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AMINA BENBOUCHTA

Born:
1963 in Casablanca,
Morocco

Lives:
Casablanca, Morocco &
Paris, France

Amina Benbouchta's practice harmoniously evolves between painting, photography, works on paper, sculpture, installation, and video. She invents a symbolic language derived from both personal concerns and socio-cultural issues to conduct an anthropological reflection that uniquely explores relations between the environment, everyday objects, and the human figure - highlighting the poetry of chance that often emerges from their encounter.

Benbouchta was born in Casablanca and now lives and works between Casablanca and Paris. After obtaining her degree in Anthropology and Middle Eastern Studies from McGill University, Montreal, in 1986, she attended various workshops in drawing, lithography, and engraving in Paris. She was also an auditor at the École Nationale des Beaux-Arts de Paris from 1988 to 1990. During the 1990s, her artistic and cultural interests led her to direct the fashion and culture magazine "Les Alignés." In 2005, she co-founded Collectif 212, an organization dedicated to promoting a new phase of contemporary art in Morocco.

Since 1986, her work as a visual artist has been showcased in numerous institutions and contemporary art events both in Morocco and abroad, including the Cairo Biennale, the French Institute of Casablanca, the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington D.C., the Kerava Art Museum in Finland, the Alexandria Biennale, Art Fair Brussels, 1-54 Art Fair, the inaugural exhibition of the Contemporary Art Center of Vienna, the inaugural exhibition of the Mohammed VI Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in Rabat, the Museum of Modern & Contemporary Art in Palma, Spain, the Katzen Arts Center at the American University Museum in Washington D.C., and the Maison de la Photographie in Lille.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 Musée Macma, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2023 *One Pound of Flesh*, Ceysson & Bénétière, Lyon, France
- 2023 *Are Angel Trumpets Poisonous?*, Sabrina Amrani, Madrid, Spain
- 2023 Off 1-54, Matisse Art Gallery, Marrakech, Morocco

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- 2022 *Cône de lumière*, Galerie Delacroix, Tangier, Morocco
- 2022 *Chambre centrale, coulée rouge*, OH GALLERY, Dakar, Senegal
- 2019 *On the Edge*, Dar El Bacha, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2017 *Interstices*, Institut français de Rabat, Morocco
- 2016 *Traversées*, Dar El Kitab, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2015 *(M)eta(M)orphosis II*, Galerie Sabrina Amrani, Madrid, Spain
- 2015 *Femmes: Reflets#Identités*, in collaboration with artist J. Dorléac, Salon international des livres et des arts 2015, Tangier, Morocco
- 2014 *Tout ce qui brille*, Matisse Art Gallery, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2013 Granville Gallery, Paris, France
- 2012 Matisse Art Gallery, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2012 Galerie Talmart, Paris, France
- 2011 Galerie Sabrina Amrani, Madrid, Spain
- 2011 *de l'autre cote du miroir*, Le Cube – Independent Art Room, Rabat, Morocco
- 2011 Galerie Artae, Lyon, France
- 2010 Villa Matisse Art Contemporain, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2009 Le Cube - Independent Art Room, Rabat, Morocco
- 2009 Matisse Art Gallery, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2008 La Source du Lion Gallery, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2008 Galerie Ré, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2005 Galerie Souffle, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2004 Foundouk Bachko Saâd Hassani, Casablanca, Morocco
- 1997 9, Espace, Casablanca, Morocco
- 1996 Galerie El Manar, Casablanca, Morocco
- 1995 IFC Institut Français, Casablanca, Morocco
- 1994 Galerie Winance-Sabbe, Brussels, Belgium
- 1992 Galerie El Manar, Casablanca, Morocco
- 1991 Galerie Arcanes, Rabat, Morocco

