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The Young Collectors Auction - Jeddah Edition

Result | Young Collectors Auction in Jeddah realizes 820,000 SAR in sales

On 12 March, Ayyam Gallery held its nineteenth Young Collectors Auction, the second to be held in Jeddah to date, where twenty-eight of the forty offered lots were sold, yielding 820,000 SAR in total sales with premiums. Confirming the growing dynamism of the Saudi art scene, the event attracted nascent and seasoned buyers from across Saudi Arabia, who vied for painting, sculpture, photography, and limited edition prints, from emerging and established Arab and Iranian artists.

As part of Ayyam Gallery's commitment to supporting the continued success and expansion of the Kingdom's arts infrastructure, the auction spotlighted such local talent as internationally recognized conceptual artist Ahmed Matar and rising street artist Shaweesh, whose spray-painted portrait of female athlete Sara Attar sold for 42,000 SAR. Attendees expressed particular enthusiasm for this roster of Saudi artists, as highlights of the sale included an ethereal abstraction by Yousef Jaha and a neo-expressionist take on the spontaneity of Arabic graffiti by Abdiaziz Bube Ashir, each of which sold for 42,000 SAR.

Syrian artists also featured prominently with Tammam Azzam's increasingly iconic *Freedom Graffiti* (*Gustav Klimt's The Kiss*) and Elias Izzoli's emphatic untitled portrait of a child garnering 52,000 and 60,000 SAR respectively.

Topping this second edition of the Young Collectors Auction in Jeddah, however, was Abdullah Hammas' whimsical grid charting the experiential sights of life in Saudi Arabia, which brought 72,000 SAR, and was among a number of lots that spoke to the formal experimentation that has distinguished the Saudi art scene in recent decades.

Note to Editors

About The Young Collectors Auction

The first of its kind in the region, The Young Collectors Auction was launched in Dubai 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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