

Seeds In the Rubble: Cultural Vitality in the Arab World

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Rebirth After Ruin: *The Vitality of Cities and Cultures*



Image Wiederaufbau Berliner Schloss (Currently Humboldt Forum)



Warsaw Ghetto after WWII. Image courtesy of wikicommons



RECONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS

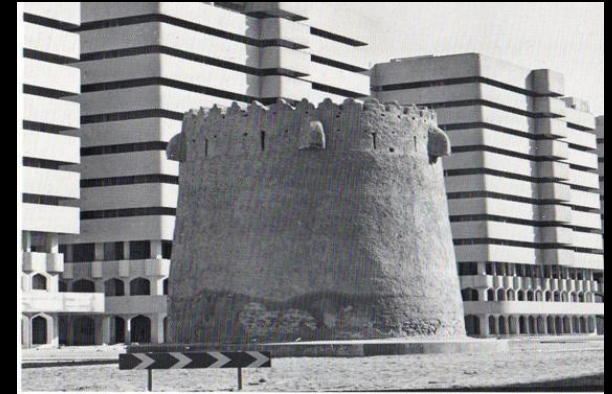


Restoration of Culture/Structures

UAE: Sharjah Fort



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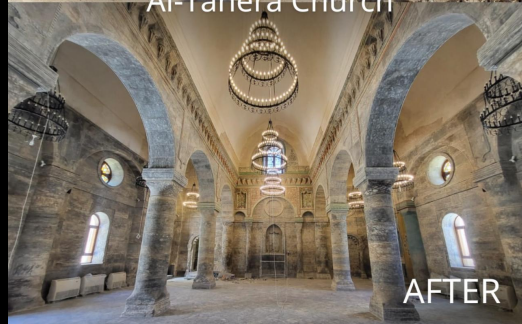
IRAQ: Mosul Revival

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BEFORE

Al-Tahera Church



AFTER



BEFORE

Al-Hadba Minaret



AFTER



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PALESTINE: Old Hebron Museum

Before



After



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Images courtesy of Hebron Rehabilitation Committee



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SYRIA: Ma'arra Mosaic Museum



Image courtesy of Association for the Protection of Syrian Archaeology



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EGYPT: Bayt Yakan



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Lebanon: Beirut Grand Theatre



Images courtesy of Scoop Empire



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KSA: Ushaiger Heritage Village



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CULTURAL HEROES



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Emir Maurice Chehab & Olga Chaiban

Lebanon



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Khaled Al Assad

Syria: 1932 - 2015



Image courtesy of [AFP](#)



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Donny George

Iraq: (1950-2011)



Image courtesy of Steve McCurry



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Images courtesy of Mario Tama



Sheikha Hussa Al-Sabah

Kuwait



Image courtesy of Kuna.net



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Ja'far Panahi

Iran



Images courtesy of The New Yorker



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Faozia Khaled & Rehab Kheder

