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## Ali Kazim (b. 1979)

Ali Kazim was born in Pakistan in 1979. After studying at the National College of Arts in Lahore, he travelled to London to complete an MFA at the Slade School of Art before returning to live and work in Pakistan. While he also works across the mediums of sculpture and installation, Kazim's most prolific work is his portraiture.

Kazim depicts his subjects in intimate moments, rendering each minute detail of their appearance. The quiet meditateness with which he captures his subjects is reflective of his slow and involved production process; inspired by Bengal School watercolourists, Kazim's method involves building up colour and detail through laying down and washing away pigment, bathing the work in water several times.

Kazim's work has been shown internationally in both solo and group exhibitions, and is held in public collections worldwide.

### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Ali Kazim: The Weight of Blue*, Jhaveri Contemporary at No.9 Cork Street, London, UK
- 2022 *Portraits of People and Place*, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK  
*Suspended in Time*, The Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology, Oxford, UK
- 2021 *I draw, therefore I think*, SOUTH SOUTH Online Viewing Room, Jhaveri Contemporary
- 2020 Lahore Biennale 02, Lahore, Pakistan  
*Form & Figure: Bodies of Art*, Grosvenor Gallery, London, UK  
Drawing Biennial, Drawing Room, Rodney Place, London, UK
- 2019 Abu Dhabi Art, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
*One*, COMO Museum of Art, Lahore, Pakistan  
Karachi Biennale, Karachi, Pakistan
- 2018 Art Basel Hong Kong: Discoveries, Jhaveri Contemporary  
*The Power of the Medium*, Canvas Art Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
- 2017 *Grisaille*, Leila Heller Gallery, New York, USA  
*What Is Seen And Not Seen With And Without Seeing*, Gandhara-Art, Karachi, Pakistan
- 2016 *Ruins*, Jhaveri Contemporary, London, UK  
*Of Darkness and Light*, Rhotas 2 Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan  
*The Missing One*, Office for Contemporary Art Norway, Oslo, Norway  
*Universal/Personal*, Hinterland Galerie, Vienna, Austria  
*The Missing One*, Dhaka Art Summit, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2015 *Ali Kazim: Untitled*, Rhotas 2 Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan  
*Human Image*, Seoul Arts Center, Hangaram Art Museum, Seoul, South Korea

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## Artist Biography

- 2015 *Dust*, The Centre for Contemporary Art, Ujazdowski Castle, Poland  
*Ali Kazim and Alexander Gorlizki*, Art Dubai Contemporary, Jhaveri Contemporary
- 2014 *Ethereal*, Leila Heller Gallery, New York, NY, US  
*The importance of staying quiet*, Yallay Art Gallery, Hong Kong  
*Portraits*, Selma Feriani Gallery, Tunis, Tunisia
- 2013 Jhaveri Contemporary, Mumbai, India  
*Heritage Reinvented*, Tryon St Gallery, London, UK  
*Be a Man*, Sumarria Lunn, London, UK
- 2012 Hong Kong Art Fair, Green Cardamom  
*Creative Cities Collection*, Barbican Exhibition Hall, London, UK  
*Chosen*, Artgate Gallery, New York, NY, US  
Londonewcastle Project Space, London, UK
- 2010 Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, CA, US  
Green Cardamom, London; Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, UK
- 2009 Green Cardamom, London, UK, and Rhotas 2 Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan  
Speelhuislaan 171, Breda, The Netherlands
- 2008 Gallery Espace, New Delhi, India  
Alhamra Art Gallery, Lahore, Pakistan  
East-West Center Gallery, Honolulu, HI, US
- 2007 Cartwright Hall Gallery, Bradford, UK  
VM Art Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan  
National Art Gallery, Islamabad, Pakistan
- 2006 Ethan Cohen Fine Arts, New York, NY, US, and Green Cardamom, London, UK  
Alhamra National Exhibition, Alhama Art Galleries, Lahore, Pakistan  
12th Asian Art Biennale, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
The Lab Gallery, New York, NY, US
- 2005 Scope Art Fair, London, UK  
9th National Exhibition of Visual Arts, Lahore, Pakistan
- 2004 Paradise Road Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka  
Zahoor-ul-Akhlaq Art Gallery, National College of Art, Lahore, Pakistan
- 2003 Lionel Wendt Art Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2001 Shakir Ali Museum, Lahore, Pakistan

### SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- AU Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
- BD Samdani Art Foundation, Dhaka
- CN Creative Cities Collection, Beijing
- HK Burger Collection
- IN Devi Art Foundation, New Delhi  
Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi
- UK British Museum, London  
Victoria & Albert Museum, London
- US USC Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, CA