

Works by Adel El Siwi, Zakaria Ramhani and George Bahgory at Artspace Gallery



Currently on view at Artspace Gallery in DIFC is an exclusive show of Middle Eastern artists featuring the work of Adel El Siwi, Zakaria Ramhani, and George Bahgory.



The works of Egyptian-born painter Adel El Siwi depict the human figure often in narrative and ironic representations. His depictions are pierced with the somber desert landscape of Egypt often with scenes of camels, palm trees and flower pots. Adel's work has been featured in the 1997 Venice Biennale's exhibition "Modernity's and Memories: Recent Works from the Islamic World" as well as in other prominent galleries in the Middle East and internationally.



The works by Moroccan artist Zakaria Ramhani reveal isolated and expressive human figures full of color and various objects yet lacking of a storyline. Zakari became the youngest person from his country to receive a bursary from the French government to participate in a creative residency at the *Cité Internationale des arts* in

Paris. Exposure French has influenced his work to create new artistic dialogues between the East and the West.



Also born in Egypt, George Bahgory's works are known for their animated and cartoon-like qualities which focus on music and Middle Eastern figures. Such works can also be seen as narratives on various daily happenings. Bahgory became the first cartoonist in Egypt to receive international recognition.

Engaging, stimulating and fun, the works in this exhibition provide visual commentary about life in the Middle East region. The artists are moved to report on the world around them as well as seek to reveal it across cultures and new artistic frontiers.

Artspace is located in Gate Village in the DIFC (Dubai International Financial Center)

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