



XVA Gallery to host 'Paper', a group exhibition from Anish Kapoor, Walid Siti, Imran Channa, Debjani Bhardwaj, and Mohsen Ahmadvand

xxx December, Dubai, UAE – XVA Gallery, DIFC is pleased to announce its forthcoming exhibition, 'Paper', a group show by artists Anish Kapoor, Walid Siti, Imran Channa, Debjani Bhardwaj and Mohsen Ahmadvand, to celebrate the often underrated medium of paper. Opening on 4 February 2013, the exhibition will comprise a selection of pieces that examine and portray the ways in which the artists use paper, and the diversity of the art forms that it can create.

Guests will be invited to view the works of Indian artist Kapoor, an internationally renowned sculptor, whose work has won him a number of high profile accolades including a Commander of the French Ordre des Arts et de Lettes in 2011. Kapoor's art is derived from a contract between presence and absence, place and non-place, the solid and the intangible.

Also displaying her work is renowned Indian artist Bhardwaj, a former financial analyst who made the transition to art finding initial success with sculpture. As she experimented with different mediums throughout her career, she has best become known for her highly detailed and thoughtful paper work cuts.

The exhibition is also an opportunity for art lovers to view a body of work by Iraqi artist Siti, who has been inspired by his life experiences and connections with his homeland. Described by the Economist magazine as 'A vision of the future', Siti's work has been represented in numerous galleries across the globe. Additionally, celebrated Pakistani contemporary visual artist Channa, who has achieved several awards including the Sovereign Art Prize 2010, will be presenting work that focuses on modern history bringing to light the violence and tensions in the 21st Century.

To complete the exhibition, distinguished Iranian artist Ahmadvand displays his humour and talent for poetry with inspiration deriving from vintage photography and the mass media. His expertise is demonstrated in his ability to create juxtaposition and tension.

Meagan Kelly-Horsman, Director of the XVA Gallery comments "Through this exhibition we are encouraging our clients to explore paper as an underrated artistic medium. We hope that by showcasing works from both well-established and emerging artists, we will underline the diversity of its numerous applications and help redefine the limits of this seemingly simple form of expression."

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Opening 4 February 2013
XVA Gallery, Building 7, DIFC, Dubai

About the XVA Gallery

Established in 2003, XVA is one of the leading galleries in the Middle East specialising in contemporary art from the Arab world and Iran. Its rigorous exhibition programme includes works by emerging, mid-career and established artists who are responding to their local environments in thoughtful and provocative ways. XVA offers art consultancy services, providing expert consultancy and full project management for companies and individual requirements in art.

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