steel*

[View ArtWorks 2026](#)

Jul 29–Sep 10, 2026 — Second Act: Emerging Artists Over 30

Arts Etobicoke, Storefront Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada | Featured Artist

[View exhibition information](#)

Jun 18–Jul 24, 2026 — Nurturing Nature

Arts Etobicoke, Cloverdale Common, Toronto, Ontario, Canada | Group Exhibition

[View exhibition](#)

2026 — Times Square Digital Exhibition

The Holy Art, Times Square, New York City, USA

2018 — Chouftouhonna International Feminist Art Festival

Tunis, Tunisia | Remote Participation

2017 — Chouftouhonna International Feminist Art Festival

Tunis, Tunisia | Participating Artist

Apr–May 2017 — Half Way Through the Thread

Darb 1718 Contemporary Art and Culture Center, Cairo, Egypt | Participating Artist

Contemporary textile exhibition supported by the French Institute in Egypt

[Read Ahrām Online coverage](#)

[Read Egypt Today coverage](#)

2017 — LOFT Gallery

Zamalek, Cairo, Egypt | Exhibiting Artist

2017 — Excerpts of Heritage

Sawy Cultural Wheel, Cairo, Egypt | Group Exhibition

Presented through Helwan University's Art Education program

2016 — Art Art Collection November

The GrEEK Campus, Cairo, Egypt | Exhibiting Artist

2014 — Townhouse Gallery

Cairo, Egypt | Workshop Participant & Exhibiting Artist

2012 — Saint Vincent de Paul Exhibition

Cairo, Egypt | Exhibiting Artist

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2023 — Humanitarian Award — George Brown College

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

2020 — LensCulture Portrait Awards — Finalist

2020 — Cortona On The Move — Main Gallery / Selected Photographer

[View LensCulture / Cortona selection](#)

2015 — Climate Change Global Youth Photography Competition — Winner

2014 — Second Prize, Light Photography — Egyptian Shooting Club

2012 — Best Oil Painting — Saint Vincent de Paul

COLLECTIONS & COMMISSIONS

2018 — Two Mural Commissions

Dahab, South Sinai, Egypt

2017 — Two Artworks Acquired through LOFT Gallery

Cairo, Egypt

2016 — Ceiling Mural Commission

Point 90 Mall, Cairo, Egypt

SELECTED ARTISTIC PROJECTS

2021 — What We Carry With Us: Refugee Storylabs

Citizen Film / Frameline | Contributing Storyteller & Artist

2016 — Not From Here

Documentary Photography & Video Project | Co-Founder

SELECTED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2024 — HEAL Program

2018 — UN Women HerStory Initiative

2017 — Euro-Med Summer Universities

Tarbes, France | Art Diversity Workshop Facilitator & Participant

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024–Present — Independent Artist / Studio Practice

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Creates original figurative paintings, mixed-media works, photography, commissions, exhibitions and independent artist-led projects.

2016–2019 — Photographer & Videographer for Nawal El Saadawi and DAAL Center

Cairo, Egypt

Produced photographic and video documentation for Egyptian writer and physician Nawal El Saadawi and DAAL Center.

2016–2018 — Tourism & Travel Photographer

Egypt

2016 — Art Teacher

Cairo, Egypt

Provided art instruction in French and art-history activities for children, including children with disabilities.

2015–2016 — Assistant Director & Mural Art Contributor — Cactus Flower

Egypt

Worked as an assistant director and collaborated with the film's art director in creating a mural for the production.

2015 — Co-Founder — Independent Photography Studio

Cairo, Egypt

ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT & MENTORSHIP

2014–2016 — El Lakta El Wahda Artists Group (The Single Shot Artists Group)

Cairo, Egypt | Member

Participated in observational drawing and painting with an artists' collective founded and supervised by Dr. Abdel Aziz El-Gendy, Professor of Graphic Arts at Helwan University's Faculty of Fine Arts.

2011 — Early Art Mentorship

Cairo, Egypt

Received direct artistic instruction from an Egyptian painter, illustrator and art educator known for illustrating works by major Arab writers, including Nobel Prize-winning novelist Naguib Mahfouz.

Drawing & Watercolor Workshops — American University in Cairo

Tahrir Square Campus, Cairo, Egypt

Training in observational drawing, watercolor and works on paper.

SELECTED ART PRESS

2026 — Artist Closeup — Featured Artist Interview

[Read interview](#)

2017 — Egypt Today — Exhibition Feature

[Read "Sewn Art"](#)

2017 — Women of Egypt — Artist Profile

2016 — Scoop Empire — Feature on Not From Here

EDUCATION

2024–Present — Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

2014–2017 — University Studies in Art Education

Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt

2015–2017 — Arabic Calligraphy Studies

Cairo, Egypt

2016–2017 — Independent Fine Arts Studies

Cairo, Egypt

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2022 — Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Early Trauma — Certificate of Achievement

West Midlands Violence Prevention Alliance, United Kingdom

2022 — Indigenous Perspectives of Healing From PTSD — Certificate of Participation

Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children, Western University, Canada

2022 — Online Training Initiative to Address Human Trafficking — Certificate of Completion

MCIS Language Solutions, funded by the Government of Ontario, Canada

2016 — Active Citizens Programme — British Council

Cairo, Egypt

ONLINE

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