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Calligraphy Artist
Graphic Designer

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BIOGRAPHY

Hatem was born and raised in Egypt, he started working as a graphic designer in 2006 and he was always keen to know more about Traditional Islamic Arts.

He moved to Türkiye to expand his knowledge academically, and he graduated from the Traditional Islamic Arts Faculty at FSMV University in Istanbul.

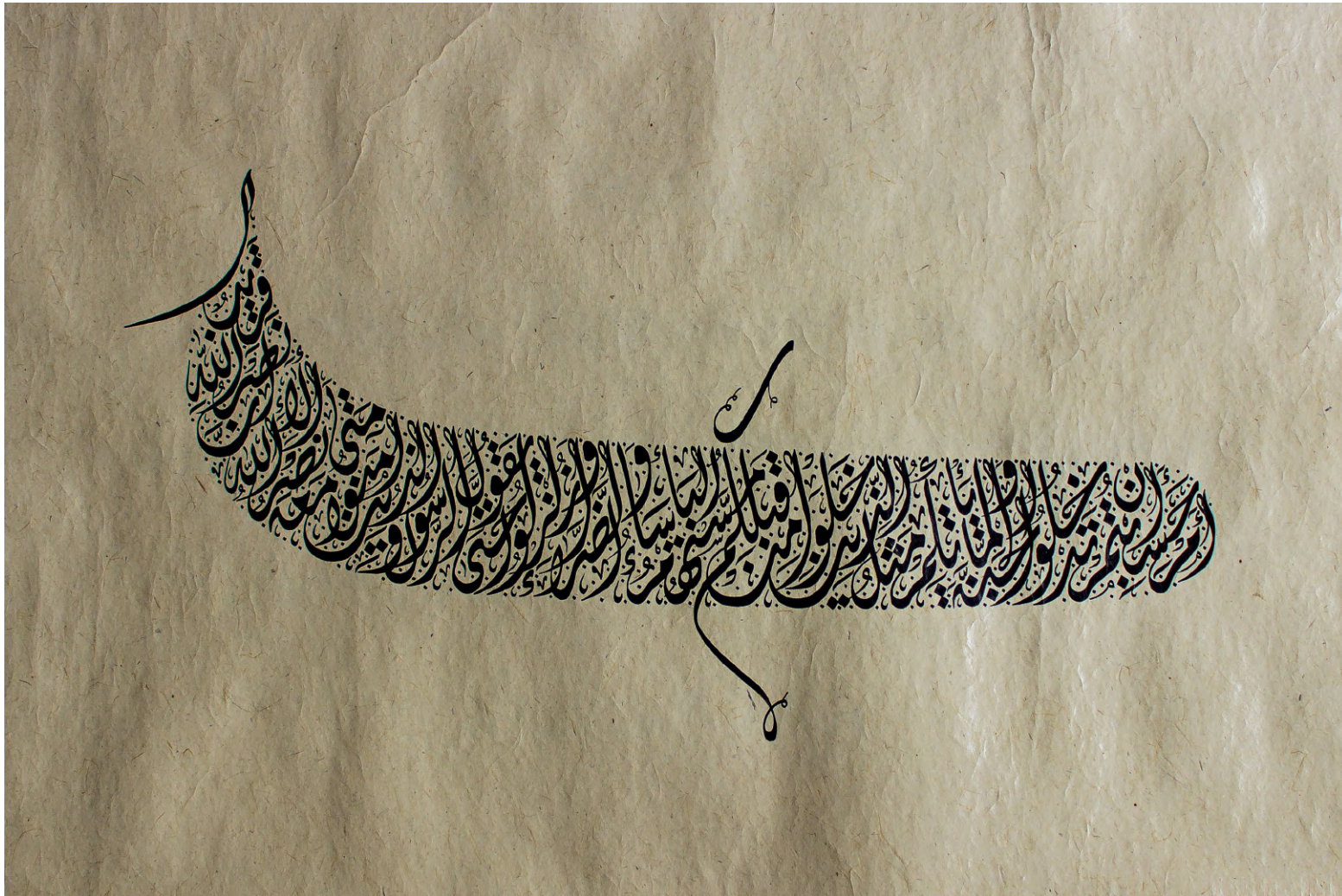
He has 18 years of experience as a graphic designer and 12 years as a calligraphy artist and instructor, and now he is studying for a master's degree in Graphic Design at Konya University, Türkiye.

