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artist bio

Fatspatrol. Real name Fathima.

I'm an Indian/ Canadian artist born and raised in Dubai, my first home. A Canadian immigrant, living somewhere between worlds and boxes.

My style grew out of the abundance of incredible cultural information I grew up with, while at the same time the need to find a voice of my own.

Indian textiles, Arabic architecture, comic books and graffiti all absorbed and channeled into my own way of making sense of the world. Always intrigued by folklore, mythology, semiotics, I'm interested in how we navigate our existential conundrums through our innate ability to express ourselves. To use symbols and metaphors and representation to capture larger, universal themes. I've always looked for poetry in struggle, romance in tragedy and magic and humour in our day to day narratives. Drawing, to me, is a means to personal freedom and mental fortitude.

I believe in art's ability to heal and transform. To transcend boundaries and connect. And that has taken me on an incredible journey through studying art, curating shows and projects, working with challenged communities and painting public walls in 10 countries so far.



artist CV

EDUCATION:

BA Specialist Art & Culture, University of Toronto at Scarborough, 2005 – Major in Studio Art
MA Sociology – Goldsmiths, University of London, UK, 2007

ART-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE:

A Space Gallery – gallery assistant – internship, 2002
Mural Routes – apprentice mentor artist – Project Flight – 2003
Arts for Children of Toronto- artist project leader - 2006
Art Starts – artist project leader – 2006
Dubai Community Theatre & Arts Centre, Gallery and Manager, 2008-2011
The Domino – Founder, Director, 2011 - present

AWARDS & RESIDENCIES:

Sheikha Manal Young Artist Award, Dubai 2010
Nominated for Emirates Woman of the Year 2011 for contribution to developing local art scene in the UAE
Delfina Foundation, artist residency, London, UK August 2012
1 year of training with the Toronto Art Therapy Institute

EXTRAS:

Online Certificate in Corporate Social Responsibility 2008
Participant of Cultural Leadership International forum, British Council, Lebanon, 2010
Recipient of Cultural Leadership International 2010 grant, British Council, UK
Participant in Cultural Leadership and Innovation 2012, British Council, UAE
Participant in Mission 2062, Paris, 2013
IPAF Certified

FESTIVALS, EXHIBITIONS , PROJECTS

Flight, Mural Routes, apprentice mentor artist, Toronto, 2002
MINDFRAME – solo exhibition, Gallery 1265, University of Toronto, 2005
Bloom, Group fundraising showcase for aids awareness, Toronto, 2008
Silent Conversations, Group Exhibition, Tashkeel Gallery, Dubai, UAE. 2009
SKIN – collaborative exhibition, MOJO Gallery, Dubai 2009
Made in Tashkeel, group exhibition, Dubai, 2010
Stop motion music video: 3 Act Circus, screened at Gulf Film Festival, Dubai, 2010
SKIN – collab. Exhibition. MOJO Gallery, Dubai 2010
Sikka Art Fair, participating artist, performance piece, Dubai, 2011
Drawing the Line, group exhibition, Tashkeel, Dubai, 2012
32nd Annual Exhibition of Emirates Fine Arts Society Sharjah Art Museum, art installation, Sharjah, 2012
Yasalam, participating artist, Abu Dhabi, 2013, 2014
Art Nights @ DIFC, , curator and participating artist. Dubai 2013, 2014, 2015
Street Nights – street festival –, Dubai 2014, 2015
Street Con, street festival, Dubai, 2015
Tiger Translate – Urban art and music festival, curator & artist. Dubai, 2015
Demolition Exhibition – Jersey City, 2015
Shubbak Festival –London, 2015
White Cross Street Party, London, 2015
Street Art showcase, NYU AD, Abu Dhabi 2015
The Word is Your Festival, Amman, 2016
Mother of the Nation Festival, Abu Dhabi, 2016
Abu Dhabi Art Fair, Abu Dhabi, 2016
Upfest, Bristol, UK, 2016, 2017
Dubai Walls, Dubai, 2017
Baladk Festival, Amman, Jordan 2017
Canada 150 commission, Dubai, 2017
Women in the Walls Festival, Toronto, 2017
Wonderwalls Festival, Adelaide, Australia 2017
Transformations Connected, Steps Initiative, Toronto, 2017
Tiger Air Ink launch exhibition, curator and artist, Dubai, 2017
Dubai Airport mural commission, Dubai, 2017
Todayatapple, artist spotlight for Apple, Dubai, 2017
8th Street Skate Park Project – Lakeshore Arts, Toronto, 2018
Waterford Walls Festival, Ireland, 2018
ArtEmaar, Dubai, 2018
Hands off the Wall Festival, Vien Museum, Vienna, 2019
Vector Institute mural project, Toronto, 2019
Stackt mural project, STEPS Initiative, Toronto, 2019
Castlefield Mural Project, Skinny Strong, Toronto, 2019
Beltline Urban Murals Project Festival, Calgary, 2019
CIMU Festival, UNAM university, Mexico City, 2019
Madinat Jumeirah mural commission, Dubai, 2019
Safe Flight Home – workshop series, STEPS Initiative, Toronto 2020
The Humans – mural commission – Miral – Abu Dhabi, 2021
Yas Village – mural series commission – Miral – Abu Dhabi 2021-2022

