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## There's A Brand New Middle Eastern Art Fair Launching In Paris

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Called MENART, the new art fair will bring artwork from the MENA region to Paris

France is set to host its first-ever international modern and contemporary art fair that is solely dedicated to art from the Middle East and North Africa. Titled MENART Fair, the event will showcase at the private mansion of Cornette de Saint Cyr between May 27-30 this year.

MENART Fair will be curated by Laure d'Hauteville, who is also the founder of the Beirut Art Fair, founded in 2010. The first edition will showcase 20 galleries, and present works by more than 60 artists from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen, over the four days.



Participants at the event include Dubai based Leila Heller Gallery and Elmarsa, Athr Gallery and Mono Gallery from Saudi Arabia, and Jordan based Wadi Finan Art Gallery. Lebanon has the greatest number of representatives, including Saleh Barakat Gallery and Galerie Tanit, among others. There will also be several French organizations, including groups housed at Centre Pompidou and Palais de Tokyo.

According MENART Fair, the new event will showcase, “the fertility, uniqueness, and originality of the artistic scenes of MENA today, supported by a number of renowned museums and institutions.”



“Relatively little known to audiences, the contemporary artistic mosaic of MENA is still young. Several ‘moderns’ have asserted themselves there, now internationally recognised, and the young generation of contemporary artists is among the most numerous on the international art scene. This new generation is unparalleled in its richness and diversity, its fertile ebullition, its languages which converge or contradict each other, forming an unexpected mirror of the world.”



D'Hauteville has also previously worked on the first two editions of Art Paris-Abu Dhabi in 2007 and 2008. The event is currently known as the Abu Dhabi Art Fair.



The event will follow all safety measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Even though France has a high rate of cases, the event is set to continue in the city's eighth arrondissement between May 27-30.

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