

Adeela Suleman

Pakistani Contemporary Artist

Born 1970, Karachi, Pakistan

Lives and works in Karachi, Pakistan

Adeela Suleman is a contemporary artist who specializes in individualized reliefs, sculptures and installations made from combinations of different materials. Her brand of art involves using unusual materials to depict grave concerns such as safety, terrorism, murder, destruction and women's empowerment. She revels in bringing about a comic element to her works, despite the seriousness of their themes.

Education

1999 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Sculpture), Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, Karachi

1995 MA in International Relations, University of Karachi, Karachi

Represented by Aicon Gallery, New York/London

Selected Exhibitions**Solo**

2014 "Towards the End", Recent works by Adeela Suleman , Aicon Gallery, New York	http://www.aicongallery.com/exhibitions/2014-04-17_towards-the-end/
2011 "Recent Works" , Aicon Gallery, London	http://www.aicongallery.com/exhibitions/2011-09-30_adeela-suleman/images/
2010 "After All It's Always Somebody Else..." , Aicon Gallery, New York	http://www.aicongallery.com/exhibitions/2010-09-15_after-all-its-always-somebody-else/images/
2008 "Uncertainty" , Rohtas 2, Lahore; Canvas Gallery, Karachi	http://www.aaa.org.hk/WorldEvents/Details/11730
2007 "Confinement" Commune Artist Colony, Karachi	http://www.aaa.org.hk/Collection/Details/21056

Group

2013 "Everyday Life: 2013 Asian Art Biennial" , Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, China	http://www.ntmofa.gov.tw/english/news01_1.aspx?NID=1965
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2013 Pulse Art Fair 2013, Adeela Suleman, Solo Booth I 5, Impulse, New York	http://www.aicongallery.com/art-fairs/2013-05-09_pulse-art-fair-2013/#
2013 Art Dubai 2013, Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai, UAE	http://www.aicongallery.com/art-fairs/2013-03-20_art-dubai-2013-march-20th-23rd/#
2013 India Art Fair 2013, NSIC grounds, New Delhi	http://www.aicongallery.com/art-fairs/2013-01-31_india-art-fair-2013/
2014 India Art Fair 2014, NSIC grounds, new Delhi	http://www.aicongallery.com/art-fairs/2014-01-30_india-art-fair-2014/?page=2#/images/14/
2012 Art Dubai 2012, Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai, UAE	http://www.aicongallery.com/exhibitions/2012-03-21_art-dubai-2012/?page=1
2012 “Phantom of Asia Contemporary Awakens the Past”, Asian Art Museum San Francisco, USA	http://sfartenthusiast.com/2012/05/phantoms-of-asia-contemporary-awakens-the-past-at-the-asian-art-museum/
2012 “Band Baaja Baarat”, IVS Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan	http://www.pakart.org/events-exhibitions/band-baaja-baaraat-at-ivs-gallery/
2011 “Reprise 2011”, Aicon Gallery, New York	http://www.aicongallery.com/exhibitions/2011-12-01_reprise-2011/images/
2011 “Home Spun”, Curated by Girish Shahane, Devi Art Foundation, Delhi	http://deviartfoundation.org/content/exhibitions/home-spun
2010 “The Rising Tide”, Mohatta Palace Museum, Karachi, Pakistan	http://www.mohattapalacemuseum.com/The%20Rising%20Tide.html
2010 “Resemble Reassemble”, Devi Art Foundation, Delhi, India	http://deviartfoundation.org/node/1
2009 “The Emperor’s New Clothes: Dress, Politics and Identity in Contemporary Pakistani Art”, Talwar Gallery, New York	http://talwargallery.com/emperorsclothes-works1/
2009 “Signs taken for Wonders: Recent Art from India and Pakistan”, Aicon Gallery, London	http://www.aicongallery.com/exhibitions/2008-12-04_signs-taken-for-wonders-recent-art-from-india-and-pakistan/images/
2009 “Farida Batool, Adeela Suleman and Tazeen Qayyum”, Aicon Gallery, New York	http://www.aicongallery.com/exhibitions/2008-12-11_farida-batool-adeela-suleman-and-tazeen-qayyum/images/

