



Halim Al Karim: *Chaos*

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Exhibition Dates: March 14th - May 14th, 2015

XVA GALLERY, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Bur Dubai

From Sumerian to American, this chaos is this man.

Halim Al Karim, 2012

Chaos is a multimedia installation including sculpture, video, photography, LED light panels and 'Sumerian Skin'. The installation will present the point of view of Al Karim about the disorder and madness surrounding our lives through love and war, and the 'hidden agendas' of super powers, and their role in this turmoil. The installation will be presented outdoors in the main courtyard of XVA Gallery with the intention of allowing the viewer time and space in which to confront their own chaos on a conscious level.

About the Artist:

Born in Najaf, Iraq in 1963, Halim Al Karim has held many solo exhibitions in Dubai, Paris, Holland, Switzerland, Istanbul, USA, Jordan and Lebanon. The artist was nominated for the 2010 Sovereign Art Prize and was awarded the jury prize in the International Cairo Biennale in Egypt. He is one of the six artists whose work was featured in the Iraqi Pavilion at the 54th Venice Biennale – the first Iraqi Pavilion in 36 years. His work is in the collections of major museums including the Arab Museum of Contemporary Art in Doha, the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, the Saatchi Collection in London, Darat Al Funun in Amman, L'Institut du Monde Arabe in Paris, the Mori Art Museum in Tokyo, Artron Art Museum in China and Yinchuan MoCA in China. He lives and works in Dubai and Colorado, USA.

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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