

## Academic Resume- Zahidah Zeytoun Millie

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### Academic Qualifications

02/2008 – 11/2010     **Master of Visual Arts**  
Department of Art & Design  
Monash University, Gippsland/Prato Campus  
Focus- the Studio Artist

10/1994 – 09/1998     **Bachelor of Fine Art**  
Department of Fine art  
Lebanese University  
Focus- Art and Society

### Residency

06 - 08/2010             Higher Colleges of Technology, Ras Al Khaimah

### Professional Profile

- Artist and environmental activist
- Producer & host, 'Masainakum Masoonah' radio show, Geelong community radio station 94.7 *the Pulse*
- Demonstrated ability to develop goals, objectives and implement strategies through the inception & curation of the 'Mangroves from the Water' touring exhibition, 2015 to 2017, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the 2017 Mangroves Festival organizer, Umm Al Quwain, UAE.
- Designer of school, university and medical treatment art programs
- Experienced art teacher and interior painter

### Academic Employment- Teaching

02 – 06/2007             Teacher of Art – Introduction to the Art Studio (AVT 103)  
George Mason University, Ras Al Khaimah

04/1999                     Teacher of Art as Therapy (eight classes)- Medical  
College, Lebanese University, Beirut

### Publications

- Zeytoun Millie, *Mangroves from the Water*, Zeytoun Millie, 2017,  
<https://mangrovesfromthewater.wordpress.com>

### Presentations

- "Mangroves in Southern Victoria". Presented at the Combined Probus Club of Lara 2018, 17 October 2018
- "Mangroves from the Water". Presented at the Humans in Geelong Expo 2018, Deakin University, 6 October 2018
- "Mangroves from the Water". the World Trade Club Dubai, 24 May 2017
- "Health Day Event- Mangroves", Sheikh Khalifa General Hospital, 26 September 2016
- "Mangroves from the Water 4 "thejamjar, Dubai Art Fair, March 2016
- "Mangroves from the Water 1, New York University Abu Dhabi, October 2015
- "From Safa to Starchitecture", Higher Colleges of Technology, Ras al Khaimah, UAE, 10 December 2008

## **Employment History**

05/2017                      **Consultant-** A Day without Plastic Bags, Ajman City Council, UAE

03/2016 – 04/2017    **CEO, Mangroves Festival 2017**

Umm Al Quwain, UAE, 18 – 21/03. 30 artists.

- In partnership with the Umm Al Quwain Government in association with the Sharjah Higher Colleges of Technology, Wasit Wetland Reserves and UAE ministries and schools.
- Achieved a partnership with the UAQ Government to host fine art, music, heritage and scientific exhibitions, workshops, tours and art competitions along with sporting events (walking and traditional rowing) in location in the mangroves over four days to raise awareness of the beauty and ecological importance of the mangroves regions of the UAE in order to protect them.
- Lead the Mangroves from the Water Festival 2017 team.

10/2015 – 03/2016    **Curator of touring exhibition**

Mangroves from the Water UAE Series, New York University of Abu Dhabi, Environment Agency- Abu Dhabi, Emirates Arts Society, Umm Al Quwain National Museum, thejamjar Dubai- October 2015 to March 2016

- Multi-media: painting, film, installations, sculpture, short stories.
- Sought & negotiated sponsorship for the entire series from the Environment Agency- Abu Dhabi.
- Prepared & coordinated all arrangements for 10 artists.
- Liaised & negotiated with artists, galleries & sponsors regarding budgeting, installation, accommodation, tours, timings & placement.
- Coordinated marketing including interviews with artists for MBC Arabia TV & the National newspaper.
- Produced the exhibition booklet.
- Managed all sales at front of house.
- Organised inhouse sketching & sewing workshops (thejamjar). Organised & lead sketching from kayak workshops and boat tours in the Umm Al Quwain mangroves.
- Participated as an artist.

03 – 06/2005

**Teacher of Art**

Ras Al Khaimah English Speaking School, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE

- Art teaching- Secondary school
- Organiser of the annual school art exhibition

09/1999 – 02/2000

**Teacher of Art**

Pakistani International School, Damascus

- Art teaching
- Designer of course curriculum
- Organiser of the annual school art exhibition

04/1999

**Teacher of Art Skills as Medical Treatment**

Consultant to the Medical Faculty, Lebanese University

- Teacher of art skills as treatment for disabled children
- Designer and implementor of a 21 hour syllabus

08 – 10/1998

**Glass Craftswoman**

Jamal Laghool Company, Beirut

07 – 08/1998

**Interior Painter in Hariri Palace,**

Raitim Beirut

Painter of Arabesque designs upon wooden paneling and ceiling

**Extra Curricular Activities**

08/2018 - date

**Volunteer radio producer & host**

'Masainakum Masoonah' radio show, Geelong community radio station 94.7 *the Pulse*

