

Press Release

## Zawyeh Gallery at Art Dubai delves into politics and belonging

### Presenting five young artists living in different parts of the world united by working on ideas tackling politics and belonging

Dubai, 25.2.2023: As part of Art Dubai 2023, slated to take place from the 3rd until the 5th of March, Zawyeh Gallery will feature the work of five young artists: Ruba Salameh, Yazan Abu Salameh, Dia Mrad, Saher Nassar, and Gimpiero Romano'. Even though the five artists live in different parts of the world, they are united by working on ideas tackling politics and belonging, raising in the process questions, and provoking debate around various issues.

Palestinian artist **Ruba Salameh**, living in Germany, presents works inspired by the fascinating and uncanny dreams of women living in Berlin, from repairing the Sphinx's nose to roaming endlessly in the desert in the human body and the head of a horse. While **Yazan Abu Salameh** living in Bethlehem, explores the production and consumption of cement under occupation protesting in the process of how the Palestinian towns are turning into cement jungles in addition to the loss of public and green spaces. Palestinian artist **Saher Nassar** living in Dubai introduces a series titled "Residue" which is a comic portrayal of tyranny and the abuse of power represented by soldiers fighting over a toy. His work discusses how residual innocence of childhood is manifested as a juxtaposition of violence.

**Gimpiero Romano** from Milan reflects the past into the future through a body of work that is centered around mirrors as objects. Romano looks at antiques with the eyes of an artist, intervening in the past by combining old used objects with futuristic touches, transforming them into whole new entities. Lebanese artist **Dia Mrad** participates in works from his series *Utilities*. The works seek to excavate and document the multilayers of Beirut's economic collapse by employing an ethnographic lens to explore the material manifestations of the crisis across the city's urban fabric.

Zawyeh Gallery, Art Dubai Contemporary, Booth E10

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