



The Story of Art

From October 2022 at XVA Gallery "The Story of Art" - a series of Art History lectures by Dr. Michaela Watrelot PhD.

Join us for a nine-week lecture program strolling through decades of history, going from Classicism to the Contemporary, and tackling how Art defined and captured their reality.

Hosted at XVA Gallery, our nine-week program features a series of Art history lectures, exploring the highlights of different art movements, the most influential artists and their masterpieces. Having started from Classicism we will now be delving within Impressionism. Investigating its origins, the second lecture will focus on the power of light and how it defined Impressionism, establishing it as one of the key art movements of the late 19th Century by examining works by artists such as Claude Monet and August Renoir until Edgar Degas. We will gain insights to the technique, meaning and development of painting in Europe at the time. Throughout the course, we will delve into other movements, which characterized the following decades. We will see how some movements progress into new ones. How Post-impressionism was born on the foundations of impressionism yet claims new technique, new ideals, and new insights to portray subject matter. Following a timeline through Cubism and Abstract Impressionism, we will determine how the art scene changes and what played a role in the development of these new approaches to art. The World Wars and the development of new scientific theories will become the epicentre of the artist's emotional response, and their visual representations. Leading us to question what art is today, opening the doors to the contemporary approach passing by minimalism and the conceptual.

About the Lecturer

With a PhD in Art History, Dr. Michaela Watrelot holds the role of art historian, educator and published author. Previously, Michaela earned her master's degree at the University of Vienna and expanded her understanding of the contemporary art market while working at the international auction house Christie's in Dubai and Vienna.

About XVA Gallery

XVA Gallery 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 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 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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