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ZAMANIYYAT 2026

Curated by **Dr. Sarah A. Rifky**, curator, writer, and art historian, who has held international curatorial and leadership roles, including with Townhouse, documenta 13, and Beirut.

Zamaniyyat 2026 brings together eleven galleries focusing on the 1950s to the 1990s from the vantage point of the infrastructures that sustained artistic work under empire, decolonisation, and uneven nation-building. It follows how practices we now call modernist took shape across art schools and academies, studios and workshops, journals and presses, museums, galleries, and biennials, approaching these histories through their conditions of making and circulation, against the grain of resurgent nationalism.

Rooted in Dubai's position as a logistical and exhibitionary crossroads, Zamaniyyat gathers more than 45 artists working across some 20 countries, tracking how methods travelled with students, teachers, and artworks moving between cities and, at times, into exile. Abstraction, attention to material, and image systems—grid, weave, imprint, stencil, offset—anchor the selection across painting, works on paper, textiles, reliefs, and sculpture.

Zamaniyyat treats infrastructural modernism less as a fixed category than as a question: how to understand an expanded field of practices structured by pedagogy, circulation, and political circumstances—censorship, dispossession, shifting state agendas—that made them possible and, at times, precarious.

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GALLERY

AA Gallery (African Arty), Casablanca

Agial Art Gallery, Beirut

Art Exposure, Kolkata

Dhoomimal Gallery, New Delhi

Dirimart, Istanbul / London

Grosvenor Gallery, London

Leila Heller Gallery, Dubai / New York

Galerie Mueller, Basel

Gallery One, Ramallah

Richard Saltoun, London / Rome / New York

Zamalek Art Gallery, Cairo

EXHIBITING ARTIST(S)

Karim Bennani (Morocco, 1936 - 2023)

Abderrahmane Rahoule (Morocco, 1944)

Group Show

Jogen Chowdhury (India, 1939)

Reba Hore (India, 1926 - 2008)

Amitava (India, 1947)

Bismal Dasgupta (India, 1917 - 1995)

Albert Bitran (France, 1931 - 2018)

Abidin Elderoglu (Turkey, 1901 - 1974)

Group Show

Farideh Lashai (Iran, 1944 - 2013)

Waseef Boutros Ghali (Egypt, 1965 - 2016)

Marcos Grigorian (Russia, 1925 - 2007)

Group Show

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Baya (Algeria, 1931 - 1998)

Juliana Seraphim (Palestine, 1931 - 2005)

Fathi Hassan (Egypt / Sudan, 1957 - 1989)

Gazbia Sirry (Egypt, 1925 - 2021)