



### **Andre Bechara**

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## **Biography**

Andre Bechara graduated in 1989 from the American University of Beirut (AUB) with a B.A in Architecture and earned his BFA in Environmental Design in 1991 from Parsons School of Design, N.Y., USA, and in 2007 earned his M.A. in Design from Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU). In Beirut, he practiced architecture at several distinguished architecture firms and joined NDU in 1993 as a part-time faculty member. In 1996 he was appointed full-time faculty member in the Design Department. Bechara held the position of Chairman of the Design Department in the Faculty of Architecture, Art and Design (FAAD) for two consecutive years (October 2005-September 2007). Besides his teaching and design work, Bechara has also exhibited Art work in different galleries in Beirut and more specifically at Sursock Museum, Beirut in more than one occasion. His design and artwork has been published in design magazines for his creative design proposals. His research work focuses on the building skin and its impact on the building identity and its context. It will show the skin as an object that is subjected to the environment; an object of linguistic expression; emotional responses establishing contact with the environment and initiates a dialogue between the inside and the outside space.

## **Specialized Report - Exhibition and Creative Work**

### **Local**

- First International Architectural Biennale Rotterdam. (2003). Water Front Exhibition Center, Beirut. Conceptual Architectural work entitled " Automobility"
- Al Pacino Restaurant. Kaslik, Zouk Mikael, Lebanon. (1996). Mixed media paintings.
- Nicolas Sursock Museum, mixed media paintings. XIX Salon D'automne. Beirut, Lebanon. (1996)
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- Individual Exhibition, mixed media art work, Galerie les Cimaises. Holiday Beach, Lebanon. (1994)
- Visual Arts Instructor' Exhibition, Lecture Room, Old campus. Notre Dame University, Zouk Mosbeh (1993)

### **International**

- Environmental Design Senior Exhibition, Exhibition Center. Parsons School of Design, New York. (1991)

## **Esteemed Indicators**

- Member of order of Engineer and Architects. Beirut. Lebanon
- Member of Bsalim Municipality 2010-2016. Bsalim. Lebanon

