



## XVA Gallery presents *Documentary Of Sea*

15<sup>th</sup> February – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**February 2012, Dubai, UAE** – XVA Gallery is pleased to welcome its upcoming exhibition; *Documentary Of Sea*, on display from 15<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The exhibition comprises new works by ten Iranian artists; Shantia Zakerameli, Shahriar Ahmadi, Ghasem Mohammadi, Omid Hallaj, Mehdi Farhadian, Mahmoud Bakhshi, Anahita Ghasemkhani, Amir hossein Zanjani, Ala Dehghan – and curated by acclaimed artist Vahid Sharifian. The exhibition is characterized by conceptual and contemplative works including works on canvas, video and photographic works, as well as installation.

This announcement brings a welcome return of Vahid Sharifian, a celebrated artist in his native home of Iran, who has a longstanding relationship with XVA Gallery, and has previously exhibited at the XVA Annex at Bastakiya in 2008. Vahid Sharifian's work has also been shown in Paris, Los Angeles, London and Tehran. He is excited to return to XVA Gallery in both a curatorial and artistic capacity.

Commonly explored themes amongst these ten artists concern the celebration of the beauty and mystique of nature's most organic elements—the sea, examining the poetic relationship between human nature and that of the ocean, which is both revered and compelling.

Through the eyes of these ten artists, we are made aware of the significant importance of nature and landscape which is intrinsically linked to our evolving natural identity – the artists' fascination with the sea examines the political and the divine, to times of contemplation and youth. The artists' textural exploration of the sea transcends words, and through this body of work they allude to its ever changing and transient nature that is to be explored and appreciate in its true reverence, constantly reminding us of the alchemy of our routine lives.

***Documentary Of Sea*, curated by Vahid Sharifian**

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**XVA Gallery, DIFC, Dubai**

**Vernissage: 15 February 7 – 9pm**



## About XVA

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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