

# Lara Kobeissi | Artist

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## Education

**SCI-Arch** 2017 - 2018 MS in Fiction and Entertainment (STEM)  
**ALBA** 2015 - 2017 Master of Architecture (Honors)

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## Commissions, Grants and Residencies

**Resonate (Residency)** Reinterpreting art projects commissioned by ArtHouse Jersey as new XR works  
April 2023 - November 2023

**Virtual Residency** Prototyping MR experience Nazar with actor Hanane Hajj-Ali at Carlton Mansions  
March 2023 - May 2023

**AFAC (Grant)** Awarded the Performing Arts Grant to support the production of MR experience Nazar  
June 2022 - August 2023

**ACE (Grant)** Awarded the DYCP grant to expand my practice through research and R&D in XR  
June 2022 - March 2023

**Arts Canteen (Commission)** Commissioned as part of AWAN x IRQ to collaborate on a project for AWAN Festival  
May 2022 - March 2023

**B3 Media (Grant)** Awarded the TalentLab XR grant to create the demo for my MR experience Nazar  
May 2021 - October 2021

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## Selected Professional Experience

**Studio ANRK (Freelance)** Developing a live archive visualizer, as part of VR experience "There Exists"  
February 2023 - Ongoing

**StoryFutures (Freelance)** Selected as a VR Creative Practitioner working on an R&D project, part of StoryTrails  
December 2021 - May 2022

**RiverFilm (Freelance)** Joined as a visual artist working with experts like Oscar-winning director Alan Dewhurst  
May 2019 - December 2020

**DXB-FTR (Freelance)** Designed a winning proposal for Dubai Museum of the Future for director Liam Young  
June 2018

**War Child HI (volunteer)** Volunteered as a psycho-social animator in Beirut's UNHCR Headquarters  
August 2014 - May 2016

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## Exhibitions and shows

**AWANxIRQ** 2023 Presented new work "3otl" as part of AWAN Festival in London and Baghdad

**SOS-22 Exhibition** 2022 Presented Nazar [Building a Future Archive] at the South London Gallery.

**TalentLab XR Showcase** 2021 Presented Nazar to potential funders, curators and collaborators.

**F&E Symposium** 2018 Opening of Constructed Realities, a short film I wrote and directed.

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## Workshops

**School SOS** 2022 SOS-22

**StoryFutures** 2022 Immersive Archive R&D - VR Training

**TalentLab XR** 2021 Adventures in Immersive Storytelling and XR

**SCI-Arc** 2017 IDD: Introduction to Digital Design Workshop