



Coming up at XVA Gallery – '*Enheduanna's Letter*', a solo installation by Halim Al Karim.

Join us from February 24th – March 31st, 2023 to discover Halim Al Karim's latest series of photographic works, showcasing lambda prints exhibiting at XVA Gallery.

#### Artist Statement

*Enheduanna's Letter* encompasses portraits of sentimental letters hidden in the orbits of history, sent from Priestess Enheduanna to all exiled souls in the new world. Enheduanna's letter urges the exiled souls to prove a disjunction between historical events and the way they are ultimately recalled. Reinterpreting iconic art works and undermining traditional conceptual, and cultural boundaries of human history increases our ability to empathize and connect with our exiled souls

#### About the Artist

Born in Najaf, Iraq in 1963, Halim Al Karim has held many solo exhibitions in Dubai, Paris, Holland, Switzerland, Istanbul, USA, Jordan and Lebanon. The artist was nominated for the 2010 Sovereign Art Prize and was awarded the jury prize in the International Cairo Biennale in Egypt. He is one of the six artists whose work was featured in the Iraqi Pavilion at the 54th Venice Biennale – the first Iraqi Pavilion in 36 years. His work is in the collections of major museums including the Arab Museum of Contemporary Art in Doha, the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, the Saatchi Collection in London, Darat Al Funun in Amman, L'Institut du Monde Arabe in Paris, the Mori Art Museum in Tokyo, Artron Art Museum in China and Yinchuan MoCA in China. He lives and works in Dubai and Colorado, USA.

#### 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 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.

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