

Khen Shish

Biographical Notes

Born in Israel, 1970; lives and works in Tel Aviv and Berlin

- 1995 BFA, The Art Institute, Oranim Academic College, Kiryat Tivon, Israel
1999 MFA, Advanced Studies Program in Fine Art, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design and the Hebrew University, Jerusalem
2000–2001 The New Seminar for Visual Culture, Criticism and Theory, Camera Obscura School of Art, Tel Aviv

Selected Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions & Art Talks

- 1994 *Formaldehyde*, Oranim Academic College, Kiryat Tivon, Israel
1995 Church installation as part of the Holiday of Holidays Festival, Wadi Nisnas, Haifa; curator: Hana Kofler
1997 *Henna*, Artists' Quarter, Safed, Israel; curator: Meira Avidar-Serebro
Henna (with Rana Bishara), Beit Hagefen Gallery, Haifa; curator: Hana Kofler (cat.)
1998 *Part Time Witch*, Jerusalem Artists' House; curator: Nahum Tevet
1999 *Sesame and the Goat*, Antea—A Women's Artspace at Kol Ha'Isha, Jerusalem; curator: Rita Mendes-Flohr
2000 *Buongiorno Giotto*, Department of Photography Gallery, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem
2002 *Khen Shish: Paris/London 1999/2002*, as part of *Air Time: VideoArt Meetings at the Museum*, Herzliya Museum of Art, Herzliya, Israel
2003 *Birthday*, Hagar Art Gallery, Jaffa, Israel; curators: Tal Ben Zvi, Naomi Aviv (cat.)
2005 *La Vie En Rose*, Alon Segev Gallery, Tel Aviv
2006 *Transit*, Kodra Visual Arts Festival, Thessaloniki, Greece; curator: Tal Ben Zvi (cat.)
I Was Kidnapped by Indians, The Art Gallery, University of Haifa, Israel; curator: Ruti Direktor (cat.)
2008 *This Damned Heart of Mine*, Habers+Partner, Vienna
Nerves Sing, Alon Segev Gallery, Tel Aviv; curator: Ktzia Alon (cat.)
2009 *Fire, Smoke, and Scales*, The Art Institute Gallery, Oranim Academic College, Kiryat Tivon, Israel; curators: students guided by David Wakstein
Ornaments et Plis, Hagalleria, Paris
2010 *In the Black Distance: Lea Nikel, Khen Shish*, Ashdod Art Museum, Ashdod, Israel; curator: Naomi Aviv (cat.)
2012 Conversation with Khen Shish as part of *Artists Discussing their Work 4: Lecture series 2011–12*, Gordon Gallery, Tel Aviv
2013 *I Didn't Have the Heart to Wake You*, Gordon Gallery, Tel Aviv (cat.)
2014 *Handmade Bombs*, Circle1—Platform for Art & Culture, Berlin; curator: Doreet LeVitte Harten
Meeting with Khen Shish as part of *8 Conversations with Artists about Art: Meetings with Outstanding Israeli Artists*, Art Education Wing, Tel Aviv Museum of Art
2015 *De Kooning and Me: Family*, The Art Gallery, Kibbutz Beerli, Israel; curator: Ziva Jelin
Tunisian Bride, Gordon Gallery, Tel Aviv
2017 *Shut Up, Shut Up*, solo exhibition as part of the exhibition cluster *Dangerous Art*, Haifa Museum of Art, Haifa; curator: Svetlana Reingold
La distanza delle ragioni (with Veronica Botticelli), Anna Marra Arte Contemporanea, Rome; curator: Giorgia Calò (cat.)
2018 *Espacio Tomado*, IK Projects Gallery, Lima, Peru; curator: Ilan Karpio 2019
Self-Mirroring, Loushy Art & Projects, Tel Aviv
Deliberately Random, as part of *Traces VII: Action—Line—The Seventh Biennale for Drawing in Israel*, Ticho House, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem; curator: Timna Seligman (cat.)
2020 *When the Sun Vanishes: Khen Shish / Thomas Kriner*, Tova Osman Art Gallery, Tel Aviv
2021 *The Matter of Things*, Gottesman Etching Center, Kibbutz Cabri, Israel
Lucky Chameleon, Shechter Gallery, Tel Aviv; curator: Drorit Gur Arie
Bride, Birds, and Jugs, Loushy Art & Projects, Tel Aviv
2023 *Brown Eyes Darling*, Hezi Cohen Gallery, Tel Aviv; curator: Tali Ben-Nun

