

# Middle Eastern and North African art on display at Menart Fair 2021 in Paris



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With the art impeccably season on at certain regions, another one to be added to the list the upcoming art exhibition Menart Fair 2021, which is all set to take place in the month of May in Paris.

Launching next month in Cornette de Saint Cyr in Paris, Menart Fair is a brainchild of Laure D'Hauteville and is devoted to the Middle East and North African works.

Laure, who founded the Beirut Art Fair in 2010, is a brainchild of Menart Fair, which is one of the most loved exhibitions in Lebanon. However, due to the pandemic and Lebanon's financial and social crisis, that fair is taking a pause. But D'Hauteville has returned to her native France to organise the Fair to make sure her work with regional galleries and artists continues.

With a shift in the venue, Menart will take place on a smaller scale and will be hosted in the private mansion that houses the Cornette de Saint Cyr auction house. For the first edition, the exhibition will see 22 galleries participating from 13 different countries including Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

Among the other galleries, Lebanon has the most number of representations with Saleh Barakat Gallery, Galerie Tanit and others. Participants from Dubai include Leila Heller Gallery and Elmarsa, Athr Gallery and Mono Gallery from Saudi Arabia, and Jordan's Wadi Finan Art Gallery. There are a number of other French organisations also that will take part –including groups from Palais de Tokyo and Centre Pompidou.

The Algerian artist Elmarsa whose joyful gouaches are currently on view at the Sharjah Art Museum will offer a painting by Baya Mahieddine. Another prominent international art gallery Galleria Continua, which is a regular at Art Dubai, will showcase a painting by Syrian-American poet, essayist and visual artist Etel Adnan.

The project that is launched by D'Hauteville with collector Paul de Rosen will see Joanna Chevalier as artistic director. The exhibition is going to take place from May 27 –30, 2021 with keeping safety measures into consideration.

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