- 07 – 08/2018 **Volunteer teacher of Art**  
Barwon Heads Primary School
- 07 - 09/2016 **Volunteer teacher of Art on a kayak**  
08 - 12/2017 Umm Al Quwain Mangroves, United Arab Emirates

2017 - date **Volunteer writer**  
Humans in Geelong, Diversitat

10/2015 - date	<b>Founder of 'Mangroves from the Water'</b>
Official Exhibition Blog	<a href="https://mangrovesfromthewater.wordpress.com/">https://mangrovesfromthewater.wordpress.com/</a>
Email	mangrovesfromthewater@gmail.com
Twitter	mangrovesFTW
Facebook	facebook.com/mangrovesfromthewater
Instagram	mangrovesftw

08/1997 **Volunteer art teacher**  
Teaching children painting and sculpture at the Annual Summer Art Fair, Brighton, England

### Professional Memberships

- 2015 - date Mangroves from the Water Group  
2017 - date Humans in Geelong  
2017 - date Barwon Estuary Project  
2000 - 2017 Emirates Fine Arts Society (UAE)

### Interests

- Road marathon running, swimming, tennis, travelling, rowing & kayaking

### Collections

Fujairah Municipality, Fujairah Free Trade Zone  
Ras Al Khaimah Free Trade Zone and Ras Al Khaimah Hospital  
H.E Zaki Nusseibeh, Government of the United Arab Emirates

### Donations

Wasit Wet Land Reserves,  
Sharjah American International School, in UAQ/ UAE  
Ras Al Khaimah Hospital

### Exhibitions

**Humans in Geelong Expo, Deakin Waterfront, Mangroves from the Water** exhibition including a speech about the mangroves, 7 October, 2018  
**Bellarine Art Trail, Barwon Estuary Project, Barwon Heads, 2-6 November 2018**  
**Bellarine Art Trail, the Uniting Church, Queenscliff, 4-5th November 2017**  
**Mangroves from the Water Exhibition, *Mangroves Festival 2017*, Umm Al Quwain, March**  
**Steps Gallery, Melbourne, 'Connection', August/September 2016**  
**thejamjar Dubai, 'Mangroves from the Water 4', March 2016**  
**Umm Al Quwain National Museum, 'Mangroves from the Water 3', December 2015**  
**Emirates Fine Art Society, Sharjah, 'Mangroves from the Water 2', November 2015**  
**New York University of Abu Dhabi, 'Mangroves from the Water 1', October 2015**  
**Alliance Francaise, Dubai, 'Connection', November 2014**  
**Tashkeel House, Dubai in 'Sikka Art Fair 2014', March 2014**  
**Courtyard Gallery, Dubai 'Women in Art IX', November 2013**  
**Happenstance Gallery, London 'Salon des Refuses', England, June 2013**  
**Tashkeel House, Dubai Tashkeel in 'Sikka Art Fair 2013', March 2013**  
**National Museum of Ras Al Khaimah 'Ras Al Khaimah from the Mangroves', March 2013**  
**Courtyard Gallery, Dubai, 'Women in Art VIII', February 2013**  
**Switchback Gallery, Monash University, Gippsland Campus, 'Zahidah' (solo) curated by Rodney Forbes, July 2012**  
**Monash Prato, Italy, 'Between Bodies' July 2010**  
**RAK Hospital, Ras Al Khaimah, 'Tracking the Emirates, Contemporary Art Exhibition' April 2010**  
**Higher Colleges of Technology, Ras Al Khaimah, 'From Al Safa to Starchitecture' (Solo) December 2008**  
**Majlis Gallery, Dubai December 2006**  
**Hilton Ras Al Khaimah, 'Impressions' (Solo) November 2006**  
**Hilton Ras Al Khaimah, 'Impressions' (Solo) February 2004**  
**Majlis Gallery, Dubai December 2002**  
**Sharjah Art Precinct, Handicapped Guardians Association, 'Creativity' April 2002**  
**Majlis Gallery, Dubai March 2002**  
**Sharjah Art Museum, 'The 21st Exhibition for Artists' January 2002**  
**Hilton Fujairah April 2001**  
**Sharjah Art Museum, 'Expressions of Faces' April 2001**  
**Sharjah Art Museum, 'The 20th Exhibition for Artists' March 2001**  
**Hilton Fujairah, 'Fujairah in Art' (Solo) December 2000**  
**Forum de Beirut May 1999**  
**Beit Al-Fen, Tripoli February 1999**  
**UNESCO Centre, Beirut April 1998**  
**Syrian Cultural Centre, Damascus August 1994**

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## Referees

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