

**Sermin Kardestuncer**

Vernissage: December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm

Exhibition Dates: December 12<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

XVA GALLERY, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Bur Dubai

Sermin Kardestuncer's upcoming solo exhibition will showcase the Turkish born, New York based artist's most recent works. Kardestuncer's work is organic in nature and displays loyalty to proportion and control. She is sensitive to the material she uses, and can transform the most common into the most unique. The exhibition will include sculpture, work on rice and silk paper, and fabric. The intricate and repeated patterns throughout the body of work bring a sense of wholeness and an insight on the inner workings of Kardestuncer's thought process. The hand-stitched works are methodical and sensitive. The slow process of making the works allows the viewer to identify with Kardestuncer's faith in possibility and her respect for tradition.

Kardestuncer received an MA from New York University and a BFA from the University of Connecticut, Storrs. She has exhibited her work at numerous institutions including The Bronx Museum of the Arts, MoMA/PS1, Art in General, Brooklyn Museum (all NY), as well as the Davidson Visual Arts Center (NC). She has received awards from the Pollock-Krasner Foundation and Anonymous Was A Woman and has participated in residencies at Ucross, Wyoming and The Rockefeller Foundation at Bellagio, Italy and Blue Mountain Center, NY.

This exhibition was made possible in collaboration with Pierogi Gallery, Brooklyn, NY. We would also like to thank Kardestuncer family and especially Melek Zahine.

**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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