



Behnoosh Feiz; *All About Us*

Vernissage: September 21, 6pm-9pm

Exhibition Dates: September 21 - November 2, 2019

XVA GALLERY, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Bur Dubai

XVA Gallery is pleased to announce Behnoosh Feiz's first solo exhibition in the UAE, ***All About Us***.

The exhibition will open with a reception for the artist on Saturday, September 21 2019, from 6pm – 9pm. Behnoosh will be available for interviews and tours by appointment for the duration of the exhibition.

All About Us

What is the purpose of our creation?

To experience, engage, play, touch, feel, listen, taste, smell, wander, make mistakes, wonder, learn, suffer, laugh, feel pain and joy, fail, hurt, heal, connect, rise up, love and evolve...

We received all instructions through different paths on how to play, but unfortunately the fundamental guidance went astray while we were growing up.

We used to own natural intelligence as children.

We were more connected to our inner self.

Acted out of love and followed our heart.

When did we lose it all?

What happened to us human beings?

When did we get lost?

Behnoosh Feiz, 2019

About the Artist

Behnoosh started sketching and painting in her childhood, learning from well reputed artists in Shiraz, Iran. In 1993 she moved to Germany, where she continued to paint while studying Natural Path and, later, interior architecture.

In 2007 she moved to the UAE, where she established her own interior design studio and began focusing more on her art practice. 10 years on, in 2017, her art practice took a different direction, as her curiosity about the circle grew and developed. The circle is an ancient symbol of the metaphysical absolute and the only geometric symbol which has no beginning, no end, and no direction. Circles fascinated Behnoosh to the extent that she started to create art exclusively with concentric circles, usually working in ink or design pens, on different types of paper.

Behnoosh feels connected to her art with her whole being. The idea comes from deep within and it embraces profound values. She believes that human beings are the manifestation of the characteristics of divinity on Earth, and her art represents this belief. Each piece in its own simplicity tells a story about *us* and our connection with the universe. She draws inspiration from ancient literature, Rumi's poems, spirituality, and personal interactions.

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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