



XVA Gallery presents *Silent Confabulations*, a solo exhibition, opening 17/03/2021

8th March 2021, Dubai, UAE // XVA Gallery is pleased to present *Silent Confabulations*, a solo exhibition by Huma Shoaib.

This collection of work transcends through the journey from Chaos to harmony, similar to the process of making the imagery, in which complex grids and calculations create a pandemonium of lines, transforming into perfect patterns and motifs. Rather than hide them, Huma chooses to keep the mistakes made during the under drawings to symbolize the imperfections in us and notion towards our inherent quest for perfection. Inspired by mysticism and Mevlana Rumi's poetry, these works are visual narratives of sufism.

Traditional, religious, and geometric patterns inculcate the utopian harmony amongst different beliefs as the bees follow a circular motion resembling the whirling dervish as well as the pilgrims in Mecca. The circular compositions rising from the Sama performances in which celestial movements follow the notion that harmony hails from revolutions made by all, from celestial bodies to living beings. The changing details in these birds and bees signify the process of unlearning and relearning; the sufic ideology of losing one's self in order to find the truth. Fluorescent colors give otherwise traditional patterns a 'contemporary' edge.

Exhibition Dates: 17th March - 15th April 2021

Huma's work raises questions about the division created amongst people in the name of personal beliefs. By amalgamating patterns from various religious and sacred geometry she brings forth the similarities between beliefs and human psyche. Simultaneously she touches the very notion of imperfections in us and our quest and desire for perfection. She uses paper cut drawings and silhouettes layered together along with detailed graphite drawings giving three dimensionality to otherwise flat imagery, hence giving it depth and multitude of meaning. Huma is a graduate of Fine Arts from The National college of Arts Lahore, Pakistan. She has regularly shown her works at Tashkeel's annual shows, XVA and other galleries in Dubai.

Established in 2003, **XVA Gallery** is one of the leading galleries in the Middle East that specializes in contemporary art from the Arab world and the Sub-continent. Exhibitions focus on works by the region's 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 London, SH Contemporary and Art Basel Hong Kong 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 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. In 2011 – 2013, XVA Gallery moved to DIFC but has since returned to the XVA location in Al Fahidi with more space. The convenient stock area allows for viewing many artist's work in one location.

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