

Born 1942 Damas, Syria
Lives and works in Paris, France

EDUCATION

Faculté des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines, Beirut, Lebanon

Sorbonne Université, Paris, France

San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, USA

École du Louvre, Paris, France

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Musée d'art moderne de Paris, Paris, France
- 2024 *Simone Fattal. Suspension of Disbelief*, Institut Valencià d'Art Modern (IVAM), Valencia, Spain
MetaphorS Secession, Vienna, Austria
Voix des antiquités orientales, Musée du Louvre, Paris, France
- 2023 *Thus waves come in pairs*, curated by Barbara Casavecchia, Ocean Space, Venice, Italy
Les Manifestations du voyage, Portikus, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2022 *Simone Fattal "—provide me the clay so I can do the making"*,
Museum Fünf Kontinente, Kontinente, Munich, Germany
- 2021 *Simone Fattal: A breeze over the mediterranean*, ICA Milano, Milan, Italy
- 2020 *Fix Your Gaze On Saturn's Rings*, Bergen Kunsthall, Bergen, Norway
- 2019 *Simone Fattal*, Balice Hertling, Paris, France
Works and Day, MoMA PS1, New York, USA
- 2017 *The Man who will make a new tree grow*, Musée départemental d'art contemporain de Rochechouart,
France
Paintings and Ceramics, Balice Hertling, Paris, France
- 2016 *Simone Fattal*, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
- 2015 *Sculptures and Collages*, Balice Hertling, Paris, France
- 2010 *The Pottery*, San Rafael, USA
- 2006 *Simone Fattal*, The Eileen Reynolds Curtis Museum, Sausalito, USA
Simone Fattal, Festival Arte Mare, Bestia, France

2003 *Simone Fattal*, Cité des Arts, Paris, France

2001 *The Pottery*, San Rafael, CA, USA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Aichi Triennale 2025: A Time Between Ashes and Roses*, Aichi Art Center, Nagoya, Japan
Copistes, Centre Pompidou-Metz, Metz, France
Becoming Ocean, a social conversation about the ocean,
program of Biennale des Arts et de l'Océan de Nice, Villa Arson, Nice, France

2024 *Queer Histories*, MASP, São Paulo, Brasil
Manifesta 15, Monastery of Sant Cugat, Barcelona, Spain
With my eyes, Vatican's Holy Sea Pavilion, 60th International Art Exhibition, Venice Biennale,
Venice, Italy

2023 *The Weight of Words*, curated by Clare O'Dowd and Nick Thurston, Henry Moore Institute, Leeds, UK
Voices without borders, curated by Sebastien Delot, Kindl - Zentrum für zeitgenössische Kunst, Berlin,
Germany
Since then, at an uncertain hour, (Since then, at an uncertain hour),
Schinkel Pavillion and Bruecke Museum, Berlin, Germany

2022 *Toucher Terre*, Fondation Villa Datris, L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, France
Working Together, Dalle Nogare Foundation, Bolzano, Italy

2021 *AISTIT / coming to our senses*, curated by Satu Herrala and Hans Rosenström,
Maison Louis Carré, Bazoches-sur-Guyonne, France, traveled to Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland
The Rain Forever Will be Made of Bullets, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Artists' Library: 1989 - 2020, curated by Luca Lo Pinto, online project for MACRO Museum,
Rome, Italy

2020 *Artifices instables : Histoires de céramiques*, Nouveau Musée National de Monaco - Villa Sauber,
Monaco, Monaco
Gennariello, Balice Hertling, Paris, France
Between the Sun and the Moon, Lahore Biennial 02, Punjab, Pakistan

2019 *Etel Adnan et les Modernes*, Mudam Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Luxembourg
Le monde n'est pas nécessairement un empire, LaM, Villeneuve D'Ascq, France
Where the Oceans Meet, Museum of Art and Design at Miami Dade College, Miami, USA
The Palace at 4 a.m., Archaeological Museum of Mykonos, Mykonos, Greece
Luogo e Segni, Punta della Dogana - Pinault Collection, Venice, Italy
Revolution Generations, Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, Qatar

