



Afu Maldives

Afzal Shaafiu Hasan (Afu) has proved to be a leading figure in the Maldivian art scene over the past decade. He has participated in many exhibitions in the Maldives as well as in India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Mauritius and onboard the famed cruise liner 'The World'. His paintings have been housed in foreign embassies, private collections, and major hotels as well as in the permanent collection of the National Art Gallery of the Maldives.

He has contributed to the Maldivian heritage with a record number of beautiful postage stamps during his thirteen-year career as a postage stamp designer in the Maldives Post Limited and was awarded a scholarship to study graphic design, and majored in illustration. He is inspirational in his approach towards art and his environment by taking environmental challenges and using them to produce art, such as scrap-metal sculptures and the plastic-bottle raft rowed from Malé to Hulhulé as part of the 350 global campaign against climate change.

As a graphic designer he has been one of the pioneers in revolutionizing the corporate sector with corporate identity systems and has produced many well-known and established identities and branding for a number of major companies and institutions nationwide. He has judged various art and art-related competitions in the country and is a founder member of the art NGO 'Atholhu - Platform for Artists', focusing on promoting artists and art in the Maldives. He is still passionate about his art and curious to experience what he'll do next.



1. Five.
Acrylic on canvas - 91,5x84 cm



24.

2. The other half.
Acrylic on canvas - 91,5x84 cm



25.

3. Roots & connections.
Acrylic on canvas - 91,5x84 cm