

Ali Cherri

CV

B. in Beirut, Lebanon

Lives and works in / *Vit et à travaille* à Paris

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Education / Formation

- 2004 Master of Performing Arts, DasArt — Academy of Theater and Dance, Amsterdam University of the Arts, Amsterdam
2000 Bachelor of Graphic Design, The American University of Beirut, Beirut

Solo shows / Expositions personnelles

- 2023 *Dreamless Night*, cur. by Alessandro Rabottini and Leonardo Bigazzi, GAMeC, Bergame, Italy
Ali Cherri: Humble and quiet and soothing as mud, cur. by Stefanie Hessler, Swiss Institute, New York, USA
Ceux qui nous regardent, CAC La Traverse, Alfortville, France
- 2022 Solo exhibition, The Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry, UK
Ali Cherri: If you prick us, do we not bleed?, National Gallery, London, UK
Return of the Beast, Imane Farès, Paris, France
Somniculus, Uppsala Art Museum, Sweden
- 2018 *Tales from the Riverbed*, Clark House, Mumbai, India
- 2017 *Dénaturé*, Galerie Imane Farès, Paris, France
From Fragment to Whole, Jönköping County Museum, Jönköping, Sweden
Programme Satellite 10: Somniculus, curated by Osei Bonsu, CAPC, Bordeaux and Jeu de Paume, Paris (catalogue)
- 2016 *A Taxonomy of Fallacies: The Life of Dead Objects*, Sursock Museum, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2014 *Bird's Eye View*, Contemporary Art Platform Kuwait, Kuwait
On things that move, Galerie Imane Farès, Paris, France
- 2012 *Bad Bad Images*, Galerie Imane Farès, Paris, France
- 2011 *A fleur de peau*, Galerie Regard Sud, Lyon, France

Group shows, performances & screenings / Expositions collectives, performances et projections

- 2023 22nd Biennial Secs Videobrasil, cur. by Raphael Fonseca, Renée Akitelek Mboya, Sao Paulo, Brazil
L'Île Intérieure, Villa Carmignac, cur. by Jean-Marie Gallais, Île de Porquerolles, France
Dans l'air, les machines volantes, Hangar Y, Meudon, France
Thinking Historically in the Present, curated by Hoor Al Qasimi, 15th Sharjah Biennial, UAE
In our veins flow ink and fire, curated by Shubigi Rao, 5th Kochi-Muziris Biennale, India
- 2022 *The Sun Rises in the West and Sets in the East*, curated by Sara Raza, Tufts University Art Galleries, Medford, USA
Cosmogonies II - Devenir fleur, MAMAC, Nice, France
À fleur de peau, Centre d'art contemporain Passerelle, Brest, France
The Milk of Dreams, curated by Cecilia Alemani, 59th International Art Exhibition, Biennale Arte 2022, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

