



Aesthetics of Solidarity

April 9–12, 2025

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AESTHETICS OF SOLIDARITY BY ARAB AMERICAN AND ARAB DIASPORA ARTISTS IN THE US, 1948–PRESENT

How do Arab American and Arab diaspora artists in the United States use their artistic practice to show solidarity with those facing socio-political injustices in the US and around the world? Learn more about solidarity and Arab American art histories at this symposium featuring presentations by artists, art historians, and scholars.

This symposium is a partnership between the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University (MSU Broad Art Museum), the MSU Muslim Studies Program, and the Association for Modern + Contemporary Art of the Arab World, Iran + Turkey (AMCA), in collaboration with MSU Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities, MSU Center for Gender in a Global Context, The Nabil Kanso Estate, and the Arab American National Museum.

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April 9

6–8pm
WELCOME RECEPTION
MSU Broad Art Museum

April 10

9am–4:30pm
PANEL DISCUSSIONS
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6–7:30pm
KEYNOTE LECTURE: MARIAM GHANI
MSU Broad Art Museum

April 11

9:30am–4:30pm
PANEL DISCUSSIONS
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April 12

9am–5pm
FIELDTRIP
Arab American National Museum (Dearborn, MI)

