



## **Katia Al Tal; *Elysian***

Vernissage: Wednesday December 12, 6pm-9pm

Exhibition Dates: December 12 2018 – January 8 2019

XVA GALLERY, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Bur Dubai

### ***Elysian***

‘Branded with confusion until all that was left was a thorny existence of pain. Wounds were watered with inner strength buried beneath stony soil and dared beauty to emerge once again. Elysian takes you on an inner spiritual journey revealing itself in several phases shapes and elements.’

XVA Gallery is pleased to present **Elysian**, a solo show by Katia Al Tal. A sculptor at heart, it came naturally to Al Tal to work with clay and produce *Nuwa Creations* ceramics; a series of practical everyday objects that are pure of colour and line; delicate but sturdy and completely sculptural.

Al Tal’s work is a mixture of art and aesthetic that is multi-functional, decorative and, above all, creative. Her work can be found in both private collections, as well as museums and art galleries.

Al Tal’s creations are a culmination of her authentic, mystical and spiritual inner world along with her internal experiences that are brought to life through her skills in various art mediums starting with theater, film making, sculpting and ceramics.

### **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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