

SAMI ISMAT

b. 1992, Damascus, Syria/based in Chicago

Selected Projects/Performances/Collaborations:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Creators/Conceivers</u>	<u>Producer/Venue</u>
<i>Transfixed</i> (Online video piece)	Sami Ismat	Collaboration Online
<i>Veni, Vedi, Vici</i> (Immersive Performance)	Sami Ismat	The Future of Our Plans SAIC Graduate Exhibition
<i>The Syrian Refugee Art Studio</i> (Performance/Exhibition)	Sami Ismat	School of the Art Institute Chicago
<i>Every Time I Step Towards Freedom</i> (Performance/Painting)	Sami Ismat	Dfbrl8r Art Gallery/Zhou B Arts Center
Road to Asylum (Installation)	Sami Ismat	Open Studios 2019 SAIC
<i>Pyrophones</i> (Group Performance)	Ensemble of Abandoned Practices	School of the Art Institute Chicago
<i>Tourist Wasteland</i> (Installation)	Sami Ismat	Sullivan Galleries (SAIC)
<i>Sitting in Our Lap & Plucking Our Beards</i> (Street performance/Protest)	Sami Ismat	State St., Chicago Loop (public street)
<i>New Normal</i> (Performance)	Jonas Becker	Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago
Atlas Unlimited: Entr'acte (Lecture Performance)	Karthik Pandian & Andros Zins-Browne	Graham Foundation
<i>Atlas Unlimited</i> (Performance/Exhibition)	Karthik Pandian & Andros Zins-Browne	Logan Center for the Arts
<i>By a Shore Rests a Body</i> (Performance/Sculpture)	Sami Ismat, Armin Hayerpatian & Divyamann Sahoo	New Blood Festival/ Links Hall

Selected Theatre Directing Experience:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Playwright/Deviser</u>	<u>Producer/Venue</u>
<i>Picnic Summit</i>	Sami Ismat	Collaboration
<i>Human Trash</i>	Sami Ismat	Rough House Theatre/Links Hall

<i>Real News</i>	Sami Ismat	HOMESSET Series
<i>Frivolous Dabke</i>	Sami Ismat	Collaboration/Art Institute of Chicago
<i>Ghosts of Freedom</i> (workshop production)	Sami Ismat	Trellis Residency/Greenhouse Theatre Center
<i>Finding a Loving Motherland</i>	Sami Ismat	Collaboration
<i>Mibbaj</i>	Riad Ismat	Stratford East Theatre, London
<i>Hypocrisy of Bureaucracy</i>	Sami Ismat	East 15 Acting School
<i>Top Girls</i>	Caryl Churchill	East 15 Acting School
<i>Nature is Beauty</i>	Sami Ismat & Ensemble	East 15 Acting School
<i>Crossing the Border</i>	Sami Ismat	East 15 Acting School

Education:

Master of Fine Arts in Studio: Performance Art, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA – 2020

Institute of International Education Fund (IIE) Scholarship for Syrian Students.

Graduate Admissions Incentive Scholarship.

Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Directing with Merit, East 15 Acting School University of Essex, United Kingdom – 2016

Said Foundation Scholarship

Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (UAE) - 2014

Current Teaching Position:

Adjunct Faculty in Theatre | Columbia College Chicago

Fall 2020 – Present