- 2017 *Medusa*, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris, France
- 2016 *Ceramix, Art and ceramics from Rodin to Schütte*, Maison Rouge, Paris – Cité de la Céramique, Sèvres, France
- 2015 *Take Me (I'm Yours)*, curated by Christian Boltanski, Hans Ulrich Obrist, Chiara Parisi, Monnaie de Paris, France
Heartland - Territoire d'Affects, curated by Joanna Abou Sleiman Chevalier, Beirut Exhibition Center, Beirut, Lebanon
Ceramix, Art and ceramics from Rodin to Schütte, Bonnefantenmuseum, Maastricht, Netherlands
Nel Mezzo del Mezzo, Museo d'Arte Contemporanea Palazzo Riso, Palermo, Italy
Simone Fattal, Festival Arte Mare, Bestia, France
- 2014 *Here and Elsewhere*, New Museum, New York, USA
Meeting Points 7: Ten thousand wiles and a hundred thousand tricks, Museum of Contemporary Art, Antwerp, Belgium - Beirut Art Center, Beirut, Lebanon - Wiener Fiest wochen, Vienna, Austria - Contemporary Image Collective, Cairo, Egypt - Para Site, Hong Kong, China
Ping Pong, American Embassy, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2010 *Biennial of the Teapot, First Prize*, National Museum of Arts and Crafts, Shanghai, China
- 2008 *Paris-Damas, Regards Croisés*, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
- 2007 *ANüans*, Dusseldorf, Germany
Lilliputh Ceramics, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2006 Blue Studio, San Francisco, USA
- 2004 *23rd Salon d'Automne*, Sursock Museum, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2002 *Virginia Woolf: Past & Present*, Sonoma State University Art Gallery, Rohnert Park, USA
First International Forum of Ceramics, Choueifat, Lebanon
- 1980 Poésie murale, Aubigny sur Nère, France
- 1979 Museum of Modern Art, Tunis, Tunisia
- 1978 6th Salon Art et Matière, Musée du Luxembourg, Paris, France
- 1967 The Sorbonne, Paris, France

SELECTED INSTITUTIONAL COLLECTIONS

Aïshti Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon
Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
Bourse de commerce - Pinault Collection, Paris, France
Burger Collection, Hong Kong
Centre National des Arts Plastiques (CNAP), Paris
Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
LaM – Lille Métropole Musée d'art moderne, d'art contemporain et d'art brut, Lille, France
Metropolitan Art Society, Beirut, Lebanon
Mumok – Museum moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig Wien, Vienna, Austria
Musée d'Art Contemporain de la Haute-Vienne, Rochechouart, France
Musée d'Art Moderne de Paris, Paris, France
Musée Yves Saint Laurent, Marrakech, Morocco
National Museum of Qatar, Doha, Qatar
NRW Kunstsammlung, Düsseldorf, Germany
Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Sursock Museum, Beirut
TBA21 Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary Foundation, Madrid, Spain
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis

COMMISSIONS

2023 National Museum of Qatar Sculpture Park, Doha
2021 Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Minneapolis
2019 National Museum of Qatar, Doha, Qatar

SPECIAL PROJECTS

2014 MoMA PS1, New York, USA
2013 Venice Biennial, Venice, Italy
Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
2012 FID, International Film Festival, Marseille, France
Mapping Subjectivity: Experimentation in Arab Cinema from the 1960s to Now, MoMA, New York, USA