KNOWN FOR:



1- Traditional Arabic calligraphy:

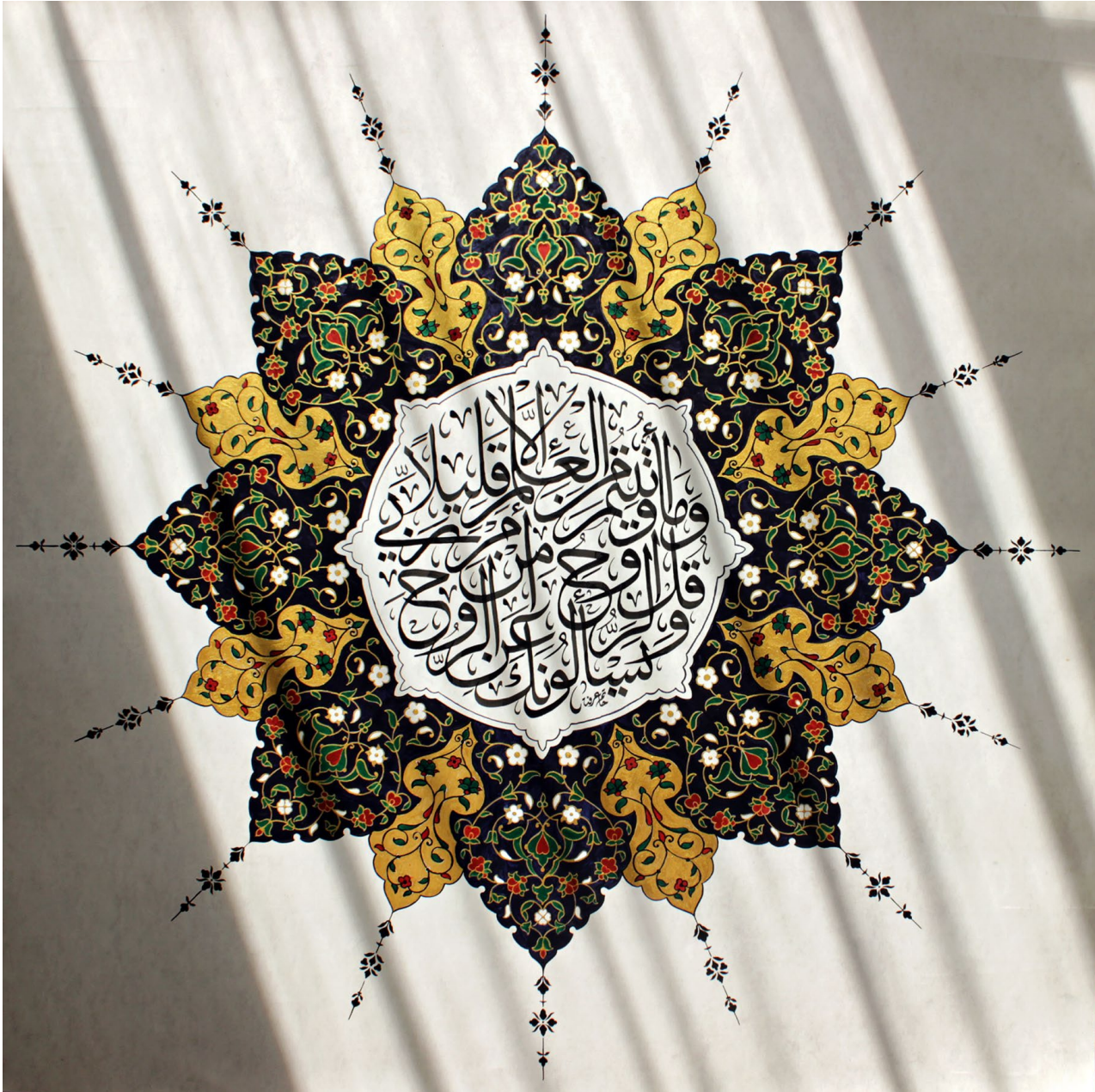
He works on several scripts, including Al-Diwani, Jeli Al-Diwani, Al-Thuluth and Jeli Al-Thuluth, in addition to the Kufi script.





وَاللَّهُ يَخْتَارُ
مَنْ يَشَاءُ
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عمر حفنا



KNOWN FOR:



2- For 2 years he worked on the Calligraphy artworks inside the new Cary Mosque, NC, USA, including the decoration calligraphy under the dome of the mosque, finished in Sep 2022.