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Group Exhibitions

- 2024 *Jeux de Rôles*, featuring Amina Benbouchta, Cindy Sherman, Comtesse de Castiglione, and Safaa Mazirh, among others, Fondation de la Photographie, Tangier, Morocco
- 2024 *Bamako 30 Dreams*, Musée National de la Photographie, Rabat, Morocco
- 2024 *Vogue*, Galerie 38, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2024 *Home*, OH GALLERY, Dakar, Senegal
- 2024 *ELLIPSIS - Eloquence of Absence*, OFF 1-54, IZZA, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2023 *Corps spirituel et esprit charnel*, OFF 1-54, curated by Amina Benbouchta and Achraf Remok, Palais El Badii, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2023 *Dreams are Shadowless Spaces*, OH GALLERY, Dakar, Senegal
- 2023 Museu de l'Art Prohibit, Barcelona, Spain
- 2022 *Our Land Just Like a Dream*, with Joel Andrianomearisoa, MACAAL, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2022 OFF Biennale de Dakar, OH GALLERY, Dakar, Senegal
- 2020 *Have You Seen a Horizon Lately?*, MACAAL, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2020 *Soulèvements d'Alter Ego*, Galerie Dar El Bacha/Institut Français, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2019 *United Artists*, OFF 1-54, Hôtel Mövenpick, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2019 *Modest Fashion*, Stedelijk Museum Schiedam, Schiedam, Netherlands
- 2019 *Un Instant Avant le Monde*, 1st Edition of the Rabat Biennale, Rabat, Morocco
- 2019 *Grands Formats dans la Collection Attijariwafa Bank, 1980-2000*, Espace d'Art Fondation Actua, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2019 *Lend Me Your Name*, Galerie Kent, Tangier, Morocco
- 2019 *Vingt Ans, une Œuvre*, Galerie L'Atelier 21, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2019 *Les Marocaines: Du Regard de l'Autre au Regard de Soi*, Maison de la Photographie de Lille, Lille, France
- 2019 *Tribe: Contemporary Photography from the Arab World*, Katzen Arts Center, American University Museum, Washington D.C., USA
- 2018 *Oh se Battre Rend Heureux Même si la Défaite est Totale*, Metamorphik Gallery, Lyon, France

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- 2018 *Photographies*, Villa Balthazar, Valence, France
- 2018 *Waste Lands*, Casa Arabe, Cordoba, Spain
- 2018 *Figures/Le Syndrome de SAUL (Suis-Je Chasseur ou Chassé?)*, Villa Balthazar, Valence, France
- 2017 *Waste Lands*, Casa Arabe, Madrid, Spain
- 2017 *Waste Lands*, San Telmo Museum, San Sebastián, Spain
- 2017 *Spent*, Kulte Gallery, Rabat, Morocco
- 2017 *Des Nuages et des Formes*, Galerie Delaporte, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2017 *Le Monde et le Reste*, Galerie Ceysson et Bénétière, Paris, France
- 2016 *Waste Lands*, Museu d'Art Modern i Contemporani de Palma, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- 2016 *East Wing Biennial - Artificial Realities*, London, UK
- 2015 *Traces of the Future*, The Marrakech Museum for Photography and Visual Arts, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2015 *Intercession*, Galerie Delacroix, Tangier, Morocco
- 2014 *The Luxury of Dirt*, Voice Gallery, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2014 *Regards Orientalistes*, Hôtel Selman, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2014 *La Forme Animale*, curated by Z. Bouabdellah, Venise Cadre Galerie, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2014 *Cent Ans de Création*, curated by M. Rachdi, Musée Mohammed VI d'Art Moderne et Contemporain MMVI, Rabat, Morocco
- 2014 *Préfiguration*, Centre d'Art de Vienne, Vienne, France
- 2014 *Please Rewind!*, Sabrina Amrani Gallery, Madrid, Spain
- 2013 *Mil Caras*, Instituto Cervantes, Centre d'Art de Tétouan, Tétouan, Morocco
- 2013 *The World is Not as I See It*, Musée de la Fondation A. Slaoui, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2013 *Mil Caras*, Musée Slaoui, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2012 *The World is Not as I See It*, Galerie Dominique Fiat, Paris, France
- 2012 *Cuerpos*, Sabrina Amrani Gallery, Madrid, Spain
- 2012 *Art/Code/21st Century*, Institut Français de Tanger, Tangier, Morocco
- 2012 Espace de la CDG, Rabat, Morocco
- 2009 Biennale d'Alexandrie, Alexandria, Egypt

