

25 Artists to Watch in 2014

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Image via Ayan Farah / Installation View *Ayan Farah*, 2012, Vigo Gallery, London. Courtesy the artist and Vigo Gallery, London

Ayan Farah

Born: 1978 in Sharjah, UAE

Location: London

Born in the United Arab Emirates to Somali parents, Ayan Farah was raised in Sharjah and Stockholm before moving to London. She graduated from Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design in 2006 and the Royal College of Art in 2012. Since then, she has completed the Eileen Shona Residency at Robert Devereux and Vanessa Branson's island in Scotland, and was named Artist in Residence at The Royal Institute of Art in Stockholm. She had her first major solo show at Vigo Gallery in London in 2012. Farah has also participated in recent group shows at The Hole in New York, Dover Street Arts Club (alongside Analia Saban, Oscar Tuazon, Josh Smith and Nathan Hylden), Contemporary Art Society and Patrick Heide Contemporary Art in London, and Konsthall C in Stockholm. Future plans following her solo presentation in Vigo Gallery's booth at the 2013 Untitled Art Fair and the "2014 Artists To Watch" exhibition at the M Building in Miami include a project with the National Museum of Sweden, Stockholm and an exhibition at Soho House Berlin. Her work is included in the collection of the David Roberts Art Foundation.