



Dia Batal; *Between Lands and Seas*

Vernissage: Saturday, March 17, 6pm – 9pm

Exhibition Dates: March 17 – April 18, 2018

XVA GALLERY, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Bur Dubai

BETWEEN LANDS AND SEAS

Between Lands and Seas is Dia Batal's first solo exhibition in Dubai; it features recent and never before seen artworks. The exhibition will open with a reception for the artist on Saturday, March 17, from 6pm – 9pm. The opening will coincide with the opening of the Sikka Art Fair, also located in Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood.

In this exhibition Dia Batal explores notions of belonging, identity, and what constitutes the meaning of home. Borrowing texts from poetry, literature, and narratives from her own family history, she investigates, using materials such as paper and metal, the meaning of home as an internal point of orientation. The artworks also examine the significance of involuntary departures from a homeland, and what remains with us along those routes of departures.

The exhibition will feature drawing, collage and silkscreen on paper, and sculpture in metal.

Batal will be available for interviews and tours from 17th March to the 23rd of March, 2018.

DIA BATAL

Dia Batal is a London based, Palestinian artist. Her work stems from socio-political concerns and cultural narratives from her surrounding environment. Her practice draws on the use of Arabic language, calligraphy, and script. Borrowing from that, and in specific context, she creates installations, objects and work on paper in a contemporary language.

Dia's work has been shown in solo and collective exhibitions in London, Liverpool, Paris, Beirut, Amman, Dubai, Sharjah, Manama.

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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