

Press Release

Zawyeh Gallery Showcases Compelling Palestinian Perspectives at Art Dubai 2024

Dubai, UAE – [18 February 2024] – Zawyeh Gallery is delighted to announce its participation in Art Dubai 2024, taking place from Wednesday, 28 February to Sunday, 3 March at Madinat Jumeira, Dubai. The gallery, located at **Booth B13**, will feature a show highlighting the works of three Palestinian artists: **Bashir Makhoul, Khaled Hourani, and Saher Nassar**.

Bashir Makhoul's participates with a thought-provoking series titled "The Promise." In this collection, Makhoul explores the intricate intersections between Western abstract painting and Middle and Far Eastern traditions. The series, reminiscent of Makhoul's previous work, offers a spectrum of interpretations, possibly alluding to political references within the Palestinian context.

Khaled Hourani presents "Watermelon Flag," a set of six silkscreen pieces creatively interpreting the colors of the Palestinian flag. Using the symbolic hues of red, green, black, and white found in a watermelon, Hourani narrates the historical significance of the flag's colors during a period when the Israeli occupation prohibited their use in paintings. Additionally, Hourani showcases another compelling piece titled "Jerusalem Milestone from Dubai," part of his series "The Road to Jerusalem," initiated in connection with Jerusalem being the Arab Capital of Culture in 2009.

Saher Nassar's works depict complexities of blockade, shedding light on its profound impact on society. Nassar vividly illustrates the tragic overshadowing of children's welfare by aggression and violence, examining how blockade mechanisms stifle communal growth and suffocate individual potential through physical, cultural, and media-based barriers imposed by the powerful. In an environment marked by unsettling conditions and landscapes dominated by war and crime, the prevailing circumstances often render speaking out impossible.

Visit Zawyeh Gallery at **Booth B13** during Art Dubai 2024 to experience the powerful narratives and perspectives offered by Bashir Makhoul, Khaled Hourani, and Saher Nassar. The gallery invites art enthusiasts, collectors, and the general public to engage with these thought-provoking works that speak to the complexities of contemporary Palestinian experiences.

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