PREVIOUS CLIENTS

RedBull
Adidas
Tiger Beer
Vans
Marriot
Dubai Airports
WWF
Pepsi
Jumeirah
Pullman
Jameson
Virgin Megastore
Canadian Consulate, UAE
EMAAR Properties
Kappa
Absolut
Miral
apple

OUTREACH

Mural Routes – Flight project (2002)– Community arts project

Art Starts – workshops with youth - preparation for a production (2003)

Arts for Children of Toronto – workshops in schools with youth (2004)

MVF Foundation – Hyderabad, India – charity for victims of Child Labour (2005)

Scribble Foundation - Dharamshala – India -2015 – working with youth in impoverished communities to paint classrooms (2015)

Lexington Avenue – Jersey City –mural project (2016)

American Community School, Abu Dhabi – Mural workshops (2016)

Medecins Sans Frontiers Hospital – Amman, Jordan – Rehabilitation hospital in Amman treating victims with war related injuries – mural project with patients (2017)

Camp Ozanam – Camp for boys - Stouffville, Ontario – youth engagement mural (2017)

Gems International School, artist mentorship Dubai (2019)

Safe Flight Home – Workshop series for FLAP Canada- awareness around the bird-window collision – Toronto (2020)



WALLS



'The Humans'
Yas Bay, Yas Island
Abu Dhabi
2021
Approx. 2600 sq m
Side 1





'Migration'
BUMP Mural Festival
Calgary
2019
Approx. 25 x 6 m

'Xoloitzcuintli'
CIMU Festival
Mexico City
2019
Approx. 10 x 8 m





Hands off the Wall Festival
Wien Museum
Vienna, Austria
2019
Approx. 6 x 4m

Falcon
Commission for
Art Emaar
Downtown Dubai, 2018
Approx. 9 x 4 m





Private commission
Toronto, 2020
Approx. 7 x 4.5 m



Madinat Jumeirah commission
Dubai,
2019





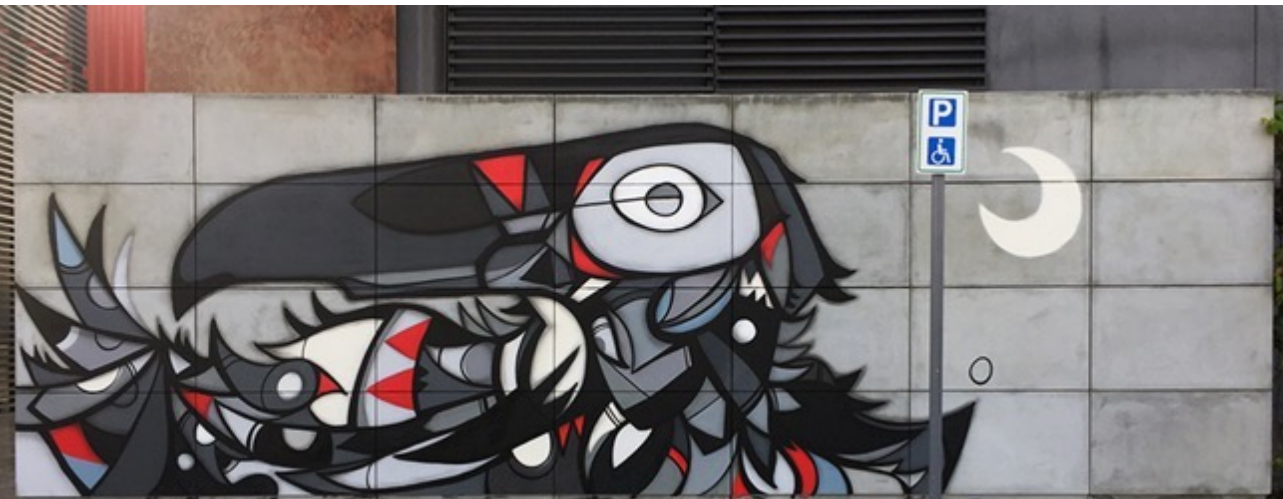
Part of Artist mentorship project for Gems
International School
Dubai, 2019
Approx. 7 x 4 m

'Ceann Cait'
Waterford Walls, Ireland
2018
Approx. 22 x 4.5 m



'Kerfuffle'
Wonderwalls Festival
Sponsored by Red Bull UAE
Port Adelaide, Australia
2017
Approx. 9 x 9m





'The Eagle and the Raven'
Box Park Dubai
Commission for Dubai Walls
Dubai
2017
Approx. 14x4m



'Eagle'
8th street skate park
Commissioned by Lakeshore Arts
Toronto, Canada
2018
Approx. 9x9m



