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Egypt's Hend El-Falafly to hold first solo exhibition in Dubai

'Seven Sins', an exhibition by Hend El-Falafly, a prize winner at Egypt's Salon of Young Artists in 2011, will open at Dubai's Art Sawa on 16 December

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Two works by Hend El-Falafly: 'Soft Anger', pencil and acrylic on canvas, 150x130 (left) and 'I Wish to Be', pencil and acrylic on canvas, 130x150 (right). Part of Seven Sins exhibition at Art Saw a, Dubai. (Photos: courtesy of Art Saw a)



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Egyptian artist HEND EL-FALAFLY will open her first solo exhibition in Dubai, 'Seven Sins', on 16 December at Art Sawa.

"In this body of works, the idea is to highlight human conscience and to define my own thoughts about human characteristics and their actions and reactions," EL-FALAFLY said.

"I found, indeed, in the theme 'seven sins' fertile material for my own creativity and the representation of human nature and bodies," she added.

Art Sawa describes the exhibition as follows: "Seven Sins is a thematic exhibition that addresses each and everyone, but do we know exactly what's going on? Seven Sins still reserve some mystery...Indeed, who would be able to list the seven deadly sins? And know their origin? The ambiguity and ambivalence of the Seven Sins make us realise that a single definition of them cannot be found."

Born in 1979, EL-FALAFLY has exhibited extensively in Egypt, and had a solo exhibition in Nicosia, Cyprus' EMC art gallery in 2010. EL-FALAFLY has also participated in numerous collective exhibitions in Egypt, Austria (2010) and Italy (2004).

In 2011, she won first prize in drawing at the 22nd Salon of Young Artists, a major event for young and emerging artists held annually in Egypt.

When describing her body of work, EL-FALAFLY says: "Realism is what worries me, and I want to express and represent it."

She has a particular interest in Egyptian society, which she portrays through pencil drawings.

Programme:

Seven Sins will launch on 16 December and will be on display until 11 January 2013.

Art Sawa gallery, Zabeel Road, entry from Art Sawa Gate Village, Building no 8, tel: +971 4 3408660

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