



XVA GALLERY

Curiouser & Curiouser

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February 3 – March 14 2014

Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood,

Bur Dubai

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Imitating a leisurely wander through a neighborhood curiosity shop, XVA Gallery's upcoming exhibition will intrigue and delight you with a mix of eclectic miniature art pieces. Each individual work assumes a sense of whimsy, an air of other worldliness or flight of fancy to engage and enthrall. While spinning surreal tales of the absurdities of life, these little enigmatic pictures and sculptures make us wonder and yet leave us with more answers than questions.

The exhibition comprises encaustic collages with antique 19th century engravings by Dubai based artist Colleen Quigley, mixed media miniature works composed with antique maps and wall-paper by artist Jakob Roepke and 3D sculptures constructed from found natural objects by Halona Hilbertz.

"Curiouser & Curiouser" will open at XVA Gallery, Al Fahidi Neighborhood, Bur Dubai on 3 February 2014 and run until March 13, 2014.

Join us on February 8th for an all-day opening event and enjoy this intriguing exhibition of delightful miniature works.

About the Artists

Colleen Quigley is a Japanese American artist, currently an Assistant Professor of Visual Art at Zayed University, Dubai. She graduated from University of the Arts in Philadelphia with a BFA in Sculpture and studied Figurative Painting at the New York Academy of Art in 2001. She also holds an MFA from Tokyo National University of Fine Arts in Tokyo. She has previously exhibited with XVA Gallery in a group exhibition and has had numerous international solo shows, most notably in Japan.

Jakob Roepke is a German artist who resides in Berlin. He studied art at the Hochschule für Gestaltung Offenbach. He has been working on his small-sized collage paintings since 1996. Exhibiting with XVA in our summer group exhibition entitled "Some Like it Hot" in 2013 and has also had solo shows in several European capital cities.

Halona Hilbertz was born in Austin, Texas to German parents and was raised in Germany. She studied painting and performance art at the Hochschule der Bildenden Kuenste Saar, Saarbruecken Germany and at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design Halifax. She currently resides in Brooklyn where she works on her three-dimensional collages and plays in the rock band, FETZIG. She has previously exhibited with XVA Gallery in a group exhibition as well as having exhibited extensively in the United States and Europe.

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 London, SH Contemporary and Art Basel Hong Kong 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. In 2011 XVA Gallery moved to DIFC. In 2013 XVA Gallery returned to Al Fahidi Neighborhood expanding its exhibition space and Hotel. The XVA Art Hotel serves as an annex gallery for curated exhibitions and participates in the Sikka Art Fair.

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