Commission for
Sofitel, Dubai
Sponsored by Red Bull UAE
2016
Approx. 11x11m



COMMERCIAL



adidas



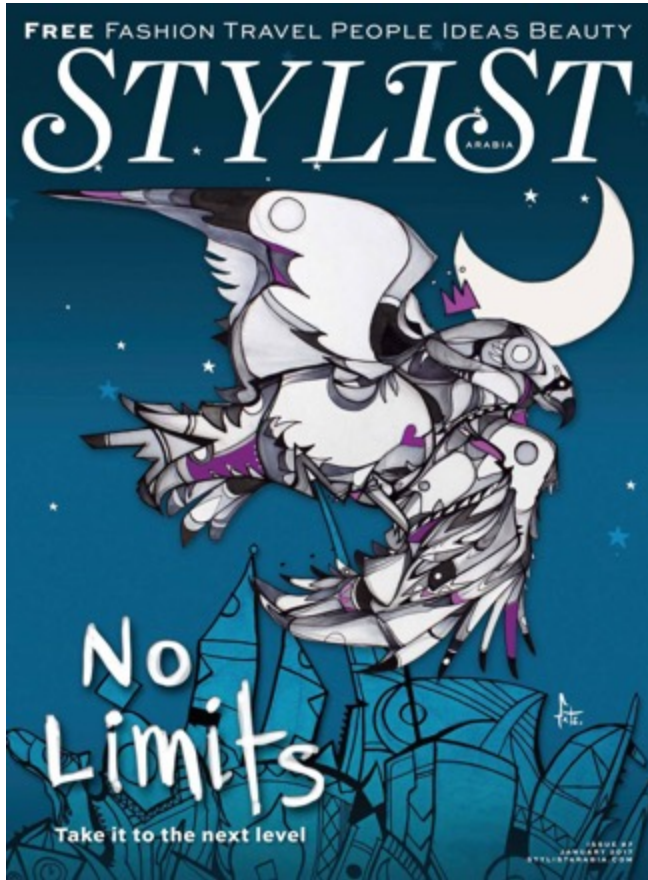
Absolut



Vans



Pepsi



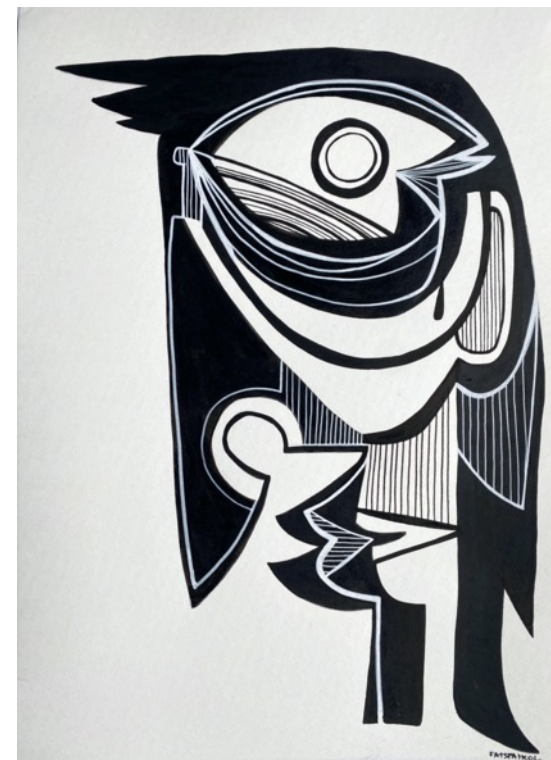
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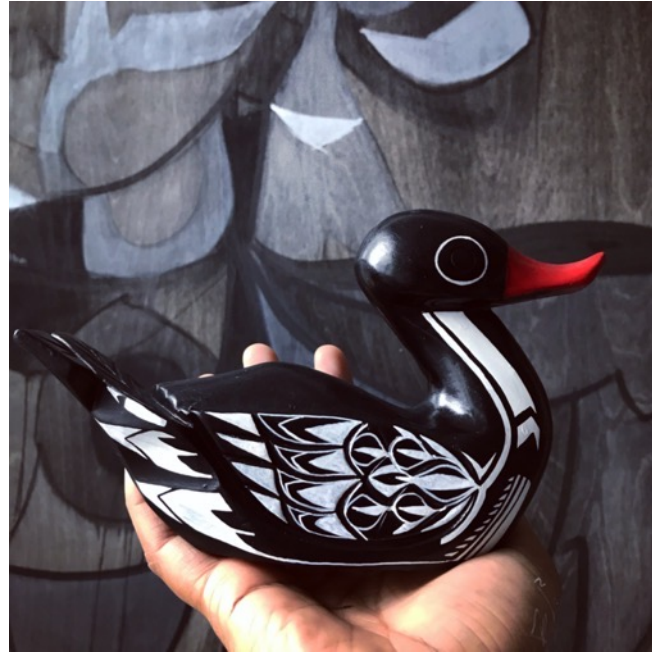


