



**خارج الدائرة**  
OUT OF THE CIRCLE

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Founder/Art Curator

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**Elham Khattab** was born on 14 February 1981 in Cairo, Egypt. She graduated from the faculty of Fine Arts, Graphic & Illustrations section, of Helwan University, Egypt, in 2004.

She started off her career even before graduation and in 2006; she occupied her first position as a professional art coordinator in the 29<sup>th</sup> Cairo International Film Festival.



She was Executive Exhibition Coordinator & Art Curator of the visual and craft arts section in El-Sawy Culture Wheel during 2007 and 2008; and during this period she organized many international and local exhibitions: among others, World Press Photo 07/ 08, UN development exhibitions, embassies and culture exhibitions.

Khattab found out that a full time job within an institution may be hindering her from many travels and from a lot of horizons she was eager to explore, hence she decided to quit her full time job and to work independently in art and culture management since 2008.

Elham Khattab is the founder and the art curator of Out of the Circle initiative, which was launched in March 2008 and was the cradle of numerous art projects currently operating under the umbrella of Out of the Circle: Color Egypt, Made in Egypt and Shamousa (Sun Shine) Crafts Children program.

### **Out of the Circle**

Elham Khattab fundraised for the first intake of the initiative that was executed in Damascus, Syria in March/April 2008; a workshop and an exhibition were held by 3 Egyptian and 3 Syrian artists. The project was funded by Culture Resource (Al Mawred Al Thaqafy), the Egyptian Ministry of Culture, All Art Now - Art organization in Syria, and Beit Jabry - Art and restaurant in Syria.

Out of the Circle initiative participate in **Melopee 6** – Meeting for euro-Mediterranean Culture managers, organized by L'echangeur centre de creation et de production and AMUNI, Picardie, France, November 2009.

### **Work Experience:**

- Provided Art Consultancy to:
  - "**Origami Arabic Center**" by Founder and Origami Artist/ Osama Helmy 2010
  - "**Kamees**" group and exhibition for making T-Shirts with Egyptian identity by Egyptian artists 2008 to 2010
  - "**AFCA**" Francophones Arts Academy in Cairo 2009
  - "**Ana Masry**" tolerance project by Nahdet El-Mahrousa Organization 2009

- Prepared art workshop for the Italian artist/ Patrizio Travagli - Director of Accademia d'Arte AD'A of Florence with the cooperation of Egyptian curator/ Aida Eltorie about **Painting techniques from Florence**, December 2009
- Organized the 1<sup>st</sup> tour for the Jordanian independent band "**Autostrad**" in Cairo and Alexandria, May 2009
- Participated in the organizing of **Shifting Senses exhibition** with the Egyptian Artist living in U.S.A / Haytham Nawar in Goethe Institute, June 2009
- Executive Exhibition Coordinator & Art Curator, **EI-Sawy CultureWheel**, August 2006 - March 2008, Cairo, Egypt.  
Organized:
  - World Press Photo for year 2006 and 2007
  - UN exhibitions for development projects (UNICEF, UNIC and World Food Program)
  - Sakia's Annual photography competition, year 2007 and 2008
  - Culture Exhibition in cooperation with embassies and culture centers
  - Exhibitions by Egyptians and International artists
  - Ramadan Khan El Sakia for Art Crafts, 2006 and 2007
  - Monthly Sakia's Art Market for Crafts
- Program coordinator for Animation Jury in the **14<sup>th</sup> CAIRO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN**, CAIRO, EGYPT, February – March 2006
- Program Coordinator of **Tiatro theatre group**, responsible for all correspondences and procedures for traveling and theatre performing in **Philadelphia Theatre Festival**, Amman, Jordan, May 2005
- Program coordinator for Guests with films during **the 29<sup>TH</sup> Cairo International Film Festival**, Cairo, October – December 2006
- Executive Exhibition Coordinator, **Cordoba art gallery**, Cairo, December 2005 –April 2006

### Arts, Art Management and Curatorial Training Programs

#### Instructed:

- **Shamousa Crafts Children Program**, Aleph Bookstore, Cairo, 2011
- **Leadership and youth development program**, "Camper's Got Talent" Camp, Smash club Katameyia Cairo, supported by Thomas Cook, July/August 2011
- **Crafts Class within the Junior Summer program**, American University, Tahrir and Heliopolis, Cairo – June/ July 2009 and 2010
- **Candle Making Course**, Zakhareef Studio in Zamalek, Cairo since January 2008 – November 2010

## **Participated in:**

- **“Women in Art” Panel Discussion**, as panelist with Hala Galal – Film Director, Dominique Elias - Artist and Fulbright Researcher, Hoda Lutfi – Visual Artist Organized by Egyptian state Alumni Community and culture department of U.S.A embassy, in Rawabet Theatre, March 2010
- **Curating/Educating Workshop at ACAF** (Alexandria Contemporary Arts Forum, Alexandria), with Swiss Art Curator/ Barnaby Drabble, Alexandria, May 2009
- **International Leadership Visitor Program**, Grant by the United States department of state (Bureau of Educational and Cultural affairs) and International Meridian center, U.S.A., April / May 2008
- **Culture Management program**, Sakia Academy for Culture Management in Cooperation with the Austrian Culture Section, El-Sawy Culturwheel, Cairo, 2007 (6 months).
- **Exhibition Management Workshop**, Contemporary image collective CIC, with Swiss curator/ Ursula Wittmer, Cairo, November 2007
- **Townhouse Cairo Curator Workshop**, Town House Gallery, Cairo, May 2007
- **Exhibition Installing and Packing Workshop**, British council, Cairo, November 2006
- **Art and Cultures Management Workshop**, Culture Resource Al Mawred Al Thaqafy, Marrakech, Morocco, September 2005
- **Theatre Art Management Workshop**, Goethe institute, Alexandria, June 2005
- **Art Management Workshop** within the Creative Forum 3, Bibliotheca Alexandria & I-act group, Alexandria, February 2005

## **Exhibitions:**

- “Kasakees” photography Exhibition, Group Exhibition by Egyptian photographers, March 2007, El Sawy Culturewheel
- Women’s Exhibition, The French Cultural Centre, 2003 – 2004
- Opera Exhibition, 2003
- International Biennale, Port Said, 2002

## **Publications**

- Out Of The Circle – Visual Experience between Cairo and Damascus 2008 Catalogue, March 2008
- Digital Arts Article, El-Sakia El Warakeyia Magazine, January/February 2008
- Visual Arts school poster, El-Sakia El Warakeyia Magazine, April/May 2007

## **Membership**

- Member in Syndicate of Plastic Arts, Egyptian National Committee, International Association of Art UNESCO.
- Member in Egyptian state Alumni Community.
- Member in global community for alumni of U.S government- sponsored exchange programs. (International Leadership Visitor Program ILVP).