SELECTED PRESS ARTICLES

- 2024 Patrick Steffen, *Vie d'artiste : Simone Fattal*, Art Basel, March, 24, online
Charlotte Higgins, *Insider art: Vatican sets up Biennale pavilion at Venice women's jail*, The Guardian, April, 18, online
R.P, *Biennale de Venise : 7 pavillons coups de coeur - Vatican : Liberté, j'écris ton nom*, Le Quotidien de l'Art, April, 18, online
Max Henry, *Simone Fattal at Secession*, Spike Art Magazine Issue 80, Summer
Leçons d'artiste avec Simone Fattal : Première/ Deuxième/ Troisième Leçon, Musée du Louvre, July, 18, online
Ricardo Karam, *The Boundless Creativity of Simone Fattal*, Ricardo Karam, May, 28, online
Simone Fattal in Conversation with Emma Enderby, Vienna Secession, July, 16, online
Alec Scott, *The Vatican transforms a prison into a gallery*, The New York Times, April, 19, online
Ella Martin-Gachot, *Simone Fattal Shares the Hardest Part of Being an Artist, and Why It's Worth It to Keep Fighting*, Cultured, January, 30, online
- 2023 Talia Kwartler, *Simone Fattal : Portikus*, Artforum VOL.62, NO.4, December
Laura McLean-Ferris, *"Everybody Talks About the Weather" and "Thus waves come in pairs"*, e-flux, July, online
Judith Benhamou, *Simone Fattal, Artist, Ocean Space, Venice May 2023*, Judith Benhamou, May, 29, online
Simone Fattal in conversation with Jina Khayyer, KINDL - Centrum für zeitgenössische Kunst, November, 27, online
E.A.T. X Centre Pompidou: Simone Fattal, E.A.T. | Engadin Art Talks, November, 15, online
- 2022 *EXPOSÉE - Simone Fattal / Portraits de femmes artistes by MARGAUX BRUVGIN*, PROJETS media, May, 4, online
Judith Benhamou, *Simone Fattal, Artist, Biennale de Lyon 2022. Beirut, the golden years*, September, 22, online
Etel Adnan et Simone Fattal - L'amie de l'univers, Bourse de Commerce - Pinault Collection, November, 3, online
Judith Benhamou, *Simone Fattal, artist about ceramic and contemporary art*, Judith Benhamou, January, 24, online
Material Poetries: Simone Fattal & Maggie O'Sullivan, Henry Moore Foundation, April 13, online