In addition to his main expertise as a calligraphy artist, he was also interested in Islamic architecture, and he studied architectural restoration in college, which led him to work as an intern in the restoration project of (Eminonu) Mosque in Istanbul, among a team of professionals. That helped him later to work on another project, at Cary Mosque, USA, where he designed and applied the whole calligraphy artwork in it.



Yeni Cami (Eminonu) Mosque - Istanbul - 2020



Cary Mosque, NC, USA - 2022







قَالَ رَبِّ اجْعَلْ لِي آيَةً
فَإِنِّي أَخَافُ كَيْفَ أَصْرَمَ

So, remember Me; I will remember you.



EXIT

اصحاب الجنة القارون

It's the companions of Paradise that will be successful.



اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ

مُحَمَّدٌ



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَالصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ

O Allah, open the gates of Your mercy upon us.

KNOWN FOR:



3- He participated in the designs of the commemorative legal tender coins for the Qatar World Cup 2022, where he designed the calligraphy art that has been used in 8 silver coins of them, revealed in Nov 2022.





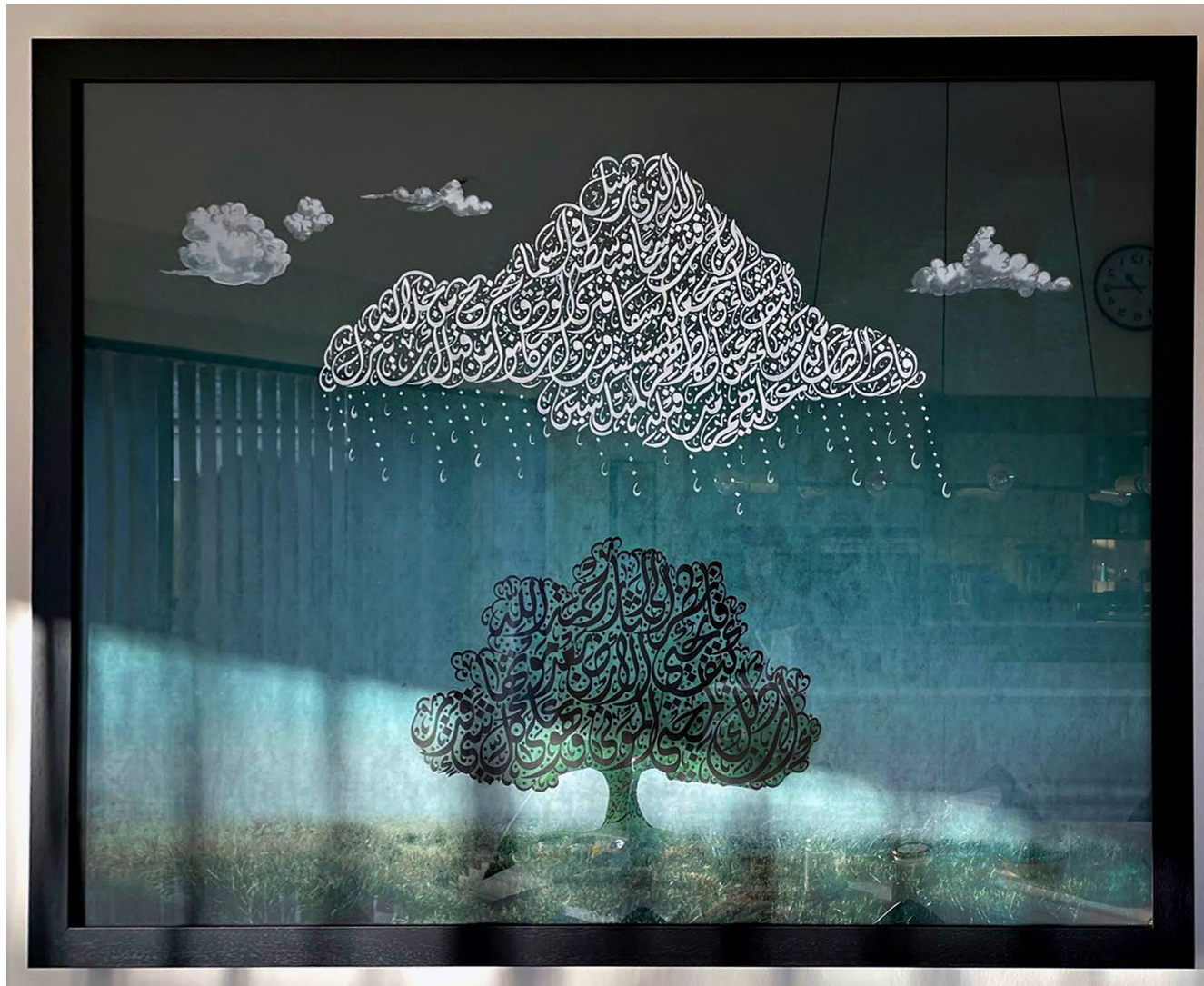
Then, he designed the commemorative legal tender coins for the Republic of Djibouti on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr, revealed in Ramadan / 2024.