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 1995 *Starting Point: Select Graduates of Art Schools in Haifa and the North*, Pyramida Center for Contemporary Art, Haifa; curator: Yehuda Yatziv
Artik 2: Recipients of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation Scholarships Exhibition, The Genia Schreiber University Art Gallery, Tel Aviv University
1996 *Station—Transformation*, The New Central Bus Station, Tel Aviv; curator: Rachel Sukman (cat.)
Artik 3: Recipients of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation Scholarships Exhibition, The Museum of Israeli Art, Ramat Gan, Israel
1997 *60 Horsepower: Installations in Wadi Nisnas*, Haifa; curator: Hana Kofler
Art and Faith: Secular Exploration of Religion, The New Art Workshop, Ramat Eliyahu, Rishon LeZion, Israel
1998 *The House in Musrara 3*, Musrara Gallery, Jerusalem; curator: Rachel Sukman

- Seeing with Your Fingertips*, The New Art Workshop, Ramat Eliyahu, Rishon Lezion, Israel;
curator: Sharon Barak Bachar
- 1999 Exhibition of Israeli artists, as part of the Biennale dei giovani artisti dell'Europa e del Mediterraneo, MACRO, Rome;
curator: Alfredo Pirri
Hidden, Latent, Unknown, Ami Steinitz Gallery for Contemporary Art, Tel Aviv
Artik 4: Recipients of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation Scholarships Exhibition, The Museum of Israeli Art, Ramat Gan, Israel
Look Mama Look, as part of *ArtFocus*, Bezalel 1 Gallery, Jerusalem; curator: Yitzhak Livneh
Here and Not From Here, The Neri Bloomfield Academy of Design and Education Gallery, Haifa; curators: students guided by Anat Gatenio
- 2000 *Sister: Mizrahi Women Artists in Israel*, Jerusalem Artists' House; curators: Shula Keshet, Rita Mendes-Flohr
Exile, as part of *Multi-Exposure: Recipients of the British-Israeli Photography Award exhibition*, Hamumche Gallery, Tel Aviv; Wigmore Fine Art Gallery, London
- 2002 *BodyCase*, RAM Foundation Gallery, Rotterdam, Holland
Mother Tongue, Mishkan Le'omanut, Museum of Art, Ein Harod, Israel; curator: Tal Ben Zvi (cat.)
- 2003 *Young Israeli Art: The Jacques and Eugenie O'Hana Collection*, Tel Aviv Museum of Art; curator: Ellen Ginton (cat.)
The Promise, The Land: Jewish-Israeli Artists in Relation to Politics and Society, OK Center for Contemporary Art, Linz, Austria; curator: Stella Rollig (cat.)
There are Flowers, Line 16 Gallery, Tel Aviv; curator: Galia Yahav
Scar, The New Gallery—Artists' Studios, Teddy Stadium, Jerusalem; curator: Hedva Shemesh (cat.)
- 2004 *Intensive Care*, Alon Segev Gallery, Tel Aviv; curator: Doron Rabina
- 2005 *Winners of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport Prizes in Art and Design, 2004*, Tel Aviv Museum of Art; curator: Ellen Ginton (cat.)
Traces II: Drawing | Poetry—The Second Drawing Biennale in Israel, Jerusalem Artists' House; curator: Dror Burstein (cat.)
Drawing/Plotting, PeKA Gallery for Experimental Art and Architecture, The Technion, Haifa
Black Coffee, as part of the Holiday of Holidays Festival, Beit Hagefen, Haifa; curator: Hana Kofler (cat.)
