



XVA Gallery presents *Drawings & Editions*, a solo exhibition, opening 30/04/2021

13th April 2021, Dubai, UAE // XVA Gallery is pleased to present *Drawings & Editions*, a solo exhibition by Elizabeth Dorazio.

Beauty, beauty, beauty a thousand times inevitably describes the series of works by artist Elizabeth Dorazio, known for plunging into nature through collage. The visions of her work show the artist sheltered by large leaves, huge flowers, gigantic trunks of the plants and nature's exuberance. The photographic collages stem from her symbolic and intuition of the natural worldview. Landscapes that place humans in the shoes of a stranger observing a vegetal and aqueous world. This conjunction represents a true Garden of Eden in both series *I went on a trip*, 2020 - 2021, and *On Nature*, 2019 - 2020.

In the series *I went on a trip*, collages on paper and digital copy illustrate landscapes that border on phantasmagoria, dream-like images. These are observed by the artist's figure itself, strategically placed in each photographic collage. Dorazio illustrates beautiful visions of the world, a romantic and cosmic sight of forests, woods, rivers, mountains, clouds, sky, light, shadows and fauna. In the scenes she creates, she stands miniature before the grandeur of nature. By placing herself within the invented, transfigured and exaggerated landscape, the carnivorous-looking flowers and menacing plants seem ready to swallow her. The artist stands as a mere observer in awe of the fantastical world of plants.

Humans are nothing more than a cell, an atom, a grain of sand alive in the universe that makes up the Earth. Such romantic thought becomes evident in her landscape collages and in the collage drawings of foliage from the *On Nature* series. In this exhibition, she is left out of composition, as is said of a photograph or a painting, as an observer. Transparencies are created through the layers upon layers carefully laid on top of each other. This creates pictorial, translucent, silky and warm layers for the eye. Her collages mix idealism with realism and phantasmagoria (the unimaginable, the invention), mingling human and natural spirituality in her work. A sublime conjunction in art.

- Ricardo Resende, Curator Museu Bispo do Rosário Arte Contemporânea

Exhibition Dates: 30th April - 11th June 2021

"I am sitting on a pine trunk in the forest. The smell of pine always reminds me of strawberries. A white butterfly and a yellow butterfly: they never rest. Painting the air with small flying dots. Kisses and tight hugs with a lot of love." - Miriam Gomperts

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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