- 2021 *Habiter les interstices. Beyrouth, les artistes et la ville*, Galerie Michel Journiac, Paris
Amakin, 21,39 Jeddah Arts, curated by Venetia Porter, The Saudi Art Council, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
How will it end?, Fondation Boghossian, Brussels, Belgium
In Between Days, screenings of *The Digger*, Salomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
Le palais à quatre heure, Palais Idéal du Facteur Cheval, Hauterives, France
Épiphanie de la terre, B7L9 Fondation Kamel Lazaar, Tunis, Tunisia
- 2020 *La vie des tables*, Centre d'art contemporain d'Ivry - le Crédac, Ivry-sur-Seine, France
Comme un parfum d'aventure, curated by Marilou Leneuville et Matthieu Lelièvre, macLYON, Lyon, France
Trembling Landscapes; Between Reality and Fiction, curated by Nat Muller, EYE Filmmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Minds Rising, Spirits Tuning, Gwangju Biennale 2020, curated by Defne Ayas & Natasha Ginwala, Gwanju, South Korea
« Le vent se lève », MAC VAL, Musée d'art contemporain du Val-de-Marne, Vitry-sur-Seine, France
Traits d'union.s, Manifesta 13 Marseille, Marseille, France
Orientalism. The construction of images of the Near East and North Africa (1800-1956), Institut Valencià d'Art Modern | IVAM, Valencia, Spain
- 2019 *Contre-histoires*, Hotel Fontfreyde - Centre Photographique Clermont-Ferrand, org. by FRAC Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand, France
Immortality: 5th Ural Industrial Biennial of Contemporary Art, curated by Xiao Wieng, Ural Optical-Mechanical Plant, Ekaterinburg, Russia
Phantom Limb, curated by Nora Razian, Jameel Arts Center, Dubai, UAE
Liquid Horizon, curated by Rado Ištók, Transit, Bratislava, Slovakia
Beirut Lab 1975(2020), Claire Trevor School of the Arts, University of California, Irvine, USA
An Opera for Animals, Para Site, Hong Kong, China & Rockbund Art Museum, Shanghai, China
Le vent et les oiseaux m'encouragent, Palais Idéal du Facteur Cheval, Hauterives, France
Gaïa, que deviens-tu?, curated by Caroline Messensee, Maison Guerlain, Paris, France
Water Blues, performance-lecture at Palais de la Découverte, Parades for FIAC / Silencio, Paris, France / Fórum do Futuro, Porto, Portugal / Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai
- 2018 *Punk Orientalism*, curated by Sara Raza, MacKenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Canada
MAC International Prize, The MAC, Belfast, Dublin
Beyond Borders, Bogossian Foundation/Villa Empain, Brussels, Belgium (catalogue)
D'archéo d'art, quand art et archéologie se regardent, Musée d'art et d'histoire de Seine-Saint-Denis, Saint-Denis, France
8e biennale internationale d'art contemporain de Melle, le grand Monnayage, Melle, France (catalogue)
Léonard de Vinci, le rêve du vol, Le Château du Clos Lucé, Amboise, France
But a Storm is Blowing from Paradise, curated by Sara Raza, Galleria d'Arte Moderna, Milan, Italy
Statues Also Die, Fondazione Sandretto Re Raubedengo, Turin, Italy

- 2017 *Fragiles Héritages*, Musée Crozatier, Le Puy-en-Velay, France
Water Blues, performance-lecture at Onassis Stegi, Athens, Greece
Home Beirut. Sounding the Neighbors, curated by Hou Hanru and Giulia Ferracci, MAXXI, Museo Nazionale Delle Arti Del XXI Secolo, Rome, Italy (catalogue)
Fruit of sleep, curated by Reem Fadda and Christine Tohme, 13th Sharjah Biennial, Act II, Sharjah, UAE
Rendez-vous, 14^{ème} Biennale de Lyon, curated by Thierry Raspail, Emmanuel Tibloux, Nathalie Ergino & Isabelle Bertolotti, Lyon, France
Anarchéologie, curated by Marcella Lista, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
Tous, des sang-mêlés, curated by Julie Crenn & Frank Lamy, Mac Val, Vitry-sur-Seine, France
- 2016 *The End of the World*, curated by Fabio Cavallucci, Luigi Pecci Center for Contemporary Art, Prato, Italy
Homo Faber: Rainbow Caravan, Aichi Triennale 2016, curated by Chihiro Minato, Aichi, Japan (catalogue)
Matérialité de l'invisible : L'archéologie des sens, le Centquatre, Paris, France
March meetings, Sharjah, UAE
International Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands
2nd Imagine science Abu Dhabi Film Festival, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2015 *Deserts* (with Basma Alsharif), Galerie Imane Farès, Paris, France
Open Rhapsody, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France (catalogue)
La Città che sale, curated by Chelsea Haines, Bid Project Gallery, Milan, Italy
The Written City, curated by Michel Dewilde, Triennale de Bruges, Belgium
La mer au milieu des Terres // Mare medi terraneum, curated by Cécile Bourne-Farrell, EsBaluard Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art Palma, Palma, Spain
Heaven and Hell. From magic carpets to drones, Villa Empain - Fondation Boghossian, Brussels, Belgium
Lest The Two Seas Meet, Museum of Modern Art Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland
- 2014 *Passé simple, futurs composés*, Centquatre, curated by: Amanda Abi Khalil, Paris France
Ce que raconte la solitude, curated by Elena Lydia Scipioni, Friche Belle de Mai, Marseille (catalogue)
MENA Pavilion, curated by Catherine David, Singapour Art Fair 2014, Singapour
Songs of Loss and Songs of Love: Oum Kulthoum, Lee Nan-Young and their 1967 "Almost" Encounter, curated by Sam Bardaouil and Till Fellrath, Gwangju Museum of Art, Gwangju, Korea
Helsinki Photography Biennial, Helsinki, Finland
IndieLisboa, International Independent Film Festival (Competition) – Lisbon, Portugal
ZKM – Center for Art and Media – Karlsruhe, Germany
A-I-R Laboratory – Centre for Contemporary Art (Residency) – Warsaw, Poland
AFAC Film Festival – Beirut, Lebanon
Beirut Art Center, Film Programme curated by Georges Didi-Huberman and Arno Gisinger – Beirut, Lebanon