- 2020 LN, *Expo : Helen Khal*, Le Commerce du Levant, January, 10, online
 Jina Khayter, *Simone Fattal & Etel Adnan*, Apartamento magazine Issue #25, Spring/Summer
 Dimitris Lempesis, *ART-PRESENTATION: Simone Fattal-Fix Your Gaze On Saturn's Rings*,
 in Dream Idea Machin, January, online
Radio GAMeC - 25.4.20 Saturday Night Live: Simone Fattal e Thomas Hirschorn, GAMeC Bergamo,
 April, 26, online
*The Post-Apollo Press (1982-2012) • Talk by Simone Fattal with Maha Maamoun
 & Ala Younis (Kayla-ta)*, Beirut Art Center, April, 20, online
L'Entretien Infini - Simone Fattal - Conversation avec Hans Ulrich Obrist - 2019,
 Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, June, 11, online
Etel Adnan & Simone Fattal talk about the lockdown, GALLERIA CONTINUA, July, 1, online
Simone Fattal in conversation with Barbara Casavecchia, Bergen Kunsthall, March, 10, online
- 2019 Ala Younis, *Simone Fattal*, Flash Art NO. 325, VOL. 52, April / May
 Negar Azimi, *Some See Trees, Others See Doors*, frieze Magazine NO. 202, April
 Roberta Smith, *Best Art of 2019 - 'Simone Fattal: Works and Days' at MoMA/P.S.1*,
 The New York Times, December, 6, online
 Fifi Abou Dib, *Simone Fattal réactive les guerriers du temps passé*, L'Officiel Levant, July, 4, online
 Shrine Saad, *Simone Fattal Sculpts Poetry from Chaos*, Hyperallergic, April, 3, online
The MoMA Brooklyn is welcoming a Simon Fattal retrospective, Independent Arabia, May, 9, online
 Anne-Cécile Sanchez . L'OEIL, *Simone Fattal, tout vient à point...*, Le Journal des Arts,
 February, 21, online
 Johanna Fateman, *"Simone Fattal"*, The New Yorker, Art Museums and libraries, April, 22, online
Art Conversation: Simone Fattal, Palazzo Grassi - Punta della Dogana, October, 14, online
Simone Fattal - "Luogo e Segni" at Punta della Dogana, Palazzo Grassi - Punta della Dogana,
 September, 23, online
- 2018 Agnieszka Gratza, *"Garden of Memory" at Musée Yves Saint Laurent Marrakech*,
 Artforum International, January, 11, online
 Paola Nicolin, *Simone Fattal*, domus Magazine N.1026, July / August
Words on Works: Guerriers by Simone Fattal, Saradar Collection, April, 13, online
- 2017 Myrna Ayad, *Simone Fattal highlights at-risk elements in the Arab world in her exhibition at the Sharjah
 Art Foundation*, The National, February, 7, online
 Magali Lesauvage, *Femmes artistes, omission plus possible*, Libération, August, 11, online
Simone Fattal, New Yorker, March, 20, online
- 2016 Harry Thorne, *Around Town: Sharjah*, Frieze Magazine, April, 1, online
 Hans Ulrich Obrist, *A Studio Visit With Simone Fattal*, Mousse Magazine issue #53, April/May
 William Massey, *Collage de Destruction Massive : Simone Fattal*, L'officiel Art N° 17, March/April/May
- 2015 Lillian Davies, *Reviews : Simone Fattal at Balice Hertling*, Artforum Issue 53, Summer
- 2014 Sara Roffino, *Etel Adnan & Simone Fattal with Sara Roffino & Anna Tome*, The Brooklyn Rail,
 September, 4, online
- 2012 Kaelen Wilson-Goldie, *Self Sufficient*, Artforum, November, 21, online

MONOGRAPHS, PERSONAL EXHIBITION CATALOGUES & SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 *Simone Fattal : Imagine Otherwise*. Texts by Hans Ulrich Obrist, Omar Kholeif, and Rasha Salti.
Published by Sternberg Press
Simone Fattal : A breeze over the Mediterranean. Texts by Alberto Salvadori, and Andrea Viliani.
Published by Mousse Publishing
- 2024 *Simone Fattal*. Texts by Etel Adnan, Liberty Adrien, Carina Bukuts, Steve Dickison, and Edwin Nasr.
Published by Hatje Cantz
Simone Fattal. Texts by Cecilia Alemani, and Jeanette Pacher. Published by Secession
- 2023 *Thus Waves Come in Pairs : Thinking with the Mediterraneans*. Contributions by
Jumana Emil Abboud, Omar Berrada, Barbara Casavecchia, Pietro Consolandi, Övül Ö.
Durmuşoğlu, Petrit Halilaj & Álvaro Urbano, Zeyn Joukhadar, Ibrahim Nehme, and Giovanna Silva.
Published by Sternberg Press, Berlin/TBA21-Academy, Venice
- 2022 *Simone Fattal : Finding a Way*. Essay by Lisa Robertson. Published by Whitechapel Gallery
- 2019 *Simone Fattal : Works and Days*. Text by Ruka Katrib. Published by MoMA PS1, New York
- 2018 *Garden of Memory : Etel Adnan, Simone Fattal, Bob Wilson*. Texts by Etel Adnan, Simone Fattal
and Bob Wilson. Published by König Books, London / Musée Yves Saint Laurent, Marrakech
- 2017 *Simone Fattal : Watercolours*. Foreword by Etel Adnan, and Hans Ulrich Obrist.
Published by Heni Publishing, London
- 2014 *Simone Fattal : Sculptures*. Published by The Post-Apollo Press
- 2011 *Simone Fattal*. Published by the Post-Apollo Press