



Mukesh Shah; *Full Moon Rising*

Vernissage: Saturday October 27, 10am – 6pm

Exhibition Dates: October 27 – December 4 2018

XVA GALLERY, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Bur Dubai

XVA Gallery is pleased to present ***Full Moon Rising***, Mukesh Shah's second solo exhibition since joining the gallery. His unique visual language is apparent in the abstract inner landscapes which explore that contemplative state which may loosely be described as kind of blue. The works are organic and tactile in the use of paper, cardboard and gauze in the compositions. The title 'Kind of Blue' of works references the iconic jazz album recorded in 1959 by Miles Davis.

For additional information about Mukesh Shah please visit www.mshah.art.

Mukesh Shah will be available for interviews and tours for the duration of the exhibition. Please inquire in advance.

Mukesh Shah

Mukesh Shah (British, b.1959 in Aden, Yemen) has an MA from the University of Cambridge. He currently lives and works in Dubai having previously lived in London.

"We live in fascinating times and like many I am plugged into the 24/7 news cycle and analysis of events, constantly reacting and tweaking my worldview. The flip side, partly in response, is withdrawal and an introspective focus on the ubiquitous change taking place within.

The creative impulse comes from a need to reconcile the tension implicit in this universal dichotomy. My practise is both an exploration of inner landscapes, contemplative and abstract but human, and an observation of external narratives that strike a chord. These are two sides of the same coin, an ongoing conversation in which the one fuels the other.

I am developing a visual language which uses geometricity, repetition, chance, organic textures, collage, typography and neon in a process of mark-making and composition. The aim is to enable each piece to reach its own resolution through doing and to thread the diversity of work with a common sensibility."

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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