- 2013 Dubai International Film Festival, UAE
Sur la route de la soie, curated by Brahim Alaoui, Yallay Art Space, Hong Kong
States in Time, film screening program, Tate Modern, London, UK
 TIFF, Toronto International Film Festival, Toronto, Canada
 Southern Panorama, VideoBrasil – SECS, São Paulo, Brazil
 International Documentary and Short Film Festival, Prizren, Kosovo
 Collections / Collection, Le Sept/Cinq, Paris, France
Home Works VI: A Forum on Cultural Practices, Ashkal Alwan, Beirut, Lebanon (catalogue)
 Festival Alwan Film Festival, New York, USA
 San Francisco International Film Festival, USA
 FESTIVAL Oberhausen, Germany
 Forum Expanded – Berlinale, Germany
 Art Dubai (with Hassan Khan and Anri Sala), curated by Maha Maamoun, UAE
- 2012 *Mapping Subjectivity, Experimentation in Arab Cinema from the 1960s to Now* MoMA Film, New York, USA
 Doha Tribeca Film Festival 2012, Doha, Qatar
 TIFF, Toronto International Film Festival, Toronto, Canada
 FID Marseille 2012
Beirut II, Contemporary Art Platform, Koweit
 Mohsen Gallery, Rybon Art Centre, Tehran, Iran
 41st edition of the International Film Festival Rotterdam, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Dégagements, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France
- 2011 *Exposure 2011*, Beirut Art Center, Beirut, Lebanon (catalogue)
Southern Panorama, VideoBrasil – SECS, São Paolo, Brazil
 Makan Art Space, Amman, Jordan
Beirut Ô Beirut, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
Beirut, Kunsthalle, Vienna, Austria
1 an déjà!, Galerie Imane Farès, Paris, France
- 2010 *Co-incidences*, Galerie Imane Farès, Paris, France
Artist to Artist, The Delfina Foundation, London, UK
- 2009 *Fiction in Action*, Raster Gallery, Warsaw, Poland
A Fantasy For Alain Karow, Contemporary Image Collective, Cairo, Egypt (catalogue)
- 2008 *Home Works IV: A Forum on Cultural Practices*, Ashkal Alwan, Beirut, Lebanon
Esto no es una exposición, Huarte Centro de Arte Contemporáneo, Navarra, Spain
- 2007 *Port Izmir Festival*, Izmir, Turkey

