



**Colleen Quigley; *The remarkable resilience of symbols***

Vernissage: Saturday, April 21, 6pm-9pm

Exhibition Dates: April 21 – May 23, 2018

XVA GALLERY, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Bur Dubai

XVA Gallery presents Colleen Quigley's solo exhibition, *The Remarkable Resilience of Symbols*. Artist Colleen Quigley's new body of work incorporates patterns and decorative symbols from the urban landscape of Dubai, including the historical district of Al Fahidi in Bur Dubai. The exhibit focuses on the flow and transformation of design patterns and raises the question about the fixing of an identity of diverse elements of material culture that transform themselves in surprising ways across time and space.

Colleen Quigley is a Japanese-American artist from Philadelphia and is currently living and working in Dubai. She graduated from the Sculpture program at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and received her MFA from the Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music in Tokyo, Japan. Her current practice encompasses sculpture/installation, encaustic, ceramic, and glass. Her research interests include post modern strategies of making in relation to themes of materiality, originality, transcultural flow of objects, and memory.

**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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