



19 art exhibitions in Dubai

See 'Beyond Rhythm' at Showcase Gallery or view work at Christie's



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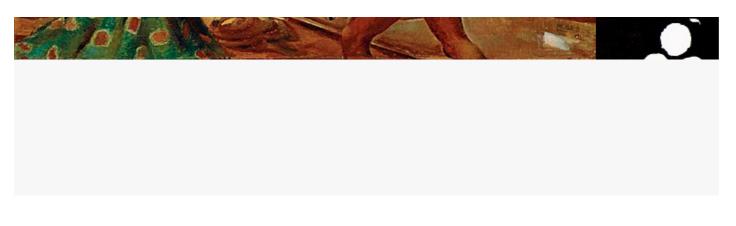






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Elegy to My Trapped City

A dedicated exhibition of Iraqi artist Dia Azzawi's mural-sized, epic painting, a 2.4m x 8m monochrome acrylic that premiered at Abu Dhabi art last year and is inspired by the post-2003 destruction of Iraq.

Until November 13. Meem Gallery, Al Quoz (04 347 7883).

Mondongo

An exhibition by internationally renowned Argentinian artist group Mondongo, whose name means 'tripe' in Spanish. The artists use Plasticine to create complex works with rich colours and textures, forming something that resembles a stew.

Until October 28. Art Sava, DIFC (04 386 2366).

Thursday 18

Beyond Rhythm

Italian-born, NYC-based artist Francesca Galliani's latest collection of mixed-media photographs celebrates dance. Through painting, splashes of colour, elements of collage







and words, she magnifies the universal message of hope and joy that dance creates. Until November 10. Showcase Gallery, Unit 35, Alserkal Avenue, Al Quoz 1 (04 379) 0940).

I Think I Love You

An installation of oil paintings produced by art workers in Dafen, China. The paintings are crafted as replicas of a single image of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, prime minister of the UAE and ruler of Dubai. Each painting measures 1.3m by 2m. Until October 31. Traffic, Umm Sugeim Road (04 347 0209).

Friday 19

With A Little Help From My Friends

Dubai-based artist Ubik's interactive installation takes the concept of team-building as a way to 'explore shades of friendship in the city'. The installation comprises a collection of remotecontrolled cars and coloured sand.

Until November 15. The Pavilion, Emaar Boulevard, Downtown Dubai (04 447 7025).

Saturday 20

National Clothesline

France-based Palestinian-Libyan artist Shadi Alzagzoug's works relate to the energy of Arab youth and to the contemporary artistic profusion worldwide. His latest works are framed with tyres and express his deep connection to urban popular movements.

Until October 25. Artspace, Gate Village Building 3, DIFC (04 323 0820).



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Wounds

Photographer Jaber Al Azmeh's latest images began and evolved during the first ten months of the Arab Spring.

Until October 29. Green Art Gallery, Alserkal Avenue, Street 8, Al Quoz 1 (04 346 9305).

Sunday 21

A Window Inside

Documentary photographer Lana Slezic unveils a series of portrait images from Afghanistan, focusing on women in a Kabul market and taken with a digital camera through an old box camera. Slezic began capturing Afghani women in 2004 on a six-week assignment, but was so captivated by what she saw that she extended her stay for two years.

Until October 25. Gulf Photo Plus, Unit D36 Alserkal Avenue, Al Quoz 1 (04 380 8545).

Arabian Nights – Eastern Lights

Swiss-Irish artist Claudio Viscardi presents 20 large-scale canvases featuring multi-layered compositions and complex architectural and geometric structures, on top of textured landscapes.

Until October 31. Funoon Gallery, Dubai Ladies Club, Jumeirah (050 232 9768).

Four shows at Cuadro

Ammar Mohammed AI Attar explores prayer rooms across the UAE, while Manal AIDowayan's 'My Name' installation consists of three-metre-high wooden prayer beads that carry the names of Saudi women. In 'Hold Me In', Athier explores the perception of progress in contemporary Arab society, while Sinisa Vlajkovic attempts to transcend the limits of conventional senses by tapping into intuition in 'Genius Loci'.

Until October 25. Cuadro Fine Art Gallery, Building 10, Gate Village, DIFC (04 425 0400).

Public art viewings for Christie's auction of Arab, Iranian and Turkish art

A sale of contemporary Middle Eastern art takes place at Emirates Towers on Tuesday October 23 and Wednesday 24 from 7pm. It includes two masterpieces by the father of modern Egyptian painting, Mahmoud Saïd (1897-1964), which will lead the sale. In the build-up, the public are invited to free viewings from today until Wednesday.

Until October 24. Godolphin Ballroom, Jumeirah Emirates Towers (04 425 5647).

Monday 22

Christie's Art Forum with panel discussion 'From Local to Global – The Art of the Middle East'

A gallery tour of items up for auction this week will be followed by a discussion on modern and contemporary Arab, Iranian and Turkish art, centred around the rise of Middle Eastern art. The panel will include seasoned members of the art fraternity, plus emerging artist and curators.

Free. Gallery tour 3.30pm-4.30pm; panel discussion 4.30pm-5.30pm. Jumeirah Emirates Towers, Godolphin Ballroom (04 425 5647).

Contemporary Art Attitudes

An exhibition featuring three artists with three unique styles. Thomas Egense (Denmark) presents 13 digital artworks including his favourite, entitled 'Jellyfish'. Other artists include Brit Shazeaa Ingar and Canadian Cynthia Reta Richards.

Until November 8. Art Couture, Al Badia Golf Club, Dubai Festival City (050 598 8206).

Riches of Female Form

A solo show by Karachi-based Balochi artist AS Rind. The show features a selection of oil-on-canvas paintings based on his rich culture, which he expresses in the form of motifs and jewellery adorned by female figures.

Until November 2. Hamail Art Gallery, Warehouse 6, 8th Street, Al Quoz 1 (04 380 6479).

The Echo of the Words 2

A collaboration between Sharjah-based Egyptian artist and calligrapher Khalifa El Shimy and Slovenian painter Martin Avsenik. The show features artworks in a range of media, including modernist acrylic paintings by El Shimy and animated sound pictures by Avsenik. *Until November 10. Gallery of Light, Ductac, Mall of the Emirates (04 341 4777).*

Young Collectors' Auction

Get your hands on top Middle Eastern contemporary art at entry-level prices at this fun, relaxed auction. The sale features 66 works across various mediums including painting, sculpture, photography, video and installation. Emerging artists include Hassan Hajjaj, Lara Zankoul and Lara Atallah.

7pm. Ayyam Art Centre, Alserkal Avenue, Al Quoz 1 (04 323 6242).

Tuesday 23

Art Generation

Featuring furniture designers Piero Alessandri and Arnaud Rivieren, the show contrasts and draws parallels between the two artists, whose body of work is informed by different eras. *Until October 30. La Galerie Nationale, Alserkal Avenue, Al Quoz (04 380 4652).*

In the Name of Freedom

Palestinian artist Oussama Diab's solo exhibition features his latest pop- and graffitiinspired paintings, which use symbolic interpretations of current events. *Until October 30. Ayyam Gallery, Gate Village Building 3, DIFC (04 439 2395).*

Jhakaas!

Quirky Dubai-based British artist Hatty Pedder's latest body of work features colourful

illustrations with flashes of neon that celebrate buzzing Mumbai. Until October 31. Mojo Gallery, Unit 33, Al Serkal Avenue, Street 8, Al Quoz 1 (04 323 6367).

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