- Beirut Stories*, Majestic Petra Festival, Jordan
 Edinburgh International Film Festival, Edinburgh, UK
 Festival Paris Cinéma, Paris, France
In Focus, Tate Modern, London, UK
Mostravideo, Instituto Itaú Cultural Belo Horizonte, Brazil
The Karma of War, SUNY Stony Brook, New York, USA
Image-thought, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
 2006 *Out of Beirut*, Modern Art Oxford, Oxford, UK
Home Works III: A Forum on Cultural Practices, Ashkal Alwan, Beirut, Lebanon (catalogue)
 Kunst-Werke Berlin E.V., Institute For Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany
 Kasa Galerie, Istanbul, Turkey
 Dictionary of War, Munich, Germany
 2005 *Décodage Liban: Une introduction à la production culturelle libanaise et ses motivations*, Manifesta, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 VideoBrasil, São Paulo, Brasil
 18ème Instants Vidéo : *De la puissance de la mémoire*, soirée présentée par le magazine Bref, Paris, France
Vidéo libanaise : entre fiction et réalité, Théâtre Le Tarmac de la Villette, Paris, France
Diskurs 05, European festival for young performing arts, Giessen, Germany
 Festival des Instants Vidéo Numériques et Poétiques, Marseille, France
Home Works III : A Forum on Cultural Practices, Beirut, Lebanon
 KunstFilmBiennale, Cologne, Germany
 Medien und Architektur Biennale, Graz, Austria

Catalogues & publications

- 2022 *National Gallery Artist in Residence: Ali Cherri*, Published by National Gallery Company Ltd, London
 2021 *Ali Cherri. Earth, Fire, Water*, Éditions Dilecta, Paris
 2020 *The Book of Mud*, artist's book, Published by Dongola Limited Editions (Beirut). Vision & direction: Abed Alkadiri. Edition of 65.
 2018 *Beirut, Ali Cherri, Photography by Ayla Hibri*, part of the publication of *Of Other Spaces*, The Abraaj Group Art Prize 2018
 8e biennale internationale d'art contemporain de Melle, le grand Monnayage, Ed. Dilecta, Paris, p. 42
Beyond Borders, Bogossian Foundation/Villa Empain, Ed. European Investment Bank, Brussels, p. 118-119
 2017 *Home Beirut. Sounding the Neighbors*, MAXXI, Museo Nazionale Delle Arti Del XXI Secolo, Ed. CURA.BOOKS, p. 172-175
 Protocollum, 2017/18, Global Perspectives on Visual Vocabulary, Ed. DICKERSBACH KUNSTVERLAG, p. 2016-209
L'Économie du Vivant, Chapitre 1: Somniculus, Ali Cherri, Ed. CAPC, musée d'art contemporain de Bordeaux, Jeu de Paume and

- FNAGP / Maison d'Art Bernard Anthonioz, 2017
- 2016 *Homo Faber: Rainbow Caravan*, Aichi Triennale 2016, Ed. Aichi Triennale, Japan
- 2015 *Open Rhapsody*, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Ed. Open Rhapsody, Paris
- 2014 *Bird's Eye View*, Ali Cherri, Ed. Contemporary Art Platform, Kuwait
- Petresin-Bachelez Natasa, "In the Presence of a Catastrophe", in *on things that move*, Ed. Galerie Imane Farès, Paris
- Ce que raconte la solitude*, Friche Belle de Mai, Ed. ART-O-RAMA, Marseille
- "Ali Cherri", in *Art Cities of the Future, 21st-Century Avant-Gardes*, Ed. Phaidon, p. 19-21
- 2012 Zaatar Akram, "Scratching and stretching skin" in *Ali Cherri - Bad Bad Images*, Ed. Galerie Imane Farès, Paris
- 2011 *Exposure 2011*, Ed. Beirut Art Center, Beirut, p. 18-27
- 2009 *A Fantasy For Alain Kaprow*, Contemporary Image Collective, Cairo, Ed. Kusunthalle Bern, Bern
- 2006 *Out of Beirut*, Ed. Modern Art Oxford, Oxford p. 102-103
- "Give me a Body Then, A Performance by Ali Cherri", *Home Works III: A Forum on Cultural Practices*, Ed. Ashkal Alwan, Beirut, p. 162-171

