



'Kind of Blue' Exhibition Mukesh Shah at XVA Gallery, February 29th - March 26th, 2024

Kind of Blue is an open-ended series of contemplative abstract compositions. These inner landscapes explore materiality in a tactile process of imperfect mark-making. Geometricity, repetition, chance and the uneven line recur in the evolving visual language. There are no straight lines in nature and, like a coastline, every line fragments close up - perhaps signifying the blur between poignancy and indifference, the sacred and profane, between life and the absence of life. *Kind of Blue* is the title of the singular Miles Davis jazz album recorded in 1959.

Mukesh Shah (British, b Aden, Yemen) is a visual artist based in Dubai and London. He has an MA in Natural Sciences from the University of Cambridge. His recent solo and group exhibitions include: *Palabras, Palabras, Palabras* (Tamara Kreisler Gallery, Madrid, 2023), *Personal Structures* (Palazzo Mora, 59th Venice Biennale, 2022), *Sign Systems* (Unit London, London, 2022), *C?N U FEEL IT* (XVA Gallery, Dubai, 2021).

About XVA

XVA Gallery established in 2003, 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.

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.