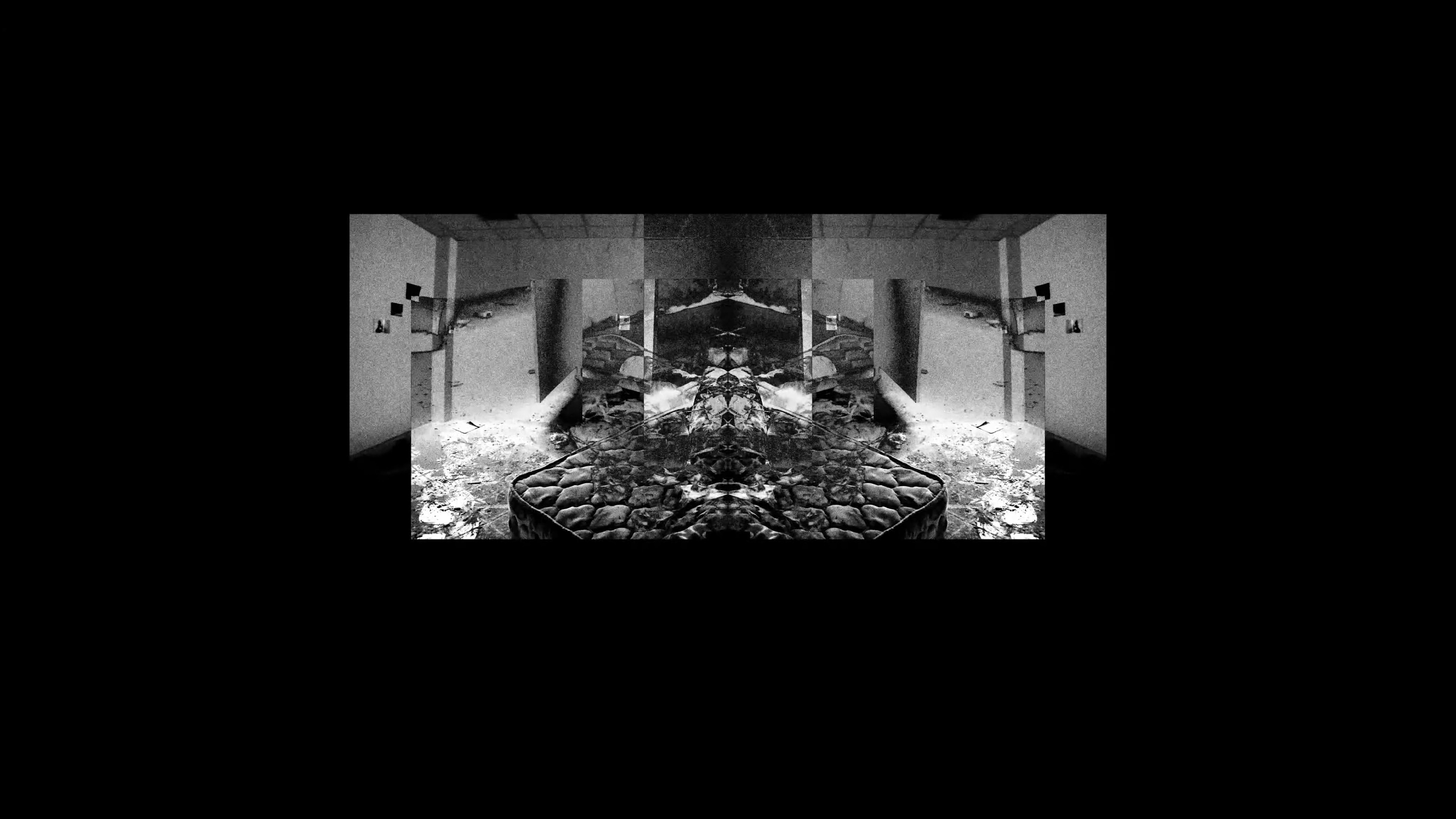
# The Gulf Capital - Visual Arts Award 2020

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**Deadline: 30 January 2020**



“Al Zahiyah”, by the winner of The Gulf Capital- Abu Dhabi Festival Visual Arts Award 2018, Arwa Najem, Visual Arts graduate from Zayed University

**About ADMAF**

The Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation (ADMAF) seeks to nurture the arts, education, culture and creativity for the benefit of society and the advancement of Abu Dhabi’s cultural vision. Established in 1996 by H.E. Hoda Al Khamis-Kanoo, the Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation under the presidency and patronage of H.E. Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan Minister of Tolerance, ADMAF delivers year-round arts education and community arts initiatives as well as special projects and the Abu Dhabi Festival. It brings together audiences of all ages and nationalities, and nurtures the creativity of the UAE in partnership with national & international institutions.

**About The Award**

The Visual Arts Award was launched in 2013 and is an annual prize offering 10,000AED (or worth in development opportunities to the Emirati emerging artist between the age of 18 and 35 years who demonstrates outstanding creativity in the different forms of Visual Arts. The Award seeks to nurture talent and creativity among emerging Emirati artists and Emirati undergraduate students of the visual arts in universities across the UAE. Applications from students from universities which have a strategic partnership with ADMAF are especially welcome. These are New York University Abu Dhabi, the Higher Colleges of Technology, Zayed University, University of Sharjah, Abu Dhabi University, AUD, Paris Sorbonne Abu Dhabi, AUS, and UAE University.