Press (selection) / Presse (sélection)

- 2022 Khoury Gilles, "Ali Cherri : Pour pouvoir changer notre monde, il faut s'autoriser à en imaginer un autre", L'Orient-Le Jour, May 16, 2022 [\[link\]](#)
- Chang Sarah, "The Public and Hidden Lives of Paintings: An Interview with Ali Cherri", ArtAsiaPacific, May 10, 2022 [\[link\]](#)
- Balogun Emmanuel, "New Perspectives: 6 Artists at the 2022 Venice Biennale Who Are Shifting the Way We Visualize the African Diaspora", artnet news, May 13, 2022 [\[link\]](#)
- Khoury Gilles, "La 59e Biennale d'art de Venise : cinq incontournables escales libanaises", L'Orient-Le Jour, May 6, 2022 [\[link\]](#)
- Durbin Andrew, "The Milk of Dreams' Tests a Theory of the Porthuman", Critic's Guide, Exhibition Reviews, FRIEZE, April 20, 2022 [\[link\]](#)
- Luke Ben, "Ali Cherri: If you prick us, do we not bleed? at the National Gallery review - vandalism made good", Evening Standard, March 2022 [\[link\]](#)
- Rawlinson Kevin, "National Gallery exhibition explores trauma through vandalised paintings", The Guardian, March 16, 2022 [\[link\]](#)
- 2019 "L'empire des roses", Val de Marne, Le magazine du département, n° 368, July/August 2019, p. 43
- Zalzal Zéna, "Quand Ali Cherri (re)met la nature en vitrine", L'Orient le Jour, June 4, 2019 [\[link\]](#)
- Azimi Roxana, "Épreuves d'artistes", Historia Hors série Beyrouth, *histoire d'une renaissance*, June/July 2019, p. 96-97
- Drake Cathryn, "Questioning Museology as a Medium for Conveying Culture", Frieze, Issue 201, January 2019 [\[link\]](#)
- 2018 Muller Nat, "Stones Turned: Digging into the Past, Digging into the Present", di'van, December 2018, p. 44-53
- Dessent Blaire, "Ali Cherri & Friedrich Lùth. Reflexion autour de l'archéologie moderne et de la valeur des objets" & Cherri Ali, "Dans le desert du Soudan, Témoignage sur le vif d'Ali Cherri", TL Magazine 30, Ed. Pro Materia, Brussels, Autumn/Winter 2018-19, p. 52-63

