

ARTspace Gallery Hosts an Exclusive Exhibition for Lebanese Artist Katya Traboulsi

The prestigious Dubai-based ARTSPACE Gallery will hold an exhibition for Lebanese Artist Katya Traboulsi, entitled *Anatomical Beauty*. ARTSPACE is committed to the promotion of contemporary Middle Eastern art and artists. The gallery is a regional leader and its second location in London caters to its extensive global clientele while bridging the gap between the eastern and western art scenes. We are also pleased to be collaborating with William Wagner Geneva, a luxury brand of Time Keeper and instrument of writing.

Katya Traboulsi is a Dubai based, contemporary Lebanese artist. Her work has been featured in numerous exhibitions around the world. Katya's art has found its way to several private collections in Canada, France, Switzerland, the United States, England, Dubai, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, Jordan and Lebanon. She has partnered with several organizations to raise funds and awareness for various charities and causes. Katya also regularly donates her pieces for special charitable proceedings as well. She also runs the "Katya Traboulsi Ateliers" in Dubai for emerging young and talented artists. In her work, Katya moves freely with her brush telling a new story with every stroke. She draws inspiration from the environment and the region she lives in. Katya de-dramatizes reality by using bold colors and figures between the real and the unreal. She refers to her expressionist paintings as her "mind releaser" as it serves as a sort of therapy to release the fears related to the people and circumstances of life around her.

For this exhibition, Katya Traboulsi has taken the MRI scan, x rays - and used it to re-invent the portrait. Her art is about manipulating the surface to get underneath the surface. The inside of the body is a fearful place, usually left to the medical profession. The inside is the place we don't look. The inside of our bodies is still taboo. But it is time to reclaim the beauty and perfection of it. Prettiness is not the goal, it's more about something glorious and fascinating. While our society worships looks and style, and makes its judgments accordingly, the judgment of the body is very different. The cells, systems, tissues and cavities of the body are gloriously made toward perfection. Katya Traboulsi has re-conducted us to view ourselves differently. We are more than we thought. We are movingly similar each one of us. Our separate personalities are temporarily erased, freeing us from the worry of self, into a united place that all of us share. It is this united place that art makes possible. Her work does what art is supposed to do, open the way to another world.

The exhibition sponsor, William Wagner Geneva is delighted to be associated with ARTSPACE gallery for the next 12 months as a sponsor to highlight the beautiful hard work and art expressed by young Middle Eastern artists. The performance of artists across our history either through paintings, drawings, music, poetry, literatures, photography, sculptures and many more means transcend people mind and boundaries to build comfort, free interpretation for each and every one as well as trust in art and the artists.

*To see Katya Traboulsi's **Anatomical Beauty** exhibition as well as the William Wagner Geneva collection, visit ARTSPACE in DIFC on 11th December, from 8-10 pm.*

About Art Space

Founded in 2003, ARTSPACE Dubai is dedicated to the promotion of contemporary Middle Eastern Art and Artists. ARTSPACE caters to the tastes and trends of the sophisticated Dubai art scene and the gallery's discerning worldwide collector base. Its global clientele includes private collectors, art consultants, corporate art consultants, architects, interior

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designers as well as corporations, government, diplomatic and social VIPs. In addition to hosting a series of diverse and regular highly acclaimed exhibitions, ARTSPACE also provides consulting for art investors as well as offering corporate art services to the business community. Local partnerships with internationally renowned art houses and auction establishments have helped push ARTSPACE to the forefront of the market. ARTSPACE offers distinctive and unrivaled services to its clients and artists.

Managing Director Maliha Al-Tabari opened a second ARTSPACE location in London in 2012 in order to further drive Middle Eastern art forward and provide artists with a link between the East and West. Additionally, the London gallery will cater to ARTSPACE's vast client base residing in the UK and throughout Europe. The gallery has participated in several local and international art fairs and collaborated with numerous iconic art institutions. It continues to be one of the art world's leading platforms for contemporary Middle Eastern art. 2013 marks ARTSPACE's monumental 10th anniversary.

ARTSPACE's sponsor for Katya Traboulsi's exhibition is William Wagner Geneva. William Wagner Geneva creates unique and amazing pieces of art, mainly in the form of clocks, pendulums, watches, fountain pens and more, for customers who appreciate not only luxury products but bespoke objects of art.

William Wagner Geneva, by collaborating with many brilliant independent and renowned artists throughout the world, crafts one and only, tailor-made unique instruments of time and of writing and more, which you would never find a copy of.

About the exhibition

Exhibition opening

A cocktail reception will be held at ARTSPACE, located in The Gate Village 3, DIFC, from 8:00 pm on the 11th of December 2014. The e-invitation is attached.

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About ARTSPACE:

Launched in May 2003 at the Fairmont Dubai, ARTSPACE invited Dubai and the region to acquaint themselves with Contemporary Middle Eastern Art. Having dedicated the past five years to promoting and establishing Contemporary Middle Eastern artists in the region, ArtSpace Gallery now boasts a portfolio of over 20 artists, and is located in the art district at The Gate Village, DIFC.

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