- 2006 *Dynasty*, Sapir Negev College, Ashkelon, Israel
Art of the Land 5: Present Now, Reading Power Station Compound, Tel Aviv; curator: Tel Ben Zvi
Sigalit Landau, Gal Weinstein, Khen Shish, Alon Segev Gallery, Tel Aviv
Anonymous Exhibition, Hecht Museum, University of Haifa; curators: Elad Armon, Yeela Hazut
- 2007 *Young Israeli Art: Recipients of the Legacy Heritage Fund Prize*, Helena Rubinstein Pavilion for Contemporary Art, Tel Aviv Museum of Art; curator: Olga Cohen
Traces III: The Third Biennale for Drawing in Israel, The Jerusalem Artists' House; curator: Dalia Manor (cat.)
HandiCraft, as part of the Holiday of Holidays Festival, Beit Hagefen Gallery, Haifa; curator: Dalya Markovich (cat.)
Selected Artists, Alon Segev Gallery, Tel Aviv
The Other Sea, Jerusalem Artists' House; curators: Dalya Markovich, Ktzia Alon (cat.)
Looking at the Trees and Seeing More than the Forest: From Raffi Lavie's House, Givon Art Gallery, Tel Aviv
- 2008 *Rooms of their Own: Video Art and Performance*, Ticho House, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem; curator: Timna Seligman
Noir, Bineth Gallery, Tel Aviv; curator: Ben Tzur
Near and Apparent—Connections and Contexts: A Selection from the Benno Kalev Collection, The Open Museum, Tefen industrial Park, Israel; curators: Benno Kalev, Ruth Ofek (cat.)
Short Cuts, Habers+Partner, Vienna
Israeli Art NOW, Naomi Arin Contemporary Art, Las Vegas; curator: Omer Shani
- 2009 *Osculation Point: A Dialogue Between Image and Word—A Selection from the Benno Kalev Collection*, Gordon Gallery, Tel Aviv
In Drawers, Center for Contemporary Art, Tel Aviv; curator: Guy Morag Tzepelewitz
Spring-Summer, The Gottesman Etching Center, Kibbutz Cabri, Israel
Selected Artists, Hagalleria, Paris
League: 100 Years, 101 Women, Amiad Center, Jaffa; curator: Galia Yahav
Consolation, Inga Gallery of Contemporary Art, Tel Aviv; curator: David Adika
Where the Fashion is Art, RawArt Gallery, Tel Aviv
- 2010 *The Ministry of Culture and Sport's 2009 Awards for Art and Design*, Herzliya Museum of Contemporary Art, Herzliya, Israel; curators: Dalia Levin, Dana Orland (cat.)
Daylight, Nechoshtan Compound, Tel Aviv; curator: Yoav Hirsch
Yearning, Bayit Banamal, Tel Aviv; curator: Dana Gillerman
- 2011 *New on Paper: Recent Acquisitions in the Prints and Drawings Collection*, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem; curators: Ronit Sorek, Nirit Sharon-Debel, Eva Sznajderman (cat.)
The Museum Presents Itself: Israeli Art from the Museum Collection, Tel Aviv Museum of Art; curator: Ellen Ginton (cat.)
Fresh Paint 4, Contemporary Art Fair, Botanical Garden compound, Tel Aviv
Annual Report 3, Kayma Gallery & Studio, Jaffa
Calm White Night, Kayma Gallery & Studio, Jaffa
Boydem Festival, Bikurei HaItim Center, Tel Aviv
- 2012 *The Happy Mummy*, The Museum of Israeli Art, Ramat Gan, Israel; curator: Mira Hanan Avgar (cat.)
Archive: The PhotoHouse Hosting, Fresh Paint Contemporary Art Fair, Tel Aviv

