

# BINQULANDER



Born in Lahore, 1980. Lives and work in Lahore, Pakistan.

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## Education:

- 2009 **B.F.A in Fine Arts (NCA)** National College of Arts Lahore, Pakistan  
(Major: Miniature Painting)
- 2010 One Year Diploma in Classical Calligraphy from National College of Arts Lahore under the supervision of Ustad Khursheed Alam Gohar Qalam
- 2004 One Year Professional Diploma in Graphic Design from College of Art & Design University of Punjab
- 1999 Two year Diploma in Fine Art from Lahore Art Council.

## Up-Coming Projects:

- 2016 Directing group show of Pakistani art at University of Salford, Manchester.

## Directed Artist-in-Residence Program:

- 2015 Directed national residency for visual artist's entitled 'Meraki' starts from 20<sup>th</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 at studioBQ Lahore and terminated in a group show at 39 K Gallery Model Town Lahore.
- 2016 Directed national residency for visual artist's entitled '24/7' starts from 15<sup>th</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at studioBQ Lahore and terminated in a group show at Satrang Art Gallery Islamabad on 17<sup>th</sup> May then travel to Saeed Akhtar Studio Lahore on 24<sup>th</sup> May .

### **Provide Studio Space and residence for emerging artists:**

2015 Binqulander provides free space for emerging artist to focus on their work and planning to display their work in a form of group show in gallery space with the name of Academy of Visual Arts.

### **Owing Studio BQ:**

2010- till studioBQ is a great environment in the development and evolution of genre of art which provides a healthy workplace for young and senior artists, where they are involved in visually centered work and discussions on art work in an open environment.

### **Academic Achievements:**

2011 One year Professional Diploma in Classical Calligraphy from National College of Arts, Lahore under the supervision of UstadKhursheedGoharQalam.  
2004 One Year Professional Diploma in Graphic Design from College of Art and Design, University of the Punjab, Lahore  
1999 Two years Diploma in Fine Arts from Arts Council, Lahore.

### **Distinctions and Awards:**

2013 Merit Prize Ghazali Education Trust.  
2008 Excellence Scholarship in National College of Arts, Lahore.  
2008 Merit Prize in a group exhibition held at National College of Arts, Lahore.  
2008 Distinctive Young Artist Prize in an International Calligraphic Exhibition, Lahore.  
2007 Brilliance award International Exhibition of Calligraphy Art by Aiwan-e-Ilm-o-funn Pakistan.

### **Solo Exhibitions:**

2015 Intuitive symphony is the fifth Solo show at Ejaz Art Gallery, unveiling the big mural (96"x288") of binqulander's life history  
2012 He also crafted an innovative panorama in Arab world during his fourth solo exhibition "Wal-Qalam" at Humail Arts Galleries, Dubai.  
2011 His third solo show depicted beautiful colors spread on the canvas of life in exhibition "Aliff" at Ejaz Galleries, Lahore.  
2010 His second collection of paintings overwhelmed the audience in an exhibition named "Wisdom" at Art Science Galleries, Karachi.  
2009 Then he stepped ahead and revealed some hidden facts of the System through his paintings with the theme of face and facelessness in an exhibition "Thesis Show" at National College of Arts, Lahore.  
2009 His first exhibition "The Journey" at Hamail Art Galleries, Lahore. Fascinated the audience with its distinct style of painting.  
2002 Moreover, he has been presenting an "Annual Display of Islamic Calligraphy" on the esteemed occasion of EidMilad-un-Nabi since 2002 particularly in his home town.

## **Group Exhibitions:**

- 2015 'Opening Show' at Mussawir Art Gallery Dubai, UAE.
- 2014 'National calligraphy exhibition' by ghazal education trust at Alhamra Art Council, Lahore.
- 2014 'A reasoning script two' at Mussawir Art Gallery, Dubai.
- 2014 'Hurouf II' celebrates the essence of Ramzan at Sareena Hotel Satrang Art Gallery, Islamabad.
- 2014 'Colors of Pakistan' at Bately School of Art, England.
- 2014 'Temptations' at Art Zeest Gallery, Dubai.
- 2014 'Art Fair' at Cross Borders Art Gallery, Dubai.
- 2014 'Darbar-e-funn' at Alhamra Art Council, Lahore.
- 2013 National Calligraphic Exhibition by Ghazali Education Trust at Alhamra Art Council, Lahore.
- 2013 'Expression Art' at New Art Gallery, Lahore.
- 2013 'Harouf' celebration of Ramzan at Satrang Gallery Islamabad.
- 2013 'Group Exhibition' at 207 Art Gallery Manhattan, USA.
- 2013 'Opening Show' at Zee Grill, Lahore.
- 2013 'Opening Show' at Mussawir Art Gallery, Dubai.
- 2013 'National Calligraphy exhibition' at National College of Arts with Ghazali Education Trust.
- 2013 'Annual calligraphy exhibition' by Punjab Council of Arts at Alhamra Art Council, Lahore
- 2013 'Captivating Calligraphy' at Mussawir Art Gallery, Dubai.
- 2012 'Dahar Mein Ism-e-Muhammad Se Ujala Karde' at Alhamra Art Council, Lahore.
- 2012 'Calligraphic Art' at Ejaz Art Gallery, Lahore.
- 2012 'Noon Wal-Qalam' at Strange Art Gallery, Islamabad.
- 2012 'Vision' at Gallery 6, Islamabad.
- 2012 'Colors of Democracy' at National Assembly, Islamabad.
- 2012 'Sareer-e-Khama' International Calligraphy Conference Lahore.
- 2012 'Art Aviso' at Hamail Art Galleries Dubai, UAE.
- 2011 'The Art of Calligraphy by Seven Calligraphers' at Revivers Gallery, Lahore.
- 2011 'Concert of Colors' with Omani Society, Oman.
- 2011 'Art Expo Malaysia' at Ejaz Galleries, Lahore.
- 2010 'Young Graduates Exhibition' at V.M Art Gallery, Karachi.
- 2010 'Group Exhibition' at Revivers Gallery, Lahore.
- 2010 'Diverse Vision in Oman' at Ejaz Galleries, Lahore.
- 2010 'Young Artists', National College of Arts, Lahore.
- 2010 'Calligraphy and Media' at Alhamra Art Gallery, Lahore.
- 2009 'Annual calligraphy exhibition' by Punjab Council of Arts at Alhamra Art Council, Lahore.
- 2009 'National Exhibition' at Ejaz Galleries, Lahore.
- 2009 'National Calligraphic Exhibition' at National Art Gallery, Islamabad.
- 2008 'Transformation' at National College of Arts, Lahore.
- 2007 'International Calligraphy Exhibition' at Alhamra Arts Council, Lahore.
- 2007 'International Calligraphic Exhibition' at Calligraphic Artist Guild, Lahore.

