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ART DUBAI ANNOUNCES PARTICIPATING GALLERIES FOR 2010

Art Dubai is pleased to announce a strong selection of more than 60 of the worlds' most exciting emerging and established contemporary galleries for the fourth edition of Art Dubai. Whilst the selection of galleries confirms Art Dubai's diverse geographical connections, the fair has capitalised on the successful introduction of solo projects in 2009 with nearly a third of all participants now presenting exhibitions by individual artists.

The international reach of galleries originating from 30 countries demonstrates a continued confidence in the central role Dubai as the principle centre for art commerce within the region.

Trends in the Art Dubai 2010 gallery selection include:

- Over half of the galleries are returning to Art Dubai in 2010, including Galerie Chantal Crousel (Paris), Sfeir-Semler (Hamburg/Beirut) and Continua (San Gimignano, Beijing, Le Moulin)
- New galleries include Peres Projects (Berlin, Los Angeles), Galeria OMR (Mexico City), Paradise Row (London), Carbon 12 (Dubai) and Galeria Animal (Santiago)
- A new initiative for 2010 showcases 'Artist focus stands' where selected galleries will exhibit 1-2 artists. These galleries include Rose Issa Projects, London UK; Green Art Gallery, Dubai UAE; Chemould Prescott Road, Mumbai India; Rossi + Rossi, London UK; and Frey Norris, San Francisco USA.

In addition to the more than 60 art galleries participating in Art Dubai 2010, there will also be a new area within the fair devoted to museum-quality painting and sculpture from the 1950's to 1970's providing an important contextual framework to the achievements of contemporary artists.

Quotes from participating galleries about Art Dubai:

Sunny Rahbar, Co-Director, The Third Line, Dubai says:



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"Art Dubai provides opportunity and exposure for local, regional and international artists and galleries with a place to be seen on the world stage. Having exhibited since its inception in 2007, this international event has reinforced Dubai and the UAE as a vital destination in the global art and cultural sector, and we are proud to be a part of this again."

Chili Hawes, Director, and Elisabeth Lalouschek, Artistic Director, October Gallery, London said,

"Art Dubai is a strong platform for us to exhibit and sell. We choose works that will impact on the visual landscape in Dubai and we see the fair as an excellent way of promoting our artists within the region."

Please see end release for full list of exhibitors 2010.

Highlights of the fair will also include the unveiling of the artwork by this year's recipients of the Abraaj Capital Art Prize. The three artist/curator teams will reveal their winning projects, enhancing their global reputation and widening their international network. In its second year, the Abraaj Capital Art Prize is one of the most generous art prizes in the world, and provides an exciting opportunity for creative collaboration between international curators and artists from the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia (MENASA) region.

On the occasion of the publication of its new book, *The Poetry of Time*, Van Cleef & Arpels is organising a prestigious exhibition covering almost a century of watch making creations, exclusively for Art Dubai.

In addition, Art Dubai has invited not-for-profit arts organisation Bidoun Projects to curate its programme of special projects highlighting the importance of collaboration in the region. With 'Bazaar' as its theme, the 2010 guest curators are Aram Moshayedi, of LAXART, and the curatorial team of Sohrab Mohebbi and Ozge Orsoy. In addition, Antonia Carver and Masoud Amralla Al Ali, Artistic Director of the Dubai International Film Festival and founder of the Emirates Film Competition, will curate a programme of films by UAE directors and artists, focusing on the exploration of the surreal and the spiritual in a series of short films and videos.



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Images and interviews are available upon request. For further information about Art Dubai, please visit www.artdubai.ae

NOTES TO EDITORS:

Art Dubai is a subsidiary of the Dubai International Financial Centre and is held in partnership with Abraaj Capital and sponsored by Van Cleef & Arpels. Madinat Jumeirah is the exclusive hotel partner for the event.

Winners of the 2010 Abraaj Capital Art Prize prize are Egyptian artist Hala Elkoussy with curator Jelle Bouwhuis; Lebanese artist Marwan Sahmarani with curator Mahita El Bacha Urieta; and Algerian artist Kader Attia with curator Laurie Ann Farrell. Further information detailing the 2011 Abraaj Capital Art Prize application process is now available on www.abraaj.com/acap

For further information on Van Cleef & Arpels, please visit www.vancleef-arpels.com/en/



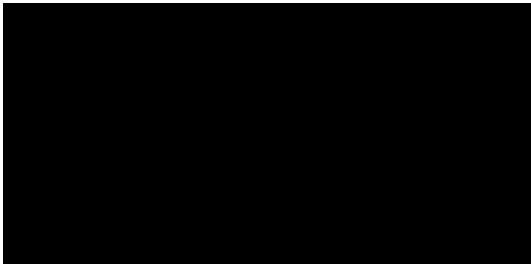
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EXHIBITORS 2010

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Agathon Gallery, Sydney
Agial Art Gallery, Beirut
Aicon Gallery, London
Aidan Gallery, Moscow
Albareh Gallery, Manama
Almine Rech Gallery, Brussels/Paris
Artspace LLC, Dubai
Assar Art Gallery, Tehran
Atassi Gallery, Damascus
Athr Gallery, Jeddah
Ayyam Gallery, Damascus
Bait Muzna Gallery, Muscat
Barbarian Art Gallery, Zürich
Bolsa de Arte, Porto Alegre
Carbon 12, Dubai
Cardi Black Box, Milan
Chemould Prescott Road, Mumbai
Continua, San Gimignano/Beijing/Le Moulin
Contrasts Gallery, Shanghai
Dea Ohr, Prague
Dirimart, Istanbul
Distrito 4, Madrid
Frey Norris Gallery, San Francisco
Galería Animal, Santiago
Galería JM, Malaga
Galeria Murilo Castro, Nova Lima
Galeria OMR, Mexico City
Galerie Chantal Crousel, Paris
Galerie Christian Hosp, Berlin
Galerie Dorothea van der Koelen, Mainz
Galerie El Marsa, El Marsa
Galerie Janine Rubeiz, Beirut
Galerie Kashya Hildebrand, Zürich
Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna
Gallerie Tanit, Munich
GALLERY ISABELLE VAN DEN EYNDE
(formerly B21), Dubai
Gallery SUN Contemporary, Seoul
Gandhara-Art, Hong Kong
Giorgio Persano, Turin
Green Art Gallery, Dubai

Grey Noise, Lahore
Grosvenor Vadhera, London
Hakgojae, Seoul
Horrach Moya, Palma de Mallorca
Hunar Gallery, Dubai
Kalfayan Galleries, Athens + Thessaloniki
Kamel Mennour, Paris
Koraalberg, Antwerp
La B.A.N.K, Paris
Lee Hwaik Gallery, Seoul
Leila Taghnia-Milani Heller Gallery, New York
NESSIM Gallery, Budapest
October Gallery, London
Paradise Row, London
Peres Projects, Berlin Los Angeles
Priska C. Juschka Fine Art, New York
Rose Issa Projects, London
Rossi and Rossi, London
Selma Feriani Gallery, London
Sfeir Semler, Hamburg/Beirut
The Guild, Mumbai
The Third Line, Dubai
traffic, Dubai
Viltin, Budapest



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