



RIDIKKULUZ

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EDUCATION

2024 **Hunter MFA** (*anticipated*)
2016 **St. John's University, BS**, Queens, NY
2014-5 Studied Abroad on a scholarship to *Spain, France & Italy*
Languages *English & Arabic*

RESIDENCIES + FELLOWSHIPS+AWARDS

2021 **The Laundromat Project-** Fellowship | New York, New York | February 2021
2016 **Rowaq Al Balqa Art Foundation-** Artist-in-Residence | Fuheis, Jordan | January 2016
2015 **XOL Gallery-** Artist-in-Residence | Baltimore, Maryland | March 2015
2012-6 **Khalil Gibran Scholarship Award**

RIDIKKULUZ b. 1994

is a self-taught, Harlem-based, Arab-American multidisciplinary artist working in painting, performance, sculpture, public art, and video. Their work themes around identity, duality, and bridging the gap between Western and Arab culture. Currently, the main focus is on the intersection between Arabness and Queerness via figurative portraiture. They have exhibited in the USA and internationally across Western Asia & North Africa. *RIDIKKULUZ's* digital illustration served as the cover art for *DJ Lorant* and their paintings were featured in the music videos of *Lupe Fiasco* and *Kiing Sky*. *RIDIKKULUZ* is a *Khalil Gibran Scholar* and has presented his artwork as a guest lecturer at *Stanford University*. They have led many decolonizing social initiatives via public murals. *RIDIKKULUZ* belongs to NYC's ballroom community as a member of the *Haus of Telfar* and has been mentored by Benny Ninja. They are currently on view at the Hudson River Museum's "Order/Reorder" exhibit.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS + PRESENTATIONS

2021 *"The Girls"* **GBY BEAUTY** | Chelsea, New York | October 2021
2019 Presentation at *"Palestinian Cultural Gala"* **New York University** | New York, New York | May 2019

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022 *"Habibi"* **Institute Arab Du Monde** | Paris, France | September 2022
2022 *"Order/Reorder"* **Hudson River Museum** | Yonkers, New York | June 2022
2022 *"Who Writes History?"* **Arts Westchester** | White Plains, New York | April 2022
2022 *"Uncommon Senses"* **Hunter College Gallery** | Manhattan, New York | March 2022
2021 *"Here, There & Everywhere: Beyond Inclusion"* **Riverfront Gallery** | Yonkers, New York | August 2021
2021 *"Flame Tree"* curated by Bony Ramirez at **Regular Normal Gallery** | Manhattan, New York | March 2021
2020 *"Free them all"* at **Casa de Cultura** to raise funds for QTPOC in prison | Harlem, New York | January 2020
2019 *"Postcards from the edge"* at Bortolami Gallery by [Visual Aids](#) | Manhattan, New York | November 2019
"Im-Migration" at [Riverfront Art Gallery](#) | Yonkers, New York | November 2019
"Collection MMXIX" at **Warzy Contemporary** | Dobbs Ferry, New York | May 2019
"Ya Tayr Al Tayir" at [The Peoples Forum](#) | Manhattan, New York | March 2019
2018 *"Processing Process"* at **Prato Gallery** | White Plains, New York | November 2018
"The Group Show" at **Prato Gallery** | White Plains, New York | May 2018
"Yonkers Arts Weekend" at **Urban Studio Unbound Gallery** | Yonkers, New York | May 2018
"The People You Meet & The Places You Go" at **BIZ G87 Gallery** | Larchmont, NY March 2018
2017 *"Unravel: Picturing the Dreamscape"* at **BIZ G87 Gallery** | Larchmont NY | June 2017
"2017 Yonkers Artist Showcase" at **Riverfront Gallery** | Yonkers, New York | March 2017

ART FAIRS

2021 *DAR Art Fair* with **Mona Al Saleh Gallery** at Sweffieh Village | Amman, Jordan | June 2021
2017 *"Amman Street Fashion"* by ArtMeJO at **The Zara Center** | Amman, Jordan | February 2017