KNOWN FOR:



4- Modern designs (contemporary): He has his own style of illustrating the concept of design content through the formation of its external appearance.









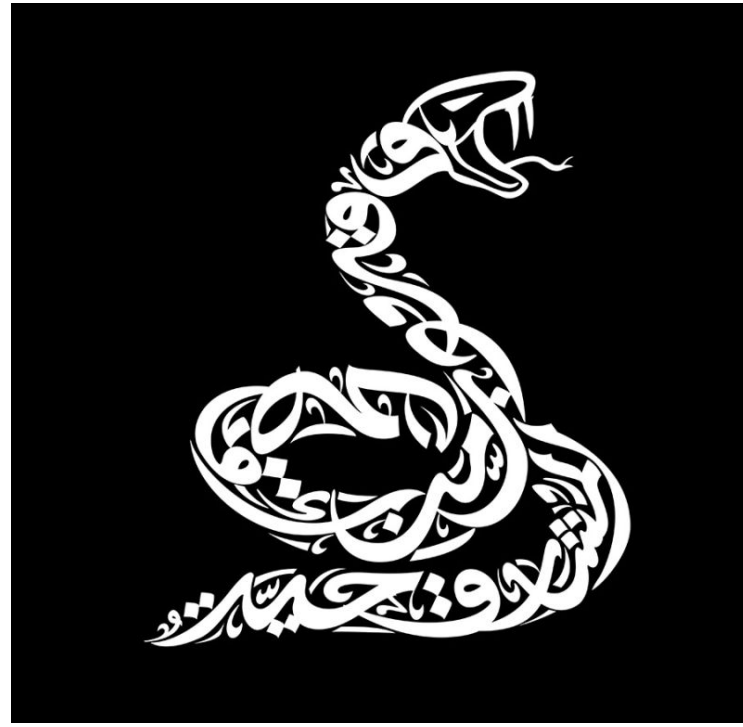
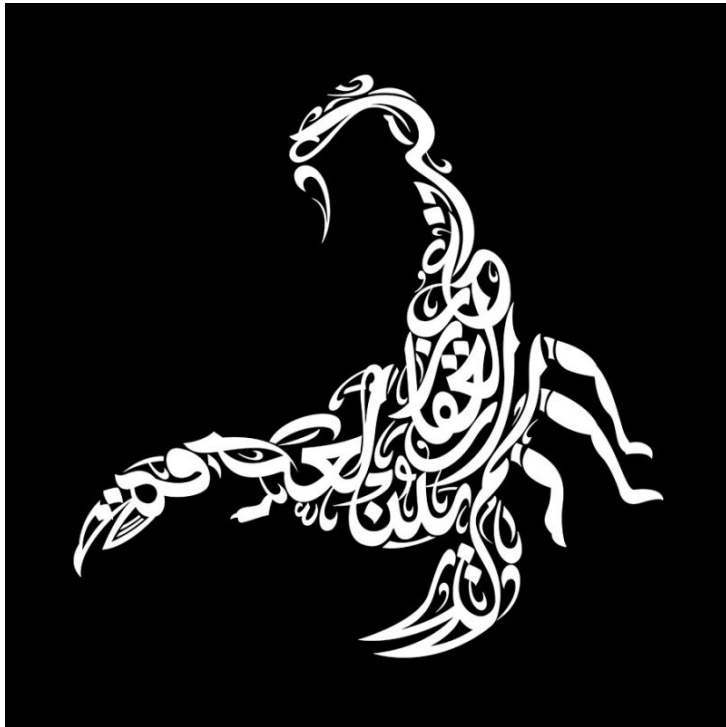
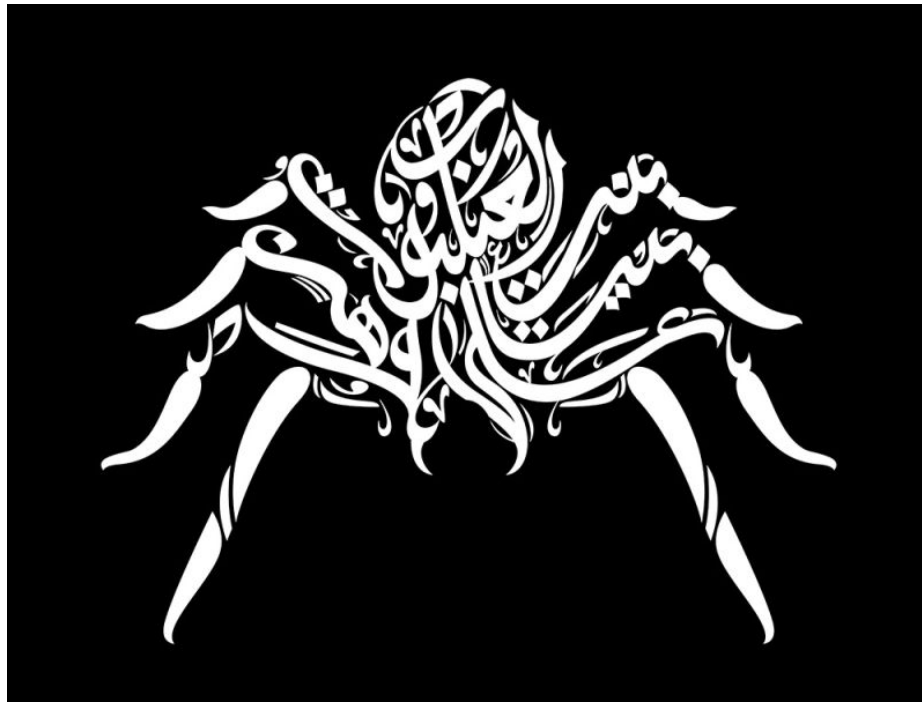