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- 2009 *Figures du Corps*, SG Bank, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2009 *Efemmeras*, Instituto Cervantes, Tangier, Morocco
- 2009 *Connexions*, Bergerac Museum, Bergerac, France
- 2009 *Passerelle VII*, Villa des Arts, ONA Fondation, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2008 *Arte Contemporaneo en Marruecos*, Casa Arabe, Madrid, Spain
- 2008 *Les 15*, Galerie Ré, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2008 *Estiu Art 2008*, Castel de Denia, Denia, Spain
- 2008 Visual Art and New Medias Festival, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2008 *Art Galleries Night*, Le Cube - Independent Art Room, Rabat, Morocco
- 2007 *Women and Art in Morocco*, Fundación Colegio del Rey, Madrid, Spain
- 2006 *Blanc*, Le Cube - Independent Art Room, Rabat, Morocco
- 2006 *Genap 2005*, Cathédrale du Sacré-Cœur, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2005 *Collectif 212 '30 par 30'*, Le Cube - Independent Art Room, Rabat, Morocco
- 2005 *L'Inspiration en Partage*, Le Cube - Independent Art Room, Rabat, Morocco
- 2004 *Maroc-France, Expériences Croisées*, Musée de Marrakech, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2004 *Visions Actuelles*, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco
- 2004 *Transparency Maroc*, CDG Rabat, Rabat, Morocco
- 2004 *Traits Gravures*, Salle Bahnini at the Ministry of Culture, Rabat, Morocco
- 2004 *Parcours d'Artistes*, Rabat, Morocco
- 2003 *Peintres Marocains*, Lycée Descartes, Rabat, Morocco
- 2003 *Moroccan Artists*, Kerava Museum, Kerava, Finland
- 2003 *Looking for Our Secret Atlas*, Actua, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2003 *Les Peintres de Notre Époque*, El Manar Gallery, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2001 *Les Femmes Artistes au Maroc*, Bab El Kebir, Rabat, Morocco
- 2001 *Les Peintres Marocains*, Les Ateliers d'Arts Plastiques, Lille, France
- 2001 *Moroccan Contemporary Art*, Palma, Barcelona, and Valencia, Spain
- 1999 *Gardens of Stone*, El Manar Gallery, Casablanca, Morocco
- 1997 *Présences Plastiques*, Children's Hospital, Rabat, Morocco

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- 1997 *Three Moroccan Painters: Amina Benbouchta, Malika Agueznay & Chaibia Talal*, National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington D.C., USA
- 1995 *Exposition pour l'Algérie*, Galerie Nikki Diana Marquart, Paris, France
- 1995 *Casablanca, Fragments d'Imaginaire*, Institut Français de Casablanca, Casablanca, Morocco
- 1995 Damasco Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
- 1994 Moroccan Exhibition, Disney Hall, Orlando, USA
- 1993 Biennale d'Art du Caire, Cairo, Egypt

Art Fairs

- 2025 Paper Positions Berlin, Germany
- 2023 Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2022 1-54 Christie's, Paris, France
- 2016 1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, UK
- 2015 *(M)eta(M)orphosis I*, Artissima Art Fair, Turin, Italy
- 2015 1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, Sabrina Amrani Gallery, London, UK
- 2014 Art Dubai, Sabrina Amrani Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2014 1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, Sabrina Amrani Gallery, London, UK
- 2014 Artissima, Sabrina Amrani Gallery, Turin, Italy
- 2013 Unseen Photo Fair, Sabrina Amrani Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2013 Tokyo Photo, Sabrina Amrani Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2012 Beirut Art Fair, Sabrina Amrani Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2011 Docks Art Fair (Solo Show), Lyon, France
- 2011 Marrakech Art Fair, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2010 Brussels Art Fair, Brussels, Belgium
- 2008 Marrakech Art Fair, Matisse Gallery, Marrakech, Morocco

Publications

- 2014 *Amina Benbouchta*, by Najib Abdelhak, Aujourd'hui le Maroc

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- 2013 *Tapis pour L'Automne*, illustrated art book by Michel Butor, with an original text by Amina Benbouchta. Edition of 10. Raretés des Sept Collines Collection. Jean Pierre Huguet Editions.
- 2013 *Le Dilemme des Utérriens*, illustrated art book by Driss Ksikes, with an original text by Amina Benbouchta. Edition of 10. Raretés des Sept Collines Collection. Jean Pierre Huguet Editions.
- 2012 *Le Poème des Poèmes*, illustrated art book by Amina Benbouchta. Edition of 10. Jean Pierre Huguet Editions. Translation by Louis Segond.
- 2009 *Arte invisible*, book about the 4th edition of the project Arte inVisible, ARCO.
- 2009 *Amina Benbouchta, La surface et le cœur*, monograph by Bernard Collet. Translation by Rachel Stella. Jean Pierre Huguet Editions.
- 2009 *40 Moroccan artists in pictures*, by Leila Alaoui. CGEM Fond.
- 2008 *Arte contemporáneo en Marruecos*, Casa Árabe.
- 2007 *Conversations marocaines*, by Katrin Ströbel. Katrin Ströbel Publishing House.

Institution and Foundation Associations and Public Collections

- Museu de l'Art Prohibit, Barcelona, Spain
- Col·lecció Tatxo Benet, Spain
- OCP Group Foundation, Morocco
- Alliance Foundation, Morocco
- CDG Foundation, Morocco
- ONA Foundation, Morocco
- BCM Bank, Morocco
- Attijariwafa Bank, Morocco
- Ministry of Culture, Morocco
- Maroc Telecom Collection, Morocco
- SGMB Bank Collection, Morocco
- Ministry of Finance, Morocco
- Fondation Caisse de Dépôt et de Gestion, Morocco
- Collection Royal Mansour, Morocco

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