AUCTION

- 2021 **Leslie-Lohman Museum of Art Gala Auction** | November 2021
2021 *"From: Friends To: Friends"* **Artsy X ArtNoir** | Benefiting BIPOC **SUNY/CUNY** Art Students | July 2021
2021 *"Come Together 2021"* Raising Funds for **Stepinac High School** | White Plains, New York | April 2021
2018 *"Clandestino Private Art Auction"* at **Lotus Blue** | Manhattan, New York | October 2018

ARTIST TALKS + LECTURES

- 2021 Sustainable Solidarity Panel Discussion by Studio ATAO | April 2021
2020 Guest Speaker at [Stanford University](#) | April 2020
2019 Artist Talk at **Riverfront Art Gallery** | Yonkers, New York | November 2019
Artist Talk at [The Peoples Forum](#) | Manhattan, New York | March 2019

PERFORMANCE

- 2020 *"From MENA with Love"* Arab Ballroom members [Vogueing](#) for LGBTQ+ relief in Lebanon | October 2020
2017 *"Oum Khalthoum VS Fairouz"* [Live Painting](#) at **BIZ G87 Gallery** | Larchmont, NY | September 2017
2015 *"Gypsy"* [Live Painting](#) Performance at **St. John's University** | Sevilla, Spain | September 2015

COMMUNITY ART PROJECTS

- 2020 *Black Lives Matter Mural* with **Yonkers Arts** | City Hall - Yonkers, New York | September 2020
"Layleen Polanco Xtravaganza" Mural | Soho, Manhattan, New York | June 2020
2019 *Paint Night* for Yonkers Youth | Virgin Mary Church | Yonkers, New York | June 2020
2017 *Palestinian Art Workshop* | **Within Our Lifetime** | Brooklyn, New York | June 2020

CURATION

- 2020 *"From New York to Amman"* Work by Fares Rizk | **Riverfront Gallery** | Yonkers, New York | Oct-Nov 2020

OTHER WORK/DIGITAL

- 2020 Digital Cover of **Sebastian Arroyo's** upcoming self-titled album | November 2020
2019 Digital Cover of **DJ Lorant's** single ["More Freedom"](#) | September 2019
2018 Commissioned Painting featured in **Kiing Sky's** ["Pray for me"](#) music video | June 2018
Commissioned Painting for the Jordanian Court of **King Abdullah & Queen Rania** | September 2018
Large-scale painting for **Ritz Carlton Hotel** | White Plains, NY | April 2018
2017 Digital art and Paintings featured in **Lupe Fiasco's** ["Made in the USA"](#) music video | August 2017

PRESS

- 2020 [MILLE WORLD-](#) Against All Odds, Voguing & Ballroom Found a Home Here | October 2020
[NEW YORK TIMES](#) - Vogue Family Values: Positivity, Trust, Love | July 2020
[VOGUE](#) - Performance Art | Vogueing with Princess Nokia | June 2020
2019 [ARTS WESTCHESTER](#) - Art News | Westchester, NY | December 2019
[TENZ MAGAZINE](#) - Interview | New York, NY | October 2019
[ARTS WESTCHESTER](#) - Featured Artist in Exhibition | Westchester, NY | June 2019
[HORS CENTRE](#) - Newsletter of Cultural Services of the French Embassy in collaboration with Queens College | Queens, NY | January 2019
[PATCH](#) - features "Reading Faces: Works by Ridikkuluz" | White Plains, NY | April 2019
2018 [WASAT AL-BALAD](#) - Amman Radio Interview for the Royal King & Queen Portrait Commission with TV Personality **Hani Al-Badri** | Amman, Jordan | February 2018
2017 [AZIZ ART MAGAZINE](#)- 8 page spread | London, England | July 2017
[JOURNAL NEWS](#) - Artist Interview BIZ G87 | Westchester, NY | June 2017