

## NAQSH COLLECTIVE

Founded in 2009 in Amman, Jordan, naqsh is the joint endeavor of two sisters, nisreen and nermeen abu dail. 'naqsh' translated, means to 'engrave' which was the first form of lasting artwork that left a print by humanity. Tapping into their rich heritage and affording it new meaning, naqsh collective is at the crossroads between age-old Arab world design practices and a clean, contemporary aesthetic repositioning element of Middle Eastern art, architecture and heritage in a minimalist frame. Their delicately hand and fine machine finished artworks and sculptures coming together to create a new visual language conceived from crossing the architectural lines in Nisreen's realm with the graphical images in Nermeen's world, embodied in timeless material to last telling stories from their culture and heritage.

naqsh collective have exhibited extensively at exhibitions and events such as: Venice Design, Milan Design Week, Amman Design Week, Design Days Dubai, and Saudi Design Week and their works have been displayed in museums such as Victoria and Albert Museum in London, and other museums in Lebanon, Sharjah, and Palestine.

### **nisreen abudail**

Born in 1976 in Amman, Jordan. nisreen received her B.A. in Architecture from Jordan University for Science and Technology. An architect inspired by the minimalist style of our contemporary life, she began her career in Jordan. Architecture as a discipline allowed her to observe and practice art and design. As an aspiring artist, she started creating personalized jewelry, art pieces, and furniture. Soon she began to exhibit her work at local art venues. Following her move to the USA, she continued to develop her career as an architect and an artist where she exhibited her artwork in several local and national art shows. Returning to Jordan in 2009, nisreen founded naqsh collective along with her sister nermeen abu dail and the journey began.

### **nermeen abudail**

Born in 1980 in Amman, Jordan. After graduating with a BA degree in graphics, nermeen began her career in Jordan working for prominent local and international agencies. She is now living in Dubai, working primarily within the branding industry creating identities and transcending brands. Along with her sister nisreen abu dail, she founded naqsh collective in 2009, dedicating her artistic talent and passion for creative expression to create work embodying local culture with an international appeal.

- Abu Dhabi Art, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Saadiyat Cultural Distrect, 14 - 17 Nov. 2018. Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- **Unit & Diaspora**, Amman 27 - 30 Sep. 2018, Amman, Jordan.
- **Jameel Prize 5 exhibition**, Victoria and Albert Museum, 28 June 2018, London, UK.
- **Venice Design 2018**, 26 May - 25 November 2018, Venice, Italy.
- **Solo Exhibition, at Tabari Artspace**, 23 Jan. 2018 - 31 Jan. 2018, DIFC, Dubai, UAE.
- **Amman Design Week**, Amman 6 Oct. 2017, Amman, Jordan.
- **naqsh in Tiraz**, Amman 20 Aug. 2017, Amman, Jordan.
- **Design Language**, Milan 2017, Milan Design Week 2017, Milan, Italy.
- **Design Days Dubai 2017** Dubai, UAE.
- **Islamic Arts Festival** - 19th edition "Bunyan" at Sharjah Art Museum in Sharjah, UAE.
- **Art Riyadh 2016** at Saudi Design Week, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. under Naila Art Gallery
- **The Hanger Exhibition 2016** at Amman Design Week, Amman Jordan
- **At the Seams 2016** Palestinian Museum Exhibition, Beirut, Lebanon.
- **Design Days Dubai 2016** Dubai, UAE.
- **Wihdeh solo exhibition 2015** at Khalil Sakakini Culture Center, Ramallah, Palestine.
- **Wihdeh solo exhibition 2015** at Al Ma'amal Foundation, Old Jerusalem, Palestine.
- **Design Days Dubai 2015** Dubai, UAE.
- **Design Days Dubai 2014** Dubai, UAE.
- **Naqsh In Tiraz** solo exhibition 2013 at Tiraz "Widad Kawar Home for Arab Dress", Amman, Jordan.