



**Mona Saudi; *POETIC INSPIRATIONS***

**Exhibition Dates: 21 November 2019 – 7 January 2020**

**XVA GALLERY, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Bur Dubai**

XVA Gallery is pleased to present *Poetic Inspirations*, an exhibition of work on paper by Beirut based artist Mona Saudi. The exhibition will focus on works from the *Petra Tablets* series and the *Homage to Mamoud Darwish* series.

**Please join XVA and artist Mona Saudi for the opening from 6 – 9 pm on Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup> November, and for a book signing with Mona Saudi of *Homage To Mahmoud Darwish*, Artworks by: *Mona Saudi & Dia Batal* on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> November, from 5 - 7 pm.**

***My Poetic Inspirations***

*My entire body of work emerges from a poetic memory, and from my deep feeling of belonging to our Mother / Earth. These two facts have shaped my life, for at least 55 years of creativity.*

*For this exhibition at XVA Gallery, I made the decision to display works on paper in different mediums, no sculptures in marble or stone, as in reality my drawing are sculptural, without being projects for sculpture.*

*This exhibition includes works dated between 1970 and 1999, when I decided just to concentrate on creating sculpture. Lately I started opening closed drawers and files to bring my drawings again to life.*

*Works included in this exhibition are either inspired by certain poets, such as Adonis, M. Darwish, Saint-John Perse, and the invisible cities of Italo Calvino, and other works that express general poetic dimension that glorify our Mother / Earth, life vibrations and the mystery of creation.*

*Mona Saudi, November 2019*

**XVA Gallery** established in 2003, is one of the leading galleries in the Middle East that specializes in contemporary art from the Arab world, Iran and the Subcontinent. Exhibitions focus on works by the regions foremost artists as well as those emerging onto the scene. The gallery's artists express their different cultural identities and perspectives while challenging the viewer to drop prejudices and borders. XVA Gallery exhibits both locally and internationally; collaborating with galleries and participating in international art fairs, such as Art Basel Hong Kong, SH Contemporary, Singapore Art Fair and Abu Dhabi Art, in order to further expose Middle Eastern contemporary art.

XVA Gallery and XVA Art Hotel are located in Dubai's heritage district, now called Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood. XVA founded and organized the Bastakiya Art Fair from 2007- 2010 as part of its commitment to raising the profile of contemporary art practice in Dubai. For three years XVA was located in DIFC and has now expanded its premises in Al Fahidi.

**XVA Gallery**

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