



Art Bahrain Across Borders 2017

Exhibition Dates: 22nd March – 26th March 2017

XVA Gallery is pleased to announce it's inaugural year participating in Art Bahrain Across Borders, Bahrain's foremost contemporary art fair, where we will present a solo booth by Mukesh Shah.

Mukesh Shah's practise is an exploration of inner landscapes. He is instinctively drawn to an abstract geometry of repetition and controlled chance; the underlying objective being to discover an inevitability in each piece using a mark making process that uses a range of tools. Mundane material such as paper, cardboard and gauze is often integral to the compositions, adding an essential organic textural dimension. The resulting work may be still and detached or observing a changing world. References: Dansaekhwa (Korean monochrome movement), pop art.

Mukesh Shah (b.1959, Yemen) was educated at Eton and Cambridge. He began painting in 2011 in London after a career in banking and has lived and worked in Dubai since 2013.

About the XVA Gallery

Established in 2003, XVA is one of the leading galleries in the Middle East that specializes in contemporary art from the Arab world, Iran and the Subcontinent. Exhibitions focus on works by the regions foremost artists as well as those emerging onto the scene. The gallery's artists express their different cultural identities and perspectives while challenging the viewer to drop prejudices and borders. XVA Gallery exhibits both locally and internationally; collaborating with galleries and participating in international art fairs, such as Art Basel Hong Kong, SH Contemporary, Singapore Art Fair and Abu Dhabi Art in 2014, in order to further expose Middle Eastern contemporary art.

XVA Gallery and XVA Art Hotel are located in Dubai's heritage district, now called Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood. XVA founded and organized the Bastakiya Art Fair from 2007- 2010 as part of its commitment to raising the profile of contemporary art practice in Dubai. For three years XVA was located in DIFC, and has now expanded its premises in Al Fahidi.

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