

## **Artist statement**

Idea is just an excuse for an art work to come into being. What really makes it art is continuous practice, making mistakes and finding their solutions with absolute attentiveness. All resolved art works, to me, are purely meditative.

## Profile

Mohammad Ali Talpur (b. 1976) in Hyderabad, Pakistan, resides and works in Lahore. He received his BFA from the National College of Arts, Lahore, in 1998, where he was awarded the prestigious M.D. Taseer Scholarship. He completed his MFA from his alma mater in 2001. Talpur has many national and international solo and group exhibitions to his name, as well as being prominently featured at internationally lauded art fairs and biennales, including Art Dubai 2019 (Contemporary Section, represented by Grosvenor Gallery); Hong Kong Art Fair (2008), Dhaka Art Summit (2014) and the Lahore Biennale (2020).

Residencies have played a significant role in shaping his oeuvre, notably Vasl Artists Residency, Karachi (2005), the Khoj International Public Art Residency, Delhi (2006); and the Canvas Gallery initiated Pioneer Cement Residency III (2019), Khushaab, Pakistan. His works are part of various private and public collections including the British Museum, London, Queensland Gallery, Devi Art Foundation, Lahore Art Gallery and the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art.

## EDUCATION

2000–01 MFA, MA (Hons) Visual Art, National College of Arts Lahore  
1994–98 BFA National College of Arts Lahore. (Pass with Distinction)

## SOLO SHOWS

2023 “The Space Between you and Me” Grosvenor Gallery, London  
2021 This-Appearance, Canvas Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan  
2020 Lahore Binnale  
2018 Sight Specific, Austin Desmond, London  
2016 Till the Last Look, Canvas Gallery, Karachi  
2015 Lahore Art Gallery, Lahore  
2014 Latitude 28, New Delhi  
2013 Alif, Canvas Gallery, Karachi  
2012 Alif, Green Cardamom, London  
2009 Rohtas Gallery Lahore  
2008 Art & Public Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland XVA Gallery, Dubai  
2007 Finsbury Park, England  
2007 Light Gallery, Green Cardamom, London  
2007 Canvas Gallery, Karachi  
2006 Zahoor ul Akhlaq Gallery, Lahore

## GROUP SHOWS

2024 Back to Basic, Articulate Studios Lahore, Curated by Quddus Mirza  
2023 “Likha Howa Hay” Numaish Gah Gallery Lahore, Pakistan  
2022 2 Person Show “Hamra Abbas / Mohammad Ali Talpur”, Canvas Gallery, Karachi  
2022 Line of inquiries, Chawkandi Art Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan  
2020 A Passage through Sindh, Zahoor ul Akhlaq Gallery, Lahore  
2020 Black, O Art Space, Lahore  
2019 Crossover, Alhamra Arts Council, Lahore  
2013 Extra I Ordinary, Group show curated by Rashid Rana Latitude 28, India  
2011 Devi Art Foundation, India  
2010 Sea Saw, Two Person Show, Canvas Gallery, Karachi  
2008 Dubai Art Fair, Pakistan Pavilion  
2008 Hong Kong Art Fair, Hong Kong  
2008 Dubai Art Fair, Green Cardamom, Dubai  
2008 Orients Sans Frontieres, Espace, France  
2008 ‘Lets draw a line’, Chawkandi Gallery, Karachi  
2008 Going Places, Canvas Gallery Karachi  
2007 Shanghai Art Fair, China  
2006 Three person show, Canvas Gallery, Karachi  
2001 MFA show, National College of Arts Lahore  
2000 Scope-7, Zahoor ul Akhlaqu Gallery, Lahore  
2000 Three Person Show, Canvas Gallery, Karachi  
1998 Graduate show at NCA, Lahore

## AWARDS

M.D TASEER Scholarship at National College of Arts Lahore