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The 9th edition of BEIRUT ART FAIR

The 9th edition of Beirut Art Fair features 53 art galleries from 20 countries, exhibiting 250 artists with more than 1,600 artworks and 32,000 visitors from across the globe expected for the duration of the fair at the Seaside Arena (previously BIEL) designed by renowned architect and urban planner Patrick Boustani.

As an indicator of its ongoing success, the fair welcomes 22 new exhibitors alongside 31 returning galleries, including first-time participation from Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Senegal.

The 2018 edition's increased space features 2 sections are dedicated to Galleries focusing on Modern Art and on Contemporary Art from the region. The exhibition space and the artworks will be illuminated by lighting positioned on large-scale structures that evoke the Port of Beirut.



Participating Galleries:

392rmeil393 (Lebanon) | Agial Art Gallery (Lebanon) | Aida Cherfan Fine Art (Lebanon) | Alwane (Lebanon) | Analix Forever (Switzerland) | Aramé Art Gallery (Armenia) | Artlab (Lebanon) | Artual Gallery (Ivory Coast) | Atelier Relief(Belgium)| A&V Art Gallery (Belarus) | Bel Air Fine Art (France, Switzerland, Italy, Lebanon) | Bouillon d'Art (France) | CUB Gallery (Lebanon) | Emmagoss Art Gallery (Lebanon) | Fadi Mogabgab Contemporary Art Gallery (Lebanon) | Founoun Gallery (Egypt) | Galerie Dominique Fiat (France) | Galerie Marie Jaouen (France) |Galerie Céline Moine(France)|Galerie Rochane (Lebanon)|Galerie Janine Rubeiz (Lebanon) | Galerie Cheriff Tabet (Lebanon)|Galerie Tanit(Lebanon) | Gallery Misr (Egypt) | GD Modern Contemporary Gallery (France) | Gnyp Gallery (Germany) | Gowen Contemporary (Switzerland) | Hamazkayin "Lucy Tutunjian" Art Gallery (Lebanon) | In Situ-Fabienne Leclerc (France) | Jin Fine Art (Taiwan) | Karim Francis Contemporary Art Gallery (Egypt) | LAS Lebanese Autism Society (Lebanon) | L&B Contemporary Art Gallery (Spain) | Lefebvre et Fils (France) | Letitia Gallery (Lebanon) | Loft Art Gallery(Morocco) | Marfa'Gallery (Lebanon) | Mark Hachem | (Lebanon, France, United-States) | Mashrabia Gallery of Contemporary Art (Egypt) | Mazel Galerie (Belgium, Singapore) | M. Square Gallery (Lebanon) | Myriam Bouagal Galerie (France) | Picasso Art Gallery (Egypt) | Samer Kozah Gallery (Syria) | Short Stories by daddy G' (Senegal) | Sud Gallery (France) | South Border (Lebanon) | Twelve Gates Arts (United-States) | YenakArt Gallery (Thailand) | Voodart Gallery (Cameroon) | Wadi Finan Fine Arts (Jordan) | Wild Projects (France) | Zawyeh Gallery (Palestine)

Highlights of the fair within the «mise en abyme» (city within a city) include:

« Across Boundaries », the fair's flagship exhibition has its focus on historic & contemporary Lebanese photography, from 1900 to the present day. This show highlights for the first time Lebanon's unique photographic heritage and includes more than 100 artworks from some 30 Lebanese private & public collections.

The 7th EDITION of the BYBLOS BANK AWARD also has photography as its theme. Having become a prestigious accolade in its own right, this prize rewards emerging talents and promotes their visibility among collectors and the public.

REVEALING by SGBL also beams a spotlight on 18 rising talents, inviting local and international galleries to support up and coming stars.

LEBANON MODERN! A TRIBUTE TO PAUL GUIRAGOSSIAN pays homage to the most famous artist of Lebanese modernity, through written artefacts and audio features showcased for the first time.

ART by Bankmed: The 40 figurines of American artist KAWS offers a dip into the special world of Street Art, courtesy of one of the most important collections by the artist.

The Round Tables promise lively exchanges between Lebanese and international artists and specialists on several topical themes, such as photography, collecting as a passion, or territorial attachment, but also a series of book signing.

The VIP Lounge by Arab Bank presents part of its art collection. Space allows VIPs to relax after a long walk in the fair aisles, discovering the galleries. In a friendly atmosphere and to orchestral rhythms, VIPs can taste the astonishing creations of the young Lebanese chef, Tara Khattar.

In line with its proven passion for pushing boundaries and embarking on new discoveries, BEIRUT ART FAIR steps outside of its parameters and proposes with BEIRUT ART WEEK (Sept 18/25) an artistic journey through the city, including meeting artists, as well as unusual experiences such as an open-air cinema in archeological sites and private viewings, all to be given a suitably festive spirit.

Image:

Beirut Art Fair 2017. Elene Usdin, Olga after Zarraga, Acrylic on inkjet print photography, 2016, 81 x 81 cm, Courtesy Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, France