

**BIOGRAPHY**

## Artists

**Aassmaa Akhannouch**

Born in Meknes, Morocco, in 1973, Aassmaa Akhannouch lives and works between the south of France and Casablanca. She first obtained an engineering degree in France and an MBA in the United States before working in marketing for 15 years. In 2013, she joined the Photo Academy in Casablanca to perfect her knowledge of digital photography and, in 2016, she decided to devote herself entirely to the practice of photography. She is supported in her research by the artist FLORE, through her photographic studio L'Oeil de l'Esprit in Paris.

With her images, Aassmaa Akhannouch tells us stories, she offers fragments of memories to the free associations, imagination and emotions of the viewer. Beyond her intention to document her own past, the artist brings out intimate emotions, reveals poetic and timeless impressions. By using alternative printing processes enhanced with watercolour that make each piece unique, she succeeds in creating images that are both familiar and fascinating.

In 2021, Aassmaa Akhannouch won the HSBC Prize for Photography, alongside Cyrus Cornut. That same year, she was selected to present her work at the ManifestO festival, Rencontres Photographiques de Toulouse.

**Group shows****2021**

*Prix HSBC pour la Photographie*, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris  
MENART FAIR (foire internationale d'art moderne et contemporain, consacrée aux artistes du Moyen-Orient ou de l'Afrique du nord), Cornette de Saint Cyr, Paris

**2019**

*Les Marocaines*, Maison de la Photographie de Lille, France  
*Portrait de Femmes*, Galerie 127, Marrakesh, Maroc

**2018**

*OFF Essaouira Photographic Festival*, Galerie Empreinte, Essaouira, Maroc

**2016**

*Les Journées du Patrimoine de Casablanca*, Les Abattoirs, Casablanca, Maroc  
*Regard sur Casablanca*, La Coupole (Parc de la Ligue Arabe), Casablanca, Maroc  
*Weekend Féminin*, D'art Louane, Rabat, Maroc

**2015**

*Carton D'artistes*, Villa Mandarine, Rabat, Maroc  
*Casa Del Arte*, Casablanca, Maroc

**2014**

*Carton D'artistes*, Villa Mandarine, Rabat, Maroc  
*D'art Louane*, Rabat, Maroc

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**Awards****2021**

Lauréate du Prix HSBC de la Photographie, avec Cyrus Cornut  
Sélectionnée pour exposer au Festival ManifestO, Rencontres Photographiques de  
Toulouse.

**2017**

Mention spéciale du jury, Maghreb Photography Awards

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**Publications****2021**

Prix HSBC pour la Photographie, catalogue, Actes Sud