

# Toqa Eissa MA, BA



Visual Artist  
Curators Assistant

## CONTACT



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## LANGUAGES

- English (C1)
- Arabic (Mother Tongue)
- German (B1)
- French (A2)

## SKILLS

### Design Software

- Photoshop
- Illustrator
- Indesign

### Technical Skills

- Microsoft Office
- CRM Systems
- CMS Programs

### Artistic Skills

- Painting
- Drawing
- Mosaics
- Print Making
- Paper Making
- Book Binding
- Photography

## AWARDS

- ◆ 7UPs Celebrating Egypt  
*My design in collaboration with designer Malak Abuzeid was awarded 2nd place*

## EDUCATION

- ◆ Master of Art and Science  
*University of Applied Arts Vienna* 2023 - 2025  
Masters Grade: 1
- ◆ Bachelor of Applied Arts  
*Helwan University, Faculty of Applied Arts* 2015 - 2020  
Graduation Project`s score: 87%  
Overall GPA: 81.3%
- ◆ Bachelor of Fine Arts  
*Cardiff Metropolitan University* 2017 - 2018  
ERASMUS+ year at the Cardiff School of Art & Design
- ◆ Cambridge IGCSE  
*City International School* 2017 - 2018  
GPA: 95.5%

## EXPERIENCE

- ◆ Curators Assistant  
*philomena+ Gallery* 2023 - Ongoing
  - Collaborating with artists and curators to develop exhibition concepts and layouts.
  - Assisting in curatorial research and concept development for upcoming exhibitions.
  - Managing and updating gallery archives, including artwork documentation and exhibition records on philomena+ website.
  - Assisting during exhibition setups, and artwork installations
  - Supervising Gallery during opening hours
- ◆ Teaching Assistant  
*October University for Modern Sciences & Arts* 2021 - 2023
  - Assisted professors in the design and application of a new curriculum
  - Instructed both theoretical curriculums as well as, technical workshops (Graphic Design, Basics of Drawing, Design, and Conceptual Thinking courses)
  - Assisted in conducting assessments and provided feedback to students
- ◆ Gallery Co-ordinator  
*TAM Gallery* 2022 - 2023
  - Curated and organized art exhibitions, including layout planning and artwork selection
  - Coordinated with artists, and collectors, for exhibitions.
  - Managed gallery inventory, including cataloging and archiving artworks
  - Developed and implemented marketing strategies to promote exhibitions and events
  - Handled sales transactions and customer inquiries, and provided customer service
- ◆ Children's Book Illustrator  
*Ruba el Hussein - Kotobna* 2020 - 2021
  - Illustrated 2 children's books, working closely with authors and publishers to bring stories to life
  - Developed original characters and settings that align with the narrative and target audience
  - Collaborated with the writer to ensure illustrations complemented and enhanced the story

## EXHIBITIONS

- ◆ AAA Winter 25  
*January 2025*  
Special Collections Room, VZA
- ◆ Cairo Prints 5th edition  
*October 2024*  
Cairopolitan
- ◆ Refractive Perspectives  
*June 2024*  
Angewandte Interdisciplinary Lab (AIL)
- ◆ Angewantde Open House  
*October 2023*  
Art & Science Department
- ◆ Cairo Design Week  
*November 2022*  
Cairopolitan
- ◆ Doha Prints  
*October 2022*  
Studio 7 Qatar
- ◆ Cairo Prints III  
*July 2022*  
Cairopolitan
- ◆ 32nd edition of the Youth Salon  
*January 2022*  
Palace of Arts, Cairo Opera House
- ◆ Naema`s Office is Bleeding  
*December 2021*  
Medrar for Contemporary Art
- ◆ My Favourite Things 6  
*October 2021*  
Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art
- ◆ 31st edition of the Youth Salon  
*March 2021*  
Palace of Arts, Cairo Opera House
- ◆ The Dream  
*January 2020*  
Ahmed Shawky Museum
- ◆ Roznama 7  
*June 2019*  
Medrar for Contemporary Art
- ◆ A Day In  
*February 2019*  
Townhouse Gallery
- ◆ Site Venue  
*July 2018*  
Cardiff Metropolitan University,  
Wales
- ◆ Third Edition of Small Artworks  
*April 2017*  
Easel and Camera Gallery

## EXPERIENCE

- ◆ Graphic Designer  
*Freelance* 2019 - 2021
  - Designed layouts for ads, brochures, and reports.
  - Collaborated with clients and marketing teams.
  - Produced digital and print materials.
  - Edited and enhanced images.
- ◆ Storyboard Artist  
*Freelance* 2019 - 2020
  - Created storyboards for EIMiniawy Eid campaign, and ElBahr Dayem music video
  - Collaborated closely with directors and animators to visualize scenes and sequences.
  - Ensured visual storytelling clarity and continuity.
- ◆ Workshop Instructor  
*Arts Union* 2018 - 2019
  - Designed and delivered a comprehensive workshop introducing the basics of drawing, and mosaic.
  - Provided hands-on instruction in topics such as line, shape, perspective, shading, and composition.
- ◆ Artist Assistant  
*Mohamed Monaiseer* 2016- 2017
  - Assisted artist Mohamed Monaiseer while making his installation artworks during his solo exhibitions: "TaxiDermly Dreams" & "A Drift in the Labyrinth of a Parallel Mind" exhibited in Egypt, UAE & KSA

## PUBLISHED WRITINGS

- ◆ Report on Feminist Foreign Policy  
*Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and Cooperation* 2023  
<https://www.vidc.org/en/detail/feministische-aussenpolitik>
- ◆ The right to move and the right to stay?!  
Community decisions in a changing climate  
*Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and Cooperation* 2023  
<https://www.vidc.org/en/detail/the-right-to-move-and-the-right-to-stay>
- ◆ Memorandum of Understanding  
*philomena+* 2023  
<https://www.vidc.org/en/detail/feministische-aussenpolitikhttps://philomena.plus/report-Toqa-Eissa-Panel-discussion-Memorrandum-of-Understanding-1.pdf>

## VOLUNTEER WORK

- ◆ Art Guide  
*Art D`Egypte* 2019
  - Volunteered as an art guide through the 'Re-imagined Narratives' Exhibition in El Moez Street as well as, assisted the artists install their artworks