



MAJD KURDIEH
#StealingSadness

مجد كردية
#سرقةالأحزان

About The Exhibition

The exhibition presents a new body of works on canvas featuring *Fasaeen & The Very Scary Butterfly Gang*, Kurdieh's whimsical cartoon-like characters that speak for the artist, and might be speaking for many others. These characters complete the path of hope, and are on a quest to steal sadness wherever it is.

Kurdieh created the small characters that he calls *Fasaeen*, with their 'gang': a group of other animal characters, he makes them talk so that he would speak his mind and send out his thoughts and feelings to us through them. *Fasaeen* is a combination of art, literature, and the spirit of ancient poetry.

The current political situation in the Arab world has produced new and different type of daily life and social patterns, different surroundings and atmospheres; a situation that is constantly and rapidly changing as we speak, therefore different types of expression and response are being represented in a new type of literature and art. The artwork of Majd Kurdieh is an important example of the outcome.

نبذة عن المعرض

يقدم المعرض أعمالاً جديدة على القماش لـ "الفصاعين وعصابة الفراشة المخيفة جدين"، شخصيات مجد الخيالية تتلکم عنا بقدر ما تتکلم عنه، وهي تکمل طريقها على أمل أن تنجح بمسعاها ومهمتها في سرقة الأحران

ابتكر مجد شخصياته الصغيرة وأسماها "فصاعين" مع عصابتهم المكونة من مجموعة حيوانات، واختار أن يجعل الحيوانات ناطقة ليعبر على أسنتهم عن أفكاره ومشاعره، "الفصاعين" مزيج من الأدب والفن وروح الشعر القديم الذي يسكن هواجس الفنان

الوضع السياسي الراهن للعالم العربي أنتج أنواعاً جديدة من طرق العيش والأنماط الإجماعية وبيئات وفضاءات مختلفة وكل ذلك في عاصفة قوية من التغيير الذي يحدث بينما نحن نتحدث، ولذلك ظهرت أصدا هذه التغييرات في الفن والأدب بطرق جديدة، وأعمال مجد هي مثال هام على هذه التغيير



[The moon cannot be hidden . Poetry of Omar Ibn Rabeea]

Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 99 x 96 cm
AED 10,500 (inclusive of VAT) - SOLD



[Jasmine has its rights in our homes and the cat of the house dozes where it pleases . Poetry by Nizar Qabbani]

Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 109 x 97 cm
AED 10,500 (inclusive of VAT) - SOLD





Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 100 x 292 cm
AED 15,750 (inclusive of VAT) - SOLD



[This sadness is as big as a whale. How did it hide in a tear drop?]

Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 165 x 200 cm
AED 13,300 (inclusive of VAT) - SOLD



[You smile for the absent and the universe washes all its stars with a teardrop]

Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 99 x 95.6 cm
AED 10,500 (inclusive of VAT)



Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 95.5 x 108 cm
AED 10,500 (inclusive of VAT) - SOLD



[You smile for the absent and he doses on the claws of a monster]

Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 96 x 99 cm
AED 10,500 (inclusive of VAT)



[Our love is as big as an elephant]

Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 102 x 142.5cm
AED 12,600 (inclusive of VAT) - SOLD



[The man burdened with his desire is undone, he is beside himself with joy. Poetry by Abu Nuwass]

Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 99 x 148 cm
AED 12,600 (inclusive of VAT)



Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 197 x 105 cm
AED 15,750 (inclusive of VAT) - SOLD



[Defend your sun]

Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 89 x 124 cm
AED 10,500 (inclusive of VAT)



Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 95 x 127 cm
AED 10,500 (inclusive of VAT)



Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 95 x 144 cm
AED 12,600 (inclusive of VAT)



[-Did you translate what the rain is telling me?
- Tick tock.. It means " How beautiful you are !"]

Untitled, #StealingSadness series, oil on canvas, 100 x 96 cm
AED 10,500 (inclusive of VAT)

Majd Kurdieh (b. 1985, Syria)

The artist has a whimsical and fantastical style for which he has created an entire cast of characters to tell the compelling and sometimes tragic story of his life and homeland. The protagonists in this story are Fasaeen (Arabic for ‘tiny ones’) and they are always smiling despite their world being filled with hardships. They are usually accompanied by other characters and poetic phrases written in Arabic. At first glance, the works seem cartoonlike and simple, however, upon further investigation, it is clear that the artist is using this device to unpack the complex experience of living through civil unrest and also to convey strong messages of hope and action.

He continues to develop his characters that gain depth as he progresses in his own practice. At the centre of his practice is a sense of duty to make the world a better place, whether through art, discourse, or creating moments where the viewer forms a connection with his Fasaeen.

His artworks are widely collected throughout the Middle East and Europe. He has exhibited in Syria and Dubai, including Fann A Porter, Dubai (2016, 2018), Art Bahrain (2018), and Sikka Art Fair, Dubai (2018).

Born in Aleppo, Syria in 1985, Kurdieh lives and works in Amsheet, Lebanon.



Fann A Porter

Founded in 2006, Fann A Porter is a contemporary art gallery at The Workshop Dubai that represents a diverse selection of emerging international and regional artists.

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The Dubai gallery is based at The Workshop, a unique inter-disciplinary community space consisting of a cafe, art gallery, sustainable store and design space, providing visitors with a diversified artistic and cultural experience. Bathed in natural sunlight with its garden, The Workshop is located in the heart of Jumeirah in Dubai.

Fann A Porter Amman is located at Manara Arts & Culture, a creative hub and social space in the heart of Jabal Al Lweibdeh.

فن آ بورتيه

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