

ELIYAH MESAYER

Born in Kuwait, 1987

Lives and works in Copenhagen, DK

EDUCATION

2020	The Jutland Art Academy
2019	The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts
2016	Bergen Academy of Art and Design
2013	Fotografisk Skole

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026	<i>Letters from a Huntress</i> , NILS STÆRK, Copenhagen, DK <i>The Speakers Room</i> , Den Frie Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, DK <i>All Rise</i> , Rønnebæksholm Kunsthall, Næstved, DK
2025	<i>ALL RISE</i> , Rå Hal, Godsbanen, Aarhus, DK
2019	<i>AN ARMOUR OF SILVER AND STONE AND THE DIZZY MAN'S THRONE</i> , Kvit Gallery, Copenhagen, DK

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026	<i>What is Lost is Lost Forever</i> , duo exhibition with Ihsan Saad Ihsan Tahir, Fuxia 2, Malmö, SE <i>Invitation</i> , All All All, Copenhagen, DK
2024	<i>Showcase</i> , Gwangju Biennale, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, KR
2023	<i>Bad Timing – or How to Write History Without Objects</i> , Den Frie Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, DK

- 2022 *THE KING AND THE JINN*, duo exhibition with Julie Stavad, OK CORRAL, Copenhagen, DK
The People Who Came From The Sea, duo exhibition with Galvin Harrison + T.N.G., Brigade Gallery, Copenhagen, DK
- 2021 *Temporary Truth*, Thorvaldsen's Museum, Copenhagen, DK
LANDING 2021, Kunsthall Kongegaarden, Korsør, DK
WAIT IN LINE, WAIT YOUR TURN, Kunsthall Aarhus BBC, Copenhagen, DK
Silence in Pieces: 4 Acts, Galeria Fundação Amélia de Mello, Lisboa, PT
- 2020 *LYS.MUR*, Svendborg, DK

PROJECTS

- 2026 *Whispered Legislation*, performance, Toaster Biennale, Den Frie Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, DK
- 2025 *Illiyeen x Thicket*, performance, Thicket, Den Frie Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, DK
The Caretakers, performance, Another Life, Det Kongelige Teater - Skuespilhuset, Copenhagen, DK
Illiyeen, installation, Heartland Festival, Kværndrup, DK
The Caretakers, performance, Den Frie Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, DK
Illiyeen, film, NEW:VISION Award nominee, CPH:DOX
- 2024 *Ask the Oracle*, performance, Gwangju Biennale, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, KR
- 2023 *No justice, no love*, performance, Ny Carlsbergfondets performanceprogram på Folkemødet, Allinge, DK
Ask the Oracle, performance, Roskilde Festival, Roskilde, DK
Art Hub Copenhagen, residency, Copenhagen, DK
- 2022 Brigade Gallery, residency, Havana, CU
- 2020 *Illiyeen National Anthem*, performance, The National Gallery of Denmark, Copenhagen, DK
Seven Flags, performance, Den Frie Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, DK

NILS STÆRK

Poems, performance, Copenhagen Contemporary, Copenhagen, DK
Return to Sender, performance, Kunsthall Aarhus, Aarhus, DK

2019 *After School Special, Landmark, Bergen Kunsthall, Bergen, NO*

PRIZES & GRANTS

2025	Danish Arts Foundation, Award for ALL RISE
2025	Antikvar Carl Julius Petersen's Relief Fund
2024–2026	Den Unge Kunstneriske Elite, the Danish Arts Foundation
2024	Working Grant, the Danish Arts Foundation
2023	Niels Wessel Baggers Art Foundation, Honorary Award
2023	Working Grant, the Danish Arts Foundation
2022	Roskilde Festival Foundation
2022	Working Grant, the Danish Arts Foundation
2021	Carl Nielsen and Anne Marie Carl-Nielsen Grant
2021	Sven Dalgaard Foundation