Dubai International
Airport commission,
2017

STUDIO



The humans – portrait series 2021 - ongoing



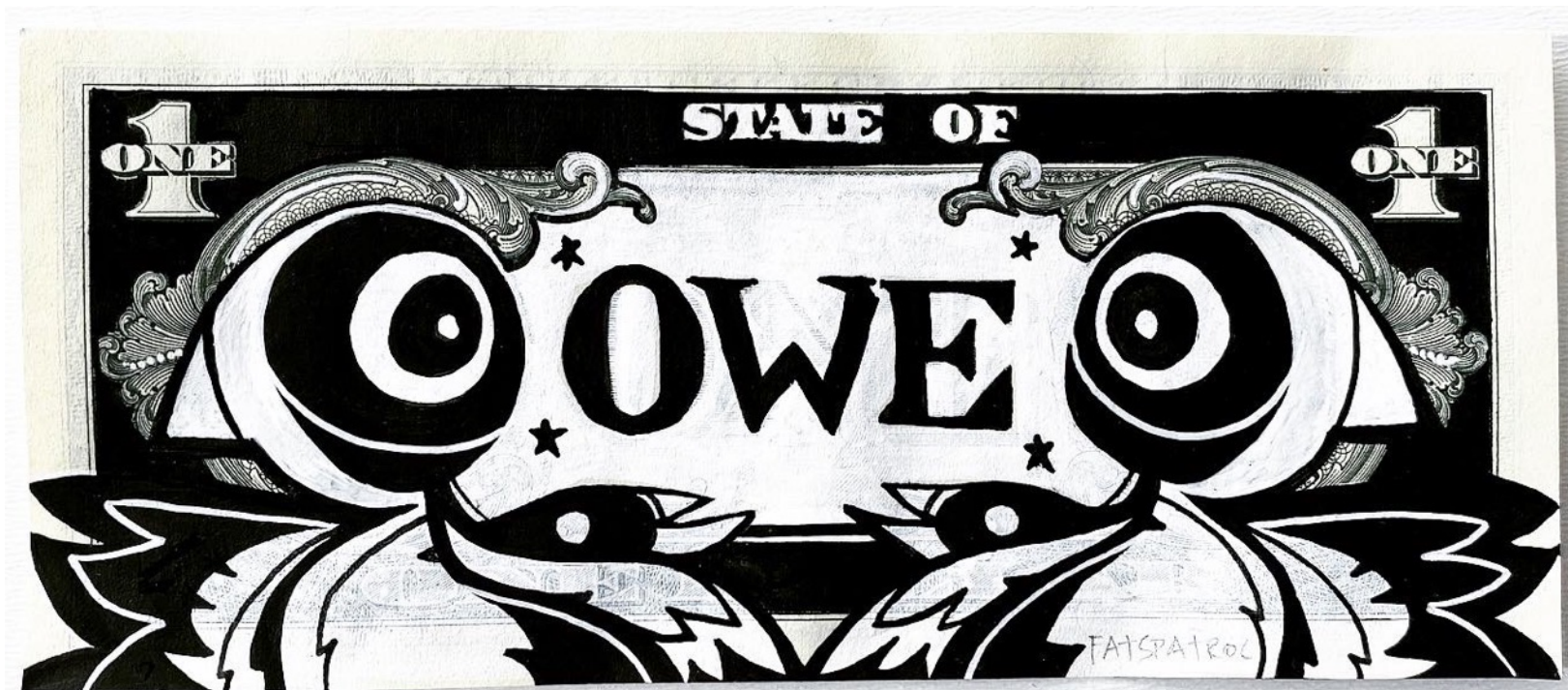
Rebirth:
Unwanted things, new
narratives



The lockdown
birds
2020

Wood and
canvas





Artwork for Galerie Sakura exhibition "Street Money". Paris, 2020

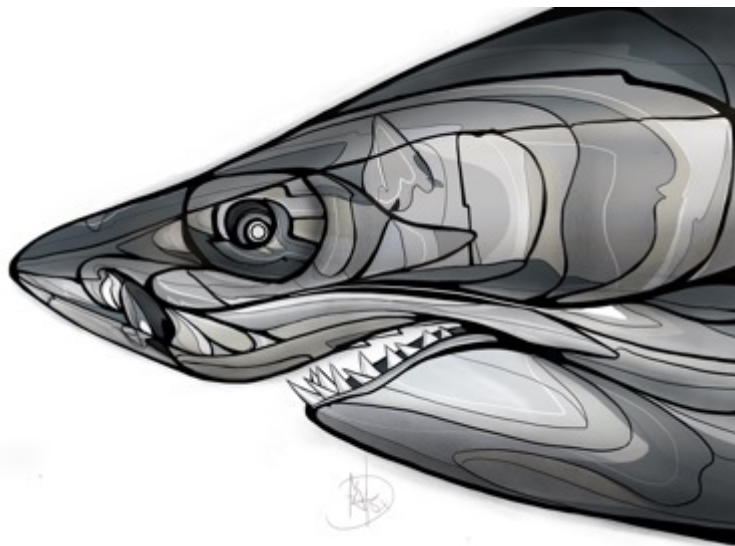
DIGITAL



if I wore my feathers
as a cape
then could you really see
that though my courage isn't fake
I still smile nervously...







etc.

REFERENCES:

Shaun Warner, Red Bull UAE: shaun.warner@ae.redbull.com

Anjuli Solanki, STEPs Initiative, Toronto: anjuli@stepsinitiative.com

Joel Van de Moore: Wonderwalls Festival, Australia: vto@vanstheomega.com.au



THANKS FOR YOUR TIME
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