**Admission and selection criteria**

Emirati emerging artists aged between 18 and 35 years old are eligible to apply.

Registered applicants will then be requested to submit a completed form together with an original artwork in any of the following fields:

- Video / Film/ Animation

- Photography

- Visual Arts (painting, sculpture, installation, etc.)

A jury selects the winner. They will be looking for the following attributes in the submissions:

- Artistic Merit

- Evidence of original and creative thinking

- Personal application of technical skills

- Emotional Impact

The winner will receive a cash prize of AED 10,000

**Dates & Deadlines**

January 30, 2020- Deadline of receiving applications

**How to Enter**

**STEP 1** Create an artwork in any of the above mentioned mediums. The maximum size of the work should be 200 x 200 cm.

**STEP 2** Download the application form from the ADMAF website: [www.admaf.org](http://www.admaf.org) complete it in full and send it by email to [education@admaf.org](mailto:education@admaf.org) before January 30, 2020

**STEP 3:** Submit your original artwork with your name and the title of the artwork clearly written to ADMAF, Floor 3, Makeen Tower (Ajman Bank Building), opposite Abu Dhabi Mall, (date to be advised). Remember, only complete submissions will be accepted.

**Please feel free to contact us (**[**education@admaf.org**](mailto:education@admaf.org)**) with any questions you might have or if we can assist you in any way.**

**Terms & Conditions**

• The competition is open to Emirati emerging artists aged between 18 and 35 years

• The competition is free to enter

• Each applicant may submit up to three entries

• Entries may be submitted in Arabic or English

• Only completed entries will be accepted

• The author/creator of the entry confirms that he/she has not been paid for their work

• Applicants will not receive payment for their entries

• In entering the Award, applicant warrant that their entry is completely original under his/her own creation, all content therein is accurate and lawful, and does not contain material that is harmful, libelous or defamatory to, or material that may infringe the right of, any person or entity in any nature. The applicant will be obliged to indemnify any damage ADMAF may suffer as a result of any inconsistency to the foregoing

• Applicants will retain ownership of copyright for their entry

• All artworks will be returned to applicants

• After submission to the competition, ADMAF will automatically obtain the right to use the submitted work in connection with the competition. ADMAF has the right to copy, edit, display, publish and make available all nominated work in any format (whether online or in print or otherwise) in connection with the competition

• There is one winner and the jury’s decision is final

• No correspondence shall be entered into concerning the selection

• The winner must claim the prize within 12 months of receipt

• The winner agrees to attend the Award ceremony

• The winner agrees to appear in all photography, film and media appearances associated with the Award

• The winner agrees to join the ADMAF Alumni and contribute to the promotion of future editions of the Award

• The applicant’s contact details will be added to the ADMAF database in order to receive future updates from the Foundation

**Previous winners of The Visual Arts Award include:**

**2019 Mahra Al Qubaisi, Zayed University, Visual Arts**

**2018** Arwa Najem, Zayed University, Visual Arts

**2017** Sakeena AlRumaithi, Applied Communications Student, Higher Colleges of Technology, Abu Dhabi Women’s College for the Sculptural pieces ‘Wear to be Aware’

**2016** Sara Alahbabi, Visual Arts Student, New York University Abu Dhabi for the photography series ‘Here’s What They Think of Me’.

**2015** Shamsa Al Dhaheri, Liberal Arts Student, New York University Abu Dhabi for the photography series ‘Untitled’.

**2014** Moza Al Suwaidi, Fashion Design Student, Higher Colleges of Technology in Sharjah for the sound installation ‘The Power of The Palm’.

**2013** Shakhbout Al Kaabi, Visual Arts Student, New York University Abu Dhabi for the photography ‘An Overthrown Throne’.

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**APPLICATION FORM**

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| **TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT** | |
| **Name** |  |
| **Date of birth** |  |
| **Nationality** |  |
| **Mobile number** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Postal Address** |  |
| **University** |  |
| **Course of Study & Year** |  |
| **Artwork title** |  |
| **Artwork Medium** | **Please select one of the following fields:**   * Film/Video/Animation * Photography * Visual Arts (painting, sculpture, installation, etc.) * Other (please specify): |

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| **PROJECT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**  Please give details of your work including (if applicable):  1) media / materials  2) scale / dimensions  3) techniques used & process  4) length / duration |
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| **APPLICANT’S BIOGRAPHY and STATEMENT**  Please give us an overview of your growth, mentioning your major achievements and sharing dreams and ambitions regarding your future career.  Then summarize your entry, focusing on the reasons that brought you to conceive and create the work, on the meaning/message behind it and on the role that the work plays in your development as an artist. (max. 500 words) |
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| **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS**  ADMAF welcomes the submission of supplementary information such as drawings/ plans/ written material/ images of the entry or of other artworks produced by the applicant in order to better understand the applicant’s style and commitment.  No more than 5 documents/ files (JPEG/ PDF) should be attached (max 10 MB) Please list below the materials you will attach to this form. |
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**I agree to the terms and conditions of the Visual Arts Award**

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| **Applicant’s signature** |  |

**Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**