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- 2006 'International Calligraphy Exhibition' at Calligraphic Artist Guild, Lahore.
- 2004 'Young Calligraphic Art Exhibition' at Lahore Museum, Lahore.
- 2003 'National Calligraphic Exhibition' at Faisalabad Arts Council, Faisalabad.
- 1999 'Young Calligraphic Artist Exhibition' at Bhalwal.

### **Conducted Workshops:**

- 2015 'Intuitive rhythmic beauty' three day's workshop at Ejaz Art gallery.
- 2015' 'Transcendence' one day workshop with Omani Society for Fine Arts, Masqat Oman.
- 2015 'Line & Words' Manchester UK
- 2015 'Abstract Calligraphy' one week workshop at Shakir Ali Museum, Pakistan National Council of Arts with the collaboration of Da Art Institute of Art and Design. Chief Guest was Oriya Maqbool Jan, workshop terminates with a group exhibition and Book Ceremony.
- 2013 'Alphabets' One day workshop at Mussawar Art Gallery, Dubai.
- 2012 'Stocks of the Artist' one day workshop at Studio B.Q with the collaboration of De-Drawing Gallery and the students of Comsats University, Lahore.
- 2011 'Aesthetics' Three days' workshop at Hazara University, Mansehra.

### **Invited guest as a Senior Contemporary Calligrapher:**

- 2015 Guest speaker in independently organized TEDX event, University of Gujrat.
- 2014 Chief Guest on one day seminar entitled as Calligraphy in Pakistan Past, Present and Future at Alhamra Art Gallery, Lahore.
- 2014 'An Evening with Binqulander' at Consulate Office Manchester, General Dr. Zahoor Ahmad, European Parliament to take initiative and organize an event to promote Pakistani Art.
- 2014 Guest in a group show entitled as Darbar-e-Fun.
- 2014 Guest speaker in Qasr e Bahbood Lahore

### **Publications:**

- 2014 Binqulander work is selected for International publication '*Oxford Companion to Pakistani Art*'.

### **Book:**

- 2015 '*INTUTIVE SYMPHONY*' book is published by Topycal Lahore.
- 2014 '*BIOGRAPHY BINQULANDER*' book is published by studioBQ Publications.
- 2012 '*WALQALAM*' book is published by Hamail Art Gallery Dubai.
- 2011 '*ALIFF*' book is published by Ejaz Art Gallery Lahore.
- 2010 '*WISDOM*' book is published by ArtsScene Gallery Karachi.
- 2009 '*THE JOURNEY*' book is published by Hamail Art Gallery Lahore.

## **Memberships:**

1. Membership at Lahore Museum, Pakistan
2. Membership at Punjab Council of Arts, Pakistan
3. Membership at Metropolitan Museum, USA
4. Membership at MoMA Museum, USA
5. Membership at Dia-Art Museum, USA
6. Membership at Pakistan Museum of Natural History, Islamabad
7. Membership at Victoria and Albert Museum, London (UK)
8. Membership at British Museum, London (UK)

## **Public Display and Art Collection**

1. PICT Karachi Port
2. South City Hospital, Karachi,
3. Behria Town Head Office Karachi
4. Bilawal House Lahore
5. (Sheikh Muhammad Ruler of Dubai) Prime Minister Office at Emerits Tower Dubai.
6. Engro Office Karachi
7. Main Branch of Standard Chartered Bank Lahore.
8. Participated in auction USA donated to ShaukatKhanam Hospital, Lahore
9. Ministry of Interfaith Houston, USA
10. Khana-e-farhang, the embassy of Islamic Republic of Iran, Lahore
11. Sonya Travels, Islamabad
12. Consulate General of Pakistan office, Manchester
13. Merriat Hotel Karachi
14. Agha Khan Hospital Karachi
15. Foreign Minister Office Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
16. Bank Almashriq Qatar
17. Muslim Commercial Bank Head Office