



Coming up at XVA Gallery – ‘*Appearance*’, a solo exhibition by Katia Al Tal.

Join us from May 23rd – June 22nd, 2023 to discover the latest collection of Katia Al Tal’s abstract sculptures exhibiting at XVA Gallery.

#### Curatorial statement:

*‘Appearance’* explores the intrinsic essence of the artist’s vision and the experiences which led to the creation of these vessels. Katia Al Tal uses resin as her chosen medium to create her ethereal sculptures embodying the organic nature of her creative process.

#### Artist Statement:

In a blink, a state of inner balance was shaken to its core and willingly jilted as it sacrificed itself to masked alters.

In a blink, a vessel took a new path and dared to venture and explore the unknown with its usual sense of eagerness, authenticity, and devotion. The soul floated beyond the precious vessel that should have been cherished, but instead was abused, neglected and worst of all, abandoned.

In a blink, the realization hit that the ventured path led to isolation, being stripped down to the rawest of essence and left stranded in the middle of the seductive path that had whispered promises of inspiration.

In a blink, the tormenting whips of self-induced confusion conquered the senses and abused the gift of time by leading the vessel down a soulless void of a path.

In a blink, the universe was waiting for the impotent path to be relinquished and trusted that time was not taken for granted and truth was never forsaken. Delusions were put aside and vision was cleared to uncover mesmerizing creations that embrace the wandering soul and celebrate its return.

#### About the artist:

Katia Al-Tal is a renowned Jordanian-French sculptress best known for creating pieces that reflect her experiences and transforms them into art. Her minimalistic creations are unique, fluid and capable of elevating her viewers towards having a mutually collective experience that inspires and transcends. Katia is also an educator and mentor who works in the International



Baccalaureate system to foster change and development in the youth. In addition, she is engaged in her local and international community advocating for a number of initiatives. Her *'Appearance'* exhibition is a culmination of time specks that are made tangible in the velvety texture of pearly white silhouettes.

### 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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