

Press release

Palestinian Stories of Resilience at Abu Dhabi Art

Zawyeh Gallery exhibits the works of 7 Palestinian artists including unique pieces by Late Samir Salameh and Issam Bader

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Zawyeh Gallery participates in Abu Dhabi Art this year with a collection of artworks that tells stories of resilience. Through this collection, the Gallery seeks to showcase representations of Palestine in the eyes of seven Palestinian artists that vary in concepts and themes including never seen before unique pieces.

The participating artists this year are some of the most prominent Palestinian artists: **Hosni Radwan, Late Isam Bader, Nabil Anani, Khaled Hourani, Late Samir Salameh, Tayseer Barakat, and Bashar Alhroub.**

While some of the artworks represent the iconic old city of Jerusalem and the challenges facing the city under occupation, others tackle landscapes. Some of the artworks revolve around the holiness of Jerusalem as a political and religious icon and the contradictions that inhabit the city, while other works celebrate the landscape or strike a conversation between the past and present.

In this collection, Zawyeh Gallery showcases for the first time rare ceramic works by Late Isam Bader inspired by Islamic Art. The untitled works are made of gold-plated ceramic dating back to 1990s. Bader, who studied in Iraq in the 60s, was famous for working with ceramics in a distinctive style. A unique painting by Late Samir Salameh is also on show featuring the old city of Jerusalem during sunset.

Ziad Anani, director of Zawyeh Gallery, stated that the Gallery attempts at yearly hosting a variety of Palestinian art to the fair. The selection of artists this year includes rare works of two Palestinian artists who passed away in recent years: Samir Salameh and Isam Bader. He adds "We have selected those works to showcase the variety of art production in Palestine in terms of styles and the use of materials. But most of all, we are very pleased to have managed to secure rare art pieces by Salameh and Bader. This is a fantastic opportunity for collectors to view these unique pieces from Palestine.

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