

Press release

Artist Tayseer Barakat Follows a Spiritual Path with a solo exhibition at Zawyeh Gallery, Alserkal Avenue

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Zawyeh Gallery, located in Alserkal Avenue, will present a solo exhibition of the prominent Palestinian artist Tayseer Barakat (b. 1959, Gaza) from 13 November 2021 until 08 January 2022. Barakat's first solo exhibition in Dubai includes a series of artworks using a variety of materials including paint, inks, and dyes. *Spiritual Path* is a journey that explores the people and landscapes of Palestine through a mystical lens.

Barakat is one of Palestine's preeminent artists whose practice has drawn inspiration from the ancient past and from the oral traditions and cultural narratives that are intimately tied to life in Palestine.

In *Spiritual Path*, Barakat creates artworks infused with holiness. He touches upon metaphorical rituals, intimate moments, memories, and magical landscapes. The exhibition shows his perspective of the world as a spiritual place shaped by deep mystical quality. He imagines the world as the ideal place he wants to live in, rather than the actual harsh reality of politics, traumas, and injustices that exists. Barakat's series of landscapes in this exhibition are remarkable and unique to Palestinian art. They are surreal and dreamlike and include a breeze from the sea.

Ziad Anani, director of Zawyeh Gallery expresses his pleasure in managing to organize an exhibition for Barakat at Alserkal Avenue. He says "Barakat is one of the prominent artists in Palestine. His style and technique are unique, and this solo exhibition is a great opportunity to peak into his new production infused with his deep interest in mysticism and spirituality".

Tayseer Barakat completed his art education in Alexandria, Egypt in 1983 before he moved to Ramallah where he has since been. He works with a variety of media and has experimented widely with wood, metal, glass, inks, and dyes; and uses a color palette that is often limited to monochrome tones, which imbues his works with certain soberness.

The exhibition opens daily from: 11am - 7pm

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