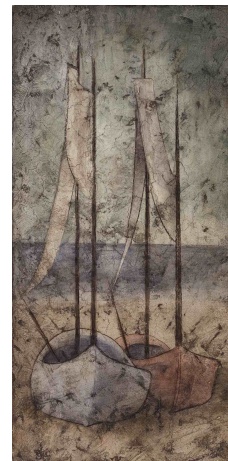


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THE YOUNG COLLECTORS AUCTION

Tuesday, 27 May 2014 at 7:00pm
Viewing: 20-26 May 2014, 10:00am-6pm
Ayyam Gallery Dubai (Al Quoz)

Ayyam Gallery Dubai is pleased to announce the twentieth edition of The Young Collectors Auction, along with a special section dedicated to a few rare modern masterpieces, to be held at its Al Quoz location in Dubai on 27 May 2014.

This forthcoming auction presents an opportunity for both experienced and aspiring collectors to bid on an array of carefully selected works from established and emerging artists of the region, including painting, photography, limited-edition prints, sculpture and installation.

The May auction brings forth a treasure-trove of works by influential Syrian painters including modernists Nasser Chaura, Fateh Moudarres, Louay Kayyali, and Omar Hamdi, and contemporary figures Asaad Arabi, Moustafa Fathi, Abdullah Murad, Ahmad Moualla, and Safwan Dahoul. This staggering lineup of seminal painters provides seasoned buyers with an exclusive opportunity to expand their collections with rare works that chart the region's development in art. Highlights from a subsequent generation of contemporary artists will reflect today's trends in Middle Eastern art, notably through a robust selection of works by Syrian artists Khaled Takreti, Ammar Al Beik, Abdul Karim Majdal Al-Beik, Kais Salman, Mouteea Murad, and Tammam Azzam.

Boats, a painting by Louay Kayyali, is one of many exceptional historical pieces to be featured and belongs to a seminal period of the modern artist's oeuvre, reflecting an aesthetic grandness that likened his ordinary subjects to the elevated status of religious icons. From Safwan Dahoul, a stunning 1994 mixed media triptych displays the early experiments in space and usage of colour as an emotive signifier that were crucial to the development of his acclaimed Dream series.

A catalogue detailing the artwork to be auctioned will be available in PDF format online or a hard copy can be collected from any one of Ayyam Gallery's international locations. Aimed at making the auction experience and the appreciation of art accessible and enjoyable to all, The Young Collectors Auction welcomes the public to a viewing prior to the auction with artwork lots on display and specialists on hand available to answer any questions. Both bidders and members of the public are encouraged to attend the preview and the auction. With the flexibility to bid in person or register for telephone and absentee bids online via www.ayyamgallery.com/auctions, The Young Collectors Auction allows even those abroad to participate in the auction.

Notes to Editors

About The Young Collectors Auction

The first of its kind in the region, The Young Collectors Auction was launched in 2009 as part of Ayyam Gallery's innovative approach to catering to its diverse range of clients and to introduce new regional talents to the art scene. These public sales have highlighted some of the Middle East's most exciting figures, featuring prominent and budding artists from across the Arab world, Turkey and Iran. The Young Collectors Auction works with other Middle Eastern galleries and collectors to ensure a vast selection of painting, sculpture and photography that is at once authoritative and robust. Expanding the number and quality of lots with each edition, The Young Collectors Auction has become an essential part of the region's acclaimed lineup of yearly art events.

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