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AMJAD GHANNAM

Rice Sack

2015, Palestinian Territory

CATALOGUE

Palestine — Contemporary Art from within and beyond the border

ARTWORK INFO

Size:
10x12cm

Materials:
Acrylic

Charcoal

ARTIST

Amjad Ghannam

Ghannam was born in Jerusalem in 1981. He is a self-taught artist with an extensive education background and he “is always searching and learning.”

His breakthrough as an artist occurred in 2010, while he was detained in an Israeli prison, when he painted a greeting card and sent it to the organizer of the “Picasso in Palestine” project, who printed the card and circulated it widely. Being a former political prisoner, in his artwork Amjad reflects his concerns on freedom, oppression, war and contemporary issues pertaining to Palestinians and Arabs.

Ghannam has designed several Palestinian posters, has participated in two solo exhibitions, and has exhibited his work in

TAGS

- bag
- grey background
- sack

numerous group exhibitions in Palestine, Jordan, Turkey, Cyprus, Germany, China and Morocco.

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This painting is part of the series that Ghannam prepared for his second solo exhibition entitled Ras Roos, organized in Ramallah at the beginning of 2016. For the exhibition Ghannam wrote: “Among the possibilities of a certain death is to suffocate in the sacks of ISIS, Israel or any other oppressor on one hand, or to suffocate in the regime’s prison cells on the other hand. Of all these possibilities, life remains the less fortunate. All the familiar faces that I have repeatedly drawn covered by masks or burlap sacks are now gone. There is only one death, as big as the world, and a persistent, expanding oppression”.

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