2008 “Tradition, Technique, Technology –II” , Contemporary Artists from Pakistan, Aicon Gallery, Palo Alto	http://www.aicongallery.com/exhibitions/2008-07-18_tradition-technique-technology-ii/
2008 “Farida Batool, Adeela Suleman and Tazeen Qayyum” , Aicon Gallery, New York	http://www.aicongallery.com/exhibitions/2008-12-11_farida-batool-adeela-suleman-and-tazeen-qayyum/
2007 “An Intensity of Space & Substance” , National Art Gallery, Islamabad	http://www.aaa.org.hk/Diaaalogue/Details/105
2007 “Articulating The Subtext” , Alliance Francaise, Karachi	http://www.aaa.org.hk/Diaaalogue/Details/112
2006 “Flights of Fancy” , Royaat Gallery, Lahore	http://www.clevelandmagazine.com/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=E73ABD6180B44874871A91F6BA5C249C&n m=&type=Publishing&mod=Publications%3A%3AArticle&mid=1578600D80804596A222593669321019& tier=4&id=F863ABA6870341BFBB52C7920B4BB9F5
2006 “Calligraphy” , Amin Gulgee Gallery, Karachi	
2005 “Beyond Borders” , National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai	
2004 “Spielen mit geladenem Gewehr (Playing with the loaded gun)” , Kunsthalle Fridericianum Kassel, Germany	
2003 “Playing with the Loaded Gun” , Apex Art, New York	http://www.apexart.org/exhibitions/ali.php
2003 Canvas Gallery, Karachi	
2002 Imagined Workshop , 2nd Fukuoka Asian Art Triennial, Fukuoka, Japan	http://www.aaa.org.hk/WorldEvents/Details/34
2001 “The Thakhti Show” , Freer Hall, Karachi	

Text

News Broad Strokes, Quddus Mirza, The News on Sunday, January 2014	http://tns.thenews.com.pk/broad-strokes/#.UzGkpaiSwl9
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Review War's surreal side, Bansie Vasvani, The Hindu, May 2014	http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-features/tp-fridayreview/wars-surreal-side/article5990223.ece
Article Adeela Suleman At Aicon Gallery, Lori Zimmer, Art Nerd New York, February 2013	https://art-nerd.com/newyork/adeela-suleman-at-aicon-gallery/
Blog The Cookware Sculptures of Adeela Suleman, Danny Olda, Beautiful Decay.com, February 2013	http://beautifuldecay.com/2013/02/09/the-cookware-sculptures-of-adeela-suleman/
Article Off the wall, out of the box, Quddus Mirza, The Friday Times, November 2012	http://www.thefridaytimes.com/beta3/tft/article.php?issue=20121026&page=26
Review Phantoms of Asia: Contemporary Art Awakens the Past, John Held, Jr., SFAQ, June 2012	http://www.sfaqonline.com/2012/06/review-phantoms-of-asia-asian-art-museum-sf/
Blog An Interview with Adeela Suleman, Josheen Oberoi, Saffronart, October 2012	http://blog.saffronart.com/2012/10/28/an-interview-with-adeela-suleman/
Article Culture Shock: Pakistani proposed by Adeela Suleman, Marco Enrico Giacomelli, Artribune, October 2012	http://www.artribune.com/2012/10/shock-culturali-proposti-dalla-pachistana-adeela-suleman/
Article Adeela Suleman. I had no choice but to hear you, Wall Street International, September 2012	http://www.wsimagazine.com/uk/browse-by-continent/europe/italy/adeela-suleman-i-had-no-choice-but-to-hear-you_20120930183821.html#.UzGfn6iSwl9
Article Adeela Suleman in conversation with Didem Ozbek, Sharjah Art Foundation, March 2012	http://www.sharjahart.org/march-meeting/march-meeting-20121/programme/sunday-18-march/adeela-suleman-and-didem-ozbek
Interview An interview with Adeela Suleman, Josheen Oberoi, Saffronart Blog, October 2012	http://blog.saffronart.com/2012/10/28/an-interview-with-adeela-suleman/
Article Asia Triennial Manchester: introducing new eastern art to the west, Nosheen Iqbal, The Guardian, October 2011	http://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2011/oct/05/asia-triennial-manchester-art
Review Artin Review – Adeela Suleman and Tazeen Qayyum, Farida Batool, The New York Times, January 2011	http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/02/arts/design/02gall.html?_r=4&
Review Adeela Suleman, Donald Kuspit,	http://www.mutualart.com/OpenArticle/Adeela-

