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Nja Mahdaoui: Trance Elmarsa

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El Marsa Gallery Dubai presents **Nja Mahdaoui**'s solo exhibition, entitled “**Trance**”

The exhibition “Trance” by Tunisian artist, Nja Mahdaoui, will be displayed at its new gallery space in Alserkal Avenue, Dubai. The exhibition will focus on the unique distinctive work by one of the major figures of Arab art whose international career has been hugely productive for more than four decades. The exhibition will present the richness of his spiritual and aesthetic practice throughout his creative engagement and the variety of his output.

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Elmarsa Gallery was established in 1994 with the mission to generate interest in Arab art, inspire dialogue between cultural, social and artistic leaders, and to develop international relationships. One of the gallery's hallmarks is its role as an informal meeting place for an international crowd of intellectual, business, and social actors. The gallery is proud to play an important role in the Arab art community by offering an opportunity to showcase, network and exchange at the regional and international level by exhibiting modern and contemporary artists from the Arab world. Since its founding, the gallery has committed to providing support to the immense amount of artistic talent and potential in Tunisia and the larger Middle East. As one of the most established galleries in the region, Elmarsa has contributed to the formation of a base for modern art, and has also driven new trends in exposition and collection by representing artists whose work indicates innovative directions in contemporary art.

Elmarsa represents established artists and also plays a major role in supporting promising emerging artists by providing the opportunity for local talent to feature in the international art scene. It consistently presents a variety of shows featuring artists who reflect the historical and cultural diversity in the region by initiating themes such as the impact of Mediterranean, African and Arab heritage on contemporary global issues. The gallery has established an international presence through its participation in prestigious art fairs in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Paris, Marrakech and Miami, and in 2015 will open a branch in Dubai to support growing transnational interests. This expansion addresses the diversity of international collectors and markets, and further supports Elmarsa's pursuit of border-crossing innovation. The wide selection of cross generational artists represented further signifies the rich contemporary art scene in the region, as well as renewed interests in modern art. As a result, the coveted inventory of works reflects the gallery's commitment to creating a synergy between diverse cultures through artistic expression and historical context. By remaining open to aesthetic as well as market and creative trends, while also maintaining its original viewpoint, the gallery is helping to usher in a new era in art praxis and continues to operate as a leader in modern art.



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