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5- He designed the logo of the Assassin's Creed video game (Mirage) Using Calligraphy Art, plus the interior calligraphy artworks in the game, revealed in Oct 2023.



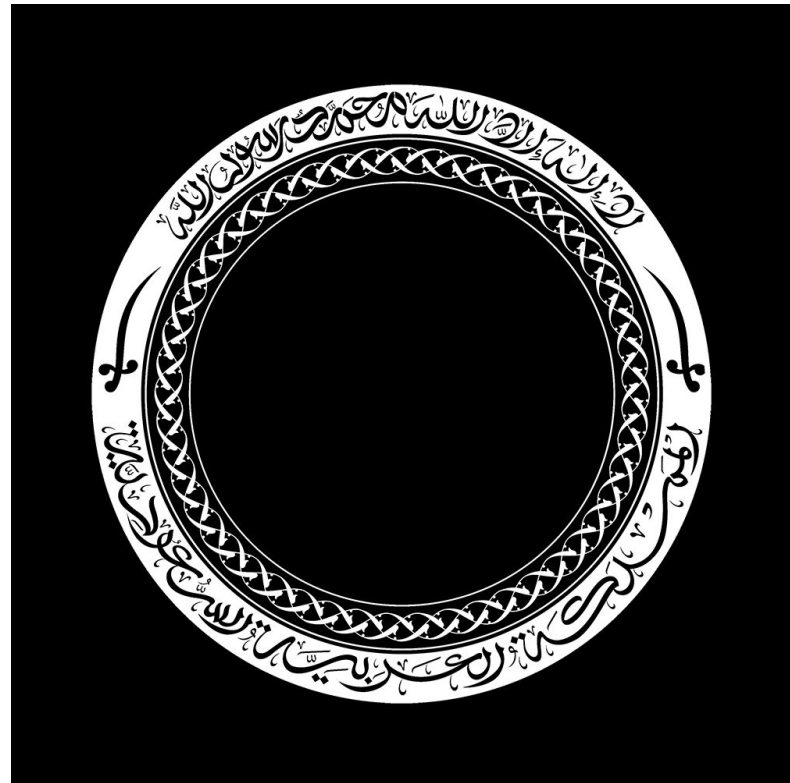
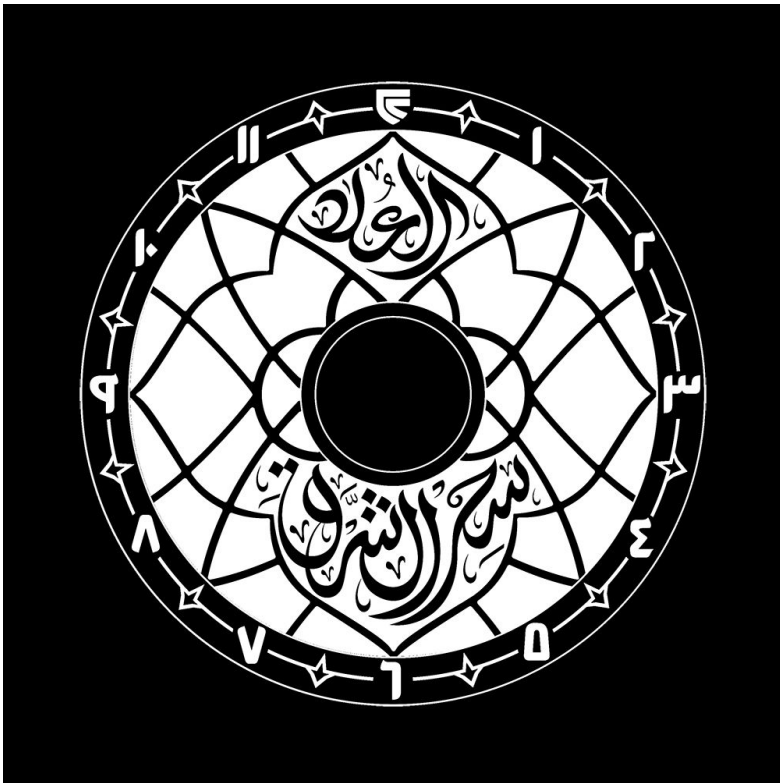