MutualArt.com, December 2010	Suleman/74C0D35A44733830
Article 'Hanging Fire: Contemporary Art From Pakistan' at NYC's Asia Society Museum, January 2010	http://premierartscene.com/magazine/art-from-pakistan/
Press Release Women of Light, Galerie Davide Gallo, Berlin, February 2008	http://www.undo.net/it/mostra/67331
Article Artist of the Month: Adeela Suleman, ArtNow, March 2012	http://www.artnowpakistan.com/Profile/ArtistoftheMonthAdeelaSuleman-174.html#.UzGZp6iSwl9
Review Adeela Suleman – An Uncertain World, Laila Mehreen Rehman, Nukta Art	http://www.nuktaartmag.com/Nukta/GeneralContent/View/131
Review Cast Rituals, Shamim Akhter, Pakistan Art Review, 2012	http://pakistanartreview.net/38th_Issue/38th_Page_1.html

Audio

Interview Artist Adeela Suleman reveals the conflict in her serene meditative new work, Drained, England	https://audioboo.fm/boos/490020-artist-adeela-suleman-reveals-the-conflict-in-her-serene-meditative-new-work-drained
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Videos

Works Artist of the month: Adeela Suleman, ikono, December 2012	http://www.ikono.org/feature/adeela-suleman/
Works Adeela Suleman at the India Art Fair 2012, The Wall TV, February 2012	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YareKr-GcJs

Selected Images

1. **Adeela Suleman, CASE 1, 2008**, steel drain covers, steel tongs, nuts and bolts, steel measuring spoons, steel frying spoon, 34 x 14 x 11"
2. **Adeela Suleman, Assembled Bondage, 2008**, steel drain covers, steel tongs, nuts and bolts, 65 x 44 x 27"
3. **Adeela Suleman, Remains, 2008**
4. **Adeela Suleman, CASE 5, 2008**, steel drain covers, steel tongs, nuts and bolts, steel measuring spoons, steel frying spoon, 26 x 17 x 14"
5. **Adeela Suleman, CASE 2, 2008**, steel drain covers, steel tongs, nuts and bolts, steel measuring spoons, steel frying spoon, 18 x 18 x 21"
6. **Adeela Suleman, capsule, 2008**
7. **Adeela Suleman, STAINLESS STEEL HELMET WITH KETTLE, 2008**, stainless steel, metal, fabric and padding, 17 x 14 x 12"
8. **Adeela Suleman, WHITE HELMET WITH GREEN FLAGS, 2008**, steel cooking utensil, steel spoon, cycle ornament, powder coated and enamel painted. Inside: padded with foam and cloth, 18 x 13 x 15"
9. **Adeela Suleman, Drainer 2, 2009**, electroplated pan, drainer, nuts and bolts, 15 x 16 x 3.5"
10. **Adeela Suleman, Its Happening All Over Again, 2011**, 90 x 58"
11. **Adeela Suleman, Untitled (The Boat), 2009**, 58 x 30 x 27"
12. **Adeela Suleman, DRAINER 1, 2009**, electroplated pan drainer, nuts and bolts, 13.5 x 3.5 x 6"
13. **Adeela Suleman, Untitled 1 (ed. of 3), 2011**, stainless steel, 110 x 42"
14. **Adeela Suleman, Untitled 7, 2011**, stainless steel and gold plate, 40 x 45"
15. **Adeela Suleman, Untitled 6, 2011**, stainless steel, wood, gold plating, mirror and fabric, 50 x 50"
16. **Adeela Suleman, UNTITLED 1 (PEACOCKS WITH MISSILES), 2010**, steel, 106 x 170"
17. **Adeela Suleman, UNTITLED 3 (SUICIDE JACKET WITH CROWN) (Ed. of 3), 2010**, Steel, 75 x 55 in.
18. **Adeela Suleman, PINK LOTUS HELMET, 2008**, metal with acrylic paint, fabric and padding, 15 x 14 x 14"
19. **Adeela Suleman, STAINLESS STEEL HELMET WITH 4 BOWLS, 2008**, stainless steel, metal, fabric and padding, 23 x 10 x 11"

20. **Adeela Suleman, *LIE ALONE 1*, 2009**, bathroom pipes, steel tongs, electroplated steamers, nuts and bolts, 61 x 11.5 x 8.5"

21. **Adeela Suleman, *STACKED*, 2009**, electroplated steamers, drain cover, nuts and bolts, 14 dia x 14 h in.

22. **Adeela Suleman, *PEACOCK STYLE HELMET*, 2008**, metal with acrylic paint, fabric and padding
31 x 18 x 19"