

XVA IN FRINGES – Program of the Creek Art Fair is announced

15th – 31st March 2008

XVA announced today the list of participating galleries and program of the second Creek Art Fair. Taking place in the pedestrian area of Bastakiya from the 15th to the 31st of March, the event will run in parallel to the Dubai Art Fair. Exhibitions will run from 10am to 7pm over 17 days.

Organized by XVA Gallery with the support of the Dubai Cultural Council, the CAF will open up 16 traditional houses of Bastakiya to art galleries and artists from all over the world. The CAF places the accent on the more innovative and emerging artistic talent.

Participants include Dubai-based galleries B21, Green Art, The Jam Jar, Majlis, Showcase, The Flying House, The Third Line, Total Art, and traffic. Also confirmed is Mah Gallery from Tehran with an impressive group of young Iranian artists. Confirmed media partners are Alef Magazine, Hia Magazine and Bidoun. Institutions involved in the Creek Art Fair include the Architecture Association of the UAE (aaUAE), the American University of Sharjah, the Art Newspaper, the Goethe Institute Gulf Region, Phillips de Pury and Zayed University.

The program of events will include movie screenings, panel discussions and artist workshops. Daily programs will include talks by leading art personalities and experts at 9pm in XVAs' courtyard. Confirmed personalities include Hans Ulrich Obrist, Co-director of Exhibitions and Programs and Director of International Projects, Iranian artist, gallerist and curator, Fereydoun Ave, Zaki Nusseibeh, Deputy Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Culture and Heritage Authority, UAE artist Hassan Sharif and US architect Donald Bates.

Some of the highlights of the CAF include an Alef Magazine – Phillips de Pury & Company – XVA show entitled "Regional Delicacies: Alef's Art Mezze" where artists from the Middle East and Western artists will present art in which food expresses large concerns, sumptuous sensations and enriching truths. The CAF will also include a film cycle "Transgressions" with 2 movie projections a day. The films selected highlight the impact of transgressors in cinema. The closing reception will include the star performance by Iranian artist and performer Reza Derakhshani. He has collaborated with renowned artists such as Madonna, Deepak Chopra as well as performances at the Montreux jazz festival and the Central Park summer stage in New York City.

According to Mitra Khoubrou, Managing Director of XVA "The Creek Art Fair is a collective effort of the entire artistic community of Dubai. It will give an opportunity to young and riskier artists. The Fair is an effort by XVA to spearhead initiatives that involve all art players in Dubai and in the region".

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