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6- He designed the Arabic calligraphy and ornaments of one of the Christophe Claret watches which inspired by Al-Ula City, revealed in 2021.





KNOWN FOR:



7- He offers both in-person and online workshops worldwide, covering calligraphy art, the art of drawing with words, and Islamic illumination..



KNOWN FOR:



8- He displayed his artworks in various worldwide art exhibitions, including Türkiye, England, Iran, and France.



IREMMO calligraphy exhibition, Paris, France 2019



VARIOUS EXPERIENCES:

Besides all of that, he gained experience in multiple fields:

Photography: He actively participated in organizing and exhibiting various photography exhibitions in his hometown Alexandria between 2010:2014.

Video Editing: While pursuing his graphic design master's degree, he honed his video editing skills and gained proficiency in audio editing programs. Additionally, he created his Arabic calligraphy content on his YouTube channel.

Language Proficiency: Arabic, English, and Turkish.


Current Position: Working as the Graphic & Brand Designer for a USA-based Arabic magazine.

Educational Achievement: Obtained a diploma in Islamic Arts and Architecture from the University of Oxford in 2023. This credential complements his specialization in Islamic arts and architectural restoration at FSMV University in Istanbul. His expertise encompasses calligraphy, Islamic ornamenting (decoration) book-binding, Islamic art history and manuscript restoration.

Literary Skills: A literary writer with a collection of short stories in Arabic, and authored artistic articles on plastic art in the Egyptian New Culture magazine 2009:2011.

Book Cover Design and Editing: Specialized in designing book covers and actively participated in book editing from 2008 to 2012. He has designed over 1,000 book covers.

Current Projects: He is currently working on two major projects for new video games that will be announced about a year from now.



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https://www.instagram.com/hatem_arafa/

<https://www.youtube.com/daymanhatem>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/hatem-arafa/>

<https://www.behance.net/hatemarafa>

Artwork Making Videos:

Surah yasin:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygXo_2h_-1k

The Endless Spiral:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cDZgJLS3MQ

The soul is of the affair of my Lord:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-4KgkDWZT4>

3-206 / Arabic Calligraphy:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcNjKepTtZ8>

Media & Interviews:

1- An interview with Bayt alfann - England - 2022:

<https://www.baytalfann.com/post/redefining-calligraphy-hatem-arafa>

2- An interview with Aljazeera net - Qatar - 2022:

<https://shorturl.at/kNDYK>

3- A report on BBC Arabic - 2022:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHQjEsVFgXM>

4- Interview on TRT Arabic - Turkey - 2022:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8o4Nn0F4Tc>

5- Ebdaa3, Drawing by words (Interview) Jordan - 2016:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFUx9F1_DHI

6- TRT Arabic - Turkey - 2017:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWzrEVe2clo>

7- Ebdaa3, Drawing by words (Interview) Jordan - 2016:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFUx9F1_DHI

8- Sabah Dream (Interview) Egypt - 2013:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qp_RwwwXss