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A collective of Contemporary art unveiled on May 14

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14.05.09 - Undercurrent is a collective exhibition of selected influential Egyptian contemporary artists, who have created new works specifically for this, a one-of-a-kind exhibition of prestigious Egyptian contemporary Art in the UAE.

Amel B.Makkawi, Founder of Art Sawa in Dubai, commented, "The urban landscape of Cairo provides the central focus and inspiration in contemporary Egyptian art and this is reflected in 14.05.09 - Undercurrent "

Both Dubai and Cairo's growth demonstrate an impact and electric energy, although each originating in entirely different sources. One rooted in millennia of history and civilization, of human artistic expression dating back thousands of years, the other emanating from a small trading community that in a moment of great opportunity decided to stand up and be counted, to create a

major 21st Century hub for commerce, finance, transportation, media, and the Arts.

“Cairo represents the main focus of 14.05.09 -Undercurrent, namely its ever-growing metropolis, its energy, its geographical, political and socio-economic environment and the impact of these forces on Egyptian culture and art,” Makkawi added.

This overview of contemporary Egyptian art brings together 30 artists, each expressing his or her individual experience of Cairene life. A broad range of art forms and schools of art expression are present here, in a cross-section of all that the best contemporary Egyptian artists have to offer. With the participation of well-established and influential artists alongside artists at the cutting edge of the Egyptian art scene, 14.05.09 – Undercurrent promises to be a most stimulating and rewarding collective.

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