

Ali Shirazi, Al Rahman (soorat Al Rahman from the Quran), 2012. Acrylic on canvas, 200 x 200 cm. Estimate: \$15,000 - \$20,000.

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DUBAI.- Ayyam Gallery Dubai announces the twentieth edition of The Young Collectors Auction, along with a special section dedicated to a few rare modern masterpieces, to be held at its Al Quoz location in Dubai on 27 May 2014.

This forthcoming auction presents an opportunity for both experienced and aspiring collectors to bid on an array of carefully selected works from established and emerging artists of the region, including painting, photography, limited-edition prints, sculpture and installation.

The May auction brings forth a treasure-trove of works by influential Syrian painters including modernists Nasser Chaura, Fateh Moudarres, Louay Kayyali, and Omar Hamdi, and contemporary figures Asaad Arabi, Moustafa Fathi, Abdullah Murad, Ahmad Moualla, and Safwan Dahoul. This staggering lineup of seminal painters provides seasoned buyers with an exclusive opportunity to expand their collections with rare works that chart the region's development in art. Highlights from a subsequent generation of contemporary artists will reflect today's trends in Middle Eastern art, notably through a robust selection of works by Syrian artists Khaled Takreti, Ammar Al Beik, Abdul Karim Majdal Al-Beik, Kais Salman, Mouteea Murad, and Tammm Azzam.

Boats, a painting by Louay Kayyali, is one of many exceptional historical pieces to be featured and belongs to a seminal period of the modern artist's oeuvre, reflecting an aesthetic grandness that likened his ordinary subjects to the elevated status of religious icons. From Safwan Dahoul, a stunning 1994 mixed media triptych displays the early experiments in space and usage of colour as an emotive signifier that were crucial to the development of his acclaimed Dream series.

A catalogue detailing the artwork to be auctioned will be available in PDF format online or a hard copy can be collected from any one of Ayyam Gallery's international locations. Aimed at making the auction experience and the appreciation of art accessible and enjoyable to all, The Young Collectors Auction welcomes the public to a viewing prior to the auction with artwork lots on display and specialists on hand available to answer any questions. Both bidders and members of the public are encouraged to attend the preview and the auction. With the flexibility to bid in person or register for telephone and absentee bids online via www.ayyamgallery.com/auctions, The Young Collectors Auction allows even those abroad to participate in the auction.

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