

ART DUBAI MODERN 2025

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During the twentieth century, migration, Arab diaspora communities, geopolitical challenges and anti-imperial struggles led to strong cultural affinities and solidarities between West Asia and North Africa and other postcolonial regions around the world. Beyond direct relationships, the different countries, including from Latin America, shared commonalities through empathies and congruities that resulted from navigating their new realities and its demands. In their search for modern and national identities, heritage and the past become instrumental in negotiating the new. Experiments in abstraction and heritage renewal speak of shared concerns and aspirations. This section will explore artistic and institutional intersections through specific themes that artists from different regions navigated to express their realities.

GALLERY	EXHIBITING ARTIST
Agial Art Gallery, Beirut	Nabil Kanso (Lebanon, 1940-2019) Burhan Karkutly (Syria, 1932-2003)
DAG, New Delhi / Mumbai / New York	Maqbool Fida Husain (India, 1915-2011)
Mark Hachem, New York / Paris / Beirut	Alfred Basbous (Lebanon, 1924-2006) Hussein Madi (Lebanon, 1928-2024) Darío Pérez Flores (Venezuela, 1936-2022)
Leila Heller Gallery, New York / Dubai	Bahman Mohasses (Iran, 1931-2010)
Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai	Mehdi Moutashar (Iraq, 1943)
Meem Gallery, Dubai	New Vision Group (Iraq, 1930s-1970s)
Gallery One, Ramallah	Laila Shawa (Palestine, 1940-2022)
Richard Saltoun, London / Rome / New York	Bertina Lopes (Mozambique, 1924-2012)
Vigo, London	Ibrahim El-Salahi (Sudan, 1930)