- 2013 *Wound*, Petach Tikva Museum of Art, Petach Tikva, Israel; curators: Drorit Gur-Arie, Hila Cohen-Schneiderman, Sigal Kehat-Krinski
Curator: Yona Fischer—Beginnings of a Collection, Ashdod Art Museum, Ashdod, Israel; curators: Yuval Beaton, Roni Cohen-Binyamini (cat.)
Time of Human Experience, Inga Gallery of Contemporary Art, Tel Aviv
Momentum: Paris-Tel Aviv-Paris, Minotaure Gallery, Tel Aviv; curator: Marie Shek
Group Exhibition, Gordon Gallery, Tel Aviv
Print Time: Works from the Jerusalem Print Workshop and the Gottesman Etching Center, Kibbutz Cabri, The Open Museum, Tefen Industrial Park, Israel (cat.)
- 2014 *Mazal U'Bracha: Myth and Superstition in Contemporary Israeli Art*, Beit Hatfutsot—The Museum of the Jewish People, Tel Aviv; curator: Carmit Blumensohn (cat.)
Confrontation, Galerie Le Minotaure and Galerie Alain Le Gaillard, Paris; curator: Marie Shek
New Works: Spring 2014, Gordon Gallery, Tel Aviv
- 2015 *Beuys, Beuys, Beuys*, The Artists' House, Tel Aviv; curator: Liav Mizrahi
Group Exhibition from the Gallery Collection, Gordon Gallery, Tel Aviv
- 2016 *Art Camp 2016*, The Negev Museum, Be'er Sheva, Israel; curator: David Wakstein
From the Inside and From the Outside, Gottesman Etching Center, Kibbutz Cabri, Israel
(Dis)Place, Ashdod Art Museum, Ashdod, Israel; curators: Yuval Beaton, Roni Cohen-Binyamini
The Circle of Life, as part of the Israeli Pavilion, NordArt 2016, Kunstwerk Carlshütte, Büdelsdorf, Germany; pavilion curator: Carmit Blumensohn
Fragile: An Overview of Contemporary Israeli Art, ZDSLJ Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia; curators: Rachel Sukman, Hana Kofler
- 2017 *The Female Side of God*, Jewish Museum Hohenems, Austria, in collaboration with the Jewish Museum Frankfurt and the Museum of the Bible, Washington DC; curators: Felicitas Heimann-Jelinek, Michaela Feurstein-Prasser
- 2018 *Flower Power*, Circle1—Platform for Art & Culture, Berlin; curator: Carmit Blumensohn
Portrait of a Woman, Supreme Court Museum, Jerusalem; curator: Orna Yair
Red, Gottesman Etching Center, Kibbutz Cabri, Israel
Noir, Ralli Museums, Caesarea, Israel; curator: Ron Bartos
Contemporary Local Print, The New Gallery, Artists' Studios Teddy, Jerusalem; curators: Irena Gordon, Tamar Gispán-Greenberg
#MeToo, Binyamin Gallery, Tel Aviv
- 2019 *Painting from the Museum Collection*, Petach Tikva Museum of Art; curator: Sigal Kehat-Krinski
- 2020 *Benyamini Tribe*, The Gallery at Benyamini Contemporary Ceramics Center, Tel Aviv; curator: Dana Gillerman
Central 1—Haifa 2020: Multidisciplinary Art Festival in Wadi Salib, Pyramida Center for Contemporary Art, Haifa; curator: Shirley Meshulam
- 2021 *Purity/Purification/Pure*, BaMercaz Gallery, Hod Hasharon, Israel; curator: Nava Sevilla-Sadeh
Living Together—Crossing Borders: The 4th Mediterranean Biennale, Haifa; curators: Belu-Simion Fainaru, Avital Bar-Shay
Digging Down: Art of the Pre-Future, Bible Lands Museum, Jerusalem; curator: Shira Fridman
- 2022 *NFT> One of a Kinds*, Tel Aviv Museum of Art; curator: Maya Vinitsky
Hard and Soft: Prints from the Gottesman Etching Center, Haifa Museum of Art; curator: Shua Ben Ari
- 2023 *Masters*, B.Y5 Gallery, Tel Aviv; curator: Svetlana Reingold
TikTalk, Gottesman Etching Center, Kibbutz Cabri, Israel
- 2024 *Behind the Mask*, as part of the 6th Jerusalem Biennial, Nahon Museum of Italian Jewish Art, Jerusalem; The Jewish Museum of Casale Monferrato, Italy; curators: Ermanno Tedeschi, Vera Pilpoul
Unveiling Human Echoes, as part of Art in Motion Festival, Ras al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates; curator: Sharon Toval

Grants and Awards

- 1994 American-Israel Cultural Foundation Scholarship for Painting and Sculpture
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1999 Multi-Exposure Photography Award for Israeli-Palestinian and British Photographers
2003 Eugen Kolb Foundation Award, Tel Aviv Museum of Art
2004 Young Artist Award, The Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport
American-Israel Cultural Foundation Scholarship
2007 The Legacy Heritage Fund Prize, Tel Aviv Museum of Art
Artist-in-residence, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris
2009 Creativity Encouragement Award, Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sports
2013 Landau Award for Arts and Sciences, Israel Lottery Council for Culture and Art