	Le Quotidien de l'Art, n° 1589, October 22, 2018, p. 11
	Malvoisin Armelle, "Des solos contre le zapping", Le Quotidien de l'Art, n° 1586, October 17, 2018, p. 7-9
	Azimi Roxana, "Au Liban, l'art sur le qui-vive", L'Hebdo du Quotidien de l'Art, September 14, 2018, p. 7-9
	Wychowanok Thibaut, "Moyen-Orient : ces artistes qui bousculent la scène artistique", Numéro, August 31, 2018
	Perbal Ingrid, "Les mémoires", Qantara, n°106, January 2018, p. 22-23
2017	Du Blé Didier, "Images d'un temps passé", Petites affiches, p. 14, November 7, 2017
	"Ali Cherri", Wall Street Journal, April 6, 2017
	Vettier Elsa, "Marta Gili and Osei Bonsu", zérodeux, Spring 2017
	Gleyze Valentin, "Ali Cherri : somniculus", Critique d'art, May 2017 [link]
	Bouruet-Aubertot Véronique, "Le monde meurtri d'Ali Cherri", Connaissance des Arts, March 2017, p. 97-98
	Perbal Ingrid, "Ali Cherri, se réapproprié le passé", Qantara, n°102, January 2017, p. 22-23
2016	Picard Andréa, "Ali Cherri, Gazing at the Catastrophe", Cinema Scope, p. 66-69
	Rizvi, Uzma Z. "Violent Collections, Anxious Things: Archaeology and Ali Cherri's A Taxonomy of Fallacies", contemporary, feature #2, April 10, 2016
2015	Quilty Jim, "The art of ruins falling into ruin", The Daily Star, August 22, 2015
2014	Marsaud Olivia, "Ali Cherri fait frémir le Liban", Diptyq, n° 22, February/March 2014, p. 26
2013	Buali, Sheyma, "Image and Imagination, Ali Cherri in conversation with Sheyma Buali", Ibraaz, Platform 006, November 2013
	"Ali Cherri, la poésie politique", Victoire, n° 295, September 21, 2013, p. 26
	"The Poetics of Disappearance", Daily Canvas, Issue 4, Art Dubai Edition, March 22/23, 2013
2012	Courrier International, <i>Dégagements, La Tunisie un an après</i> , Exposition d'art contemporain du 17 janvier au 1er avril 2010
	Anderson John, "The Past Is Always Present, Even Uninvited", The New York Times, October 26, 2012
	Couturier Elisabeth, "Beyrouth, une vraie mine d'art", Paris Match, n° 3294, July 5, 2012 p. 26
	Wilson-Goldie Kaelen, "Stand Up, One Woman's Protest in Damascus", Frieze, Issue 148, June 2012
	Radwan Nadia & Tembely Aminata, "Le "printemps des rues", une création arabe contemporaine en mutation", Moyen-Orient, n°14, April/June 2012
	Colonna-Césari Annick, "Art : L'autre révolution arabe", L'Express, n° 3159, January 18, 2012, p. 99-101
2011	Zalzal Zéna, "Expsoure 2011", cuvée d'artistes prometteurs au BAC", l'Orient-Le Jour, December 16, 2011
2009	Wilson-Goldie Kaelen, "A Fantasy for Allan Kaprow", ARTFORUM, September 2009, p. 312

Awards, residences & fellowships / Prix, résidences et bourses de recherches

2022	Silver Lion for a Promising Young Participant in the International Art Exhibition <i>The Milk of Dreams</i> , La Biennale di Venezia
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- 2021 Artist in residence at the National Gallery, London
- 2020 Hubert Bals Fund Script & Development « Bright Future » - *The Dam*
Aide aux cinémas du monde du CNC - *The Dam*
- 2018 Shortlisted - Abraaj Group Art Prize
- 2017 Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center Residency Program
- 2016 The Film Study Center at Harvard University's Robert E. Fulton III Fellowship for Nonfiction Filmmaking
- 2015 New Vision Prize for the best experimental film at the International Film Festival of Copenhagen - *The Digger*
Honourable mention, Associação Cultural Videobrasil, 19th Contemporary Art Festival Videobrasil I Southern Panoramas - *The Disquiet*
- 2013 Best Director, Dubai International Film Festival - *The Disquiet*
- 2005 FAAP Digital Arts Award, VideoBrasil, São Paulo, Brasil

Institutional collections / Collections publiques et fondations

Musée national d'art moderne/Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
 Cnap (Centre National des Arts Plastiques), Paris, France
 Fonds d'art contemporain – Paris Collections, Paris, France
 MAC VAL, Musée d'Art Contemporain du Val-de-Marne, Vitry-sur-Seine, France
 Kadist Art Foundation, Paris, France
 Domaine de Chamarande, Chamarande, France
 Frac Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, Marseille, France
 Frac Nouvelle Aquitaine-MÉCA, Bordeaux, France
 Les Abattoirs, Musée – Frac Occitanie Toulouse, France
 MACBA - Fundacio, Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
 Ursula blickle – videoarchiv – Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna, Austria
 Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA