



ZEENA MUSTAFA SILEEM

VISUAL ARTIST

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Zeena Sileem, a contemporary artist based in Toronto, creates vibrant, emotionally charged words that delve into themes drawn from the unconscious, expressed in unconventional ways. Her art embraces the contradictions of life, love and war, music and stillness, demonstrating a striking versatility.



EDUCATION

- 1999 B.A in Fine Arts, University of Baghdad | Baghdad, Iraq
 - 1994 Diploma in Fine Arts, Institute of Fine Arts | Baghdad, Iraq
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EXHIBITIONS

Zeena's work has been featured in numerous international group exhibitions (1999–2025), with showings across Jordan, Iraq, Turkey, Morocco, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Canada (Toronto, Montreal), and multiple locations throughout the United States.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 "Umbrella", Arej Gallery, Toronto, Canada
 - 2016 "Long Distance Love", Hittite Gallery, Toronto, Canada
 - 2011 "Ladies of the Season", Agora Gallery, Toronto, Canada
 - 1999 "Nature's Dialogue", Art Center, Baghdad, Iraq
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GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 "Participant in 2023's Toronto's Artist Project" Better Living Centre, Toronto, Canada
 - 2022 "Participant in 2022's Toronto's Artist Project", Queen Elizabeth Building, Toronto, Canada
 - 2021 "Mesopotamia" Aga Khan Museum, Toronto, Canada
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TEACHING' WORKSHOP & ACTIVITIES

- 2026 "Workshop Still Live Pastel", Pastel Workshop, Prince Edward County
 - 1999 "Art teacher - Drawing and coloring", Institute of Fine Arts, Baghdad, Iraq
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 - 2011 - 2013 "Summer school Art teacher - Drawing and coloring", Asham School, Ottawa, Canada
 - 2022 "1 month-course - Drawing and coloring", Maqamat Center, Mississauga, Canada
 - In-Studio private classesAwards
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AWARDS

Received many international awards including the 'Best Design' award from the City of Ottawa, with the winning design fabricated in metal and permanently installed on Bank Street.

MEMBERSHIP

Member of Quinte Arts Council & Prince Edward County Arts