

Jad SALMAN is a Palestinian visual artist/Painter, he currently lives and works in Paris. SALMAN, was born in Tulkarem/ West-bank/ Occupied Palestine in 1983 where he grew up. In 2001, he joined the *Fine Arts College* at Al-Najah National University, Nablus / Palestine. He graduated with a *Bachelor of Fine Arts* in 2005. A few months later he travelled to Norway for an art residency that lasted 4 month, followed by his first Solo exhibition. Once he came back home, SALMAN started to prepare his first Solo exhibition in Palestine, «Another Space» which was exhibited at the Institute Français in Jerusalem, Ramallah, Nablus & Gaza (Palestine 2006). Later in 2007, he was granted an International artist residency at the Cité Internationale des Arts in Paris/ France; by Welfare Association (4 months). In the fall of 2008, Jad returned to Paris to pursue an *MFA in contemporary art and new media*, which he obtained from Saint-Denis University-Paris 8/ France in 2010.

SALMAN works with paintings in a variety of materials and techniques, including silk printing, stencils, acrylic paint (spray paint, pigment, ink); acrylic and oil mediums. His work directly deals with controversial issues such as Identity, Space, Place; questioning their role in humanity and its influence on creativity and the future. It is deeply influenced by the socio-political sentiments that compose his identity, as well as the social and cultural community; rooted in a particular place. SALMAN constantly longs for a feeling of attachment, a sense of significant ownership of that Identity - Space - Place. More recently, his work began to engage with the issue of “the self” .Jad paints faces expressions, objects, masks, arms, medical material, human & animals figures... His painting are composed of different layers of different images -the D.N.A of the paintings- which carry different images in a different universe. A universe where dimensions, figures, forms and spaces face each other and are mixed up at the same time. His most recent paintings deal with personal vulnerability and experience of existential anxiety which are closely linked to issues such as religion, nationalism, conflict, and building identity. Moreover, it looks for meaning, not in the individual, but in the context of the disarray of humanity, exile and fragmentation.

Jad SALMAN has exhibited at various galleries, and art venues including: Paris (France 2018 / 2016 / 2013 & 2007); Berlin (Germany 2012 / 2011); Saint-Jacques-de-Compostelle (Spain 2011); Young Artist of the Year (YAYA) - A.M. Qattan Foundation / Ramallah (Palestine 2008); ZheJiang Art Museum - International Art Exchange Center - / Hangzhou (China 2010); UNESCO / Paris (France 2011); Studio Lademoen Kunsterverksteder / Trondheim (Norway 2005); UN-Headquarters / NYC (USA 2004); Institut Français (Palestine 2006); Saint-Pierre-des-Corps / Tours (France 2009 / 2011); & Turin (Italy 2005) among others; with different artist residencies participation like Lademoen Kunsterverksteder / Norway 2005. Cité internationale des arts Paris 2007 / Le Lieu de l'autre -Anis Gras- Arcueil / France 2012. Workshops such as First Atelier of preparation for the International Academy of Art Palestine with the Academy of Art Oslo | Ramallah / Palestine 2004. L'étendue - Paris VIII University | Hydra / Greece 2009. Kids Guernica projects - (Picasso atelier 6th arrondissement) | Paris / France 2010. Entre Deux - Paris VIII University + Paris I University | Paris / France 2014.

Workshops :

- 2009 **Kids Guernica projects**, (Picasso atelier 6ème Arr) | Paris / France.
L'étendue, workshop with Paris VIII University | Hydra / Greece.
- 2007 **Kids Guernica projects** | Athens / Greece.
- 2005 **The international art workshop (Jifna Spring)**, Ministry of Culture | Ramallah / Palestine
- 2004 First Atelier of preparation for the International Academy of Art Palestine with the Academy of Art Oslo | Ramallah / Palestine.

Residency :

- 2011 Anis Gras - Le lieu de l'utre, Arcueil / France.
- 2007 Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris / France.
- 2005 Studio Lademoen Kunsterverksteder, Trondheim / Norway.
- Member of the Palestinian Artist League, Ramallah / Palestine.
 - Member of Artists House, Paris / France.