Sudan National Museum



Images courtesy of Asharq Al-Awsat Newspaper



Images courtesy of SIGHT magazine



Faozia Khaled & Rehab Kheder

The Pyramids of Meroe



Image courtesy of Modern Diplomacy



Images courtesy of Daily Sabah



Egyptians Protecting their Heritage

Egyptian Uprising of 2011

Placeholder



Images courtesy of National Geographic

Images courtesy of Reuters



Carmen Weinstein

Egypt's Jewish Heritage



Photo courtesy of Samir W. Raafat



Sha'ar Hashamayim Synagogue
Photo by Lambert Hellera



The Ben Ezra Synagogue, Fustat, Egypt , Image
courtesy of Smarthistory



REVIVING CULTURE

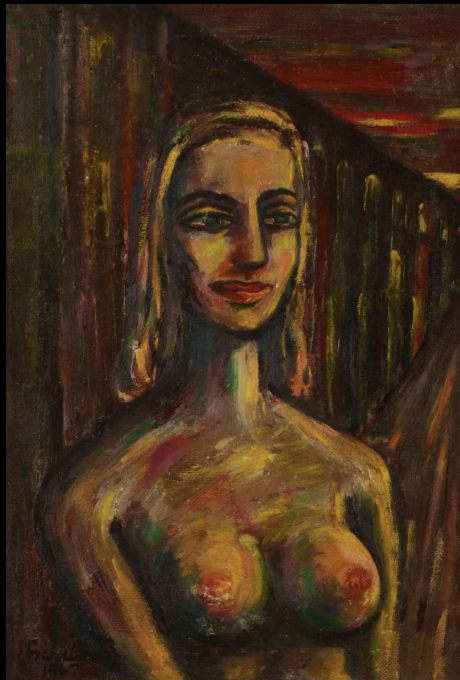


Jabra Ibrahim Jabra

Adana: 1919-1994



"Untitled" Three Figures 1946, Courtesy of Barjeel Art Foundation



"Untitled" 1947, Courtesy of the Dalloul Art Foundation



"Self Portrait" 1946, Courtesy of Bethlehem University



Nicola Saig

Palestine: 1863 - 1942



Nicola Saig, *Untitled (The Conversion of Saul)*, c. 1920,
Courtesy of George Al-Ama



Nicola Saig, *Untitled (Deir Saidnaya)*, c. 1920,
Courtesy of Christie's Dubai



Iraqi Freedom Monument:

Nasb al-Hurriyah: Monument of Freedom and Resilience



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@TheOmarHabeeb

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Michael Rakowitz's Recreation

The Invisible Enemy Should Not Exist: Art Against Destruction





Syrian Mini Monuments

Art From Za'atari



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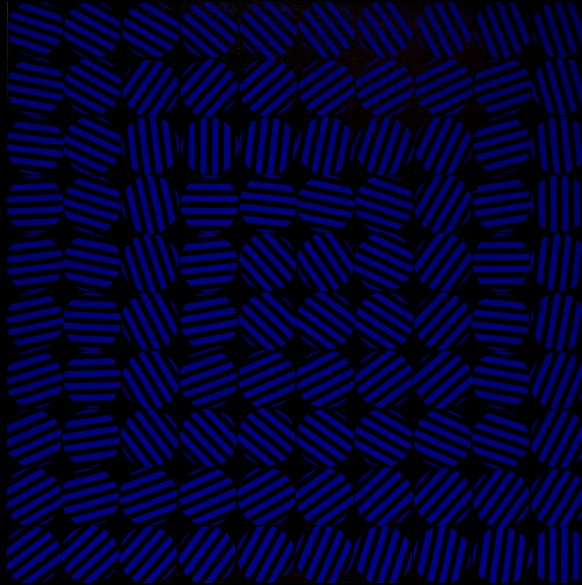


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Mehdi Moutashar

Iraq



Mehdi Moutashar, recreation work, Arles studio,
post-2003 flood, Courtesy of Barjeel Art Foundation



Image courtesy of Mehdi Moutashar



Darat Al Funoon

Gaza Works



All images Courtesy of ARAB NEWS
Raed Issa, 'Friends.' (Supplied)



Sohail Salem, 'Tala Abu
Ajwa, Girl Skater.'



A piece by Basel Al-Maqusi from the
series 'I Draw with Love, not with War.'



Fathi Ghaben

Recovered work



Images Courtesy of HYPERALLERGIC



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Gaza artifacts in France



Amphoras such as these would transport wine from Gaza across the Mediterranean and beyond © Benjamin Dodman Images Courtesy of FRANCE 24



Images Courtesy of Dan Diffendale



A statuette of the Greek goddess Aphrodite, plucked out of the sea by a fisherman from Gaza. © Julien De Rosa Images Courtesy of FRANCE 24



Sliman Mansour – Camel of Burdens



Sliman Mansour, Camel of Burdens. Version Three
Image Courtesy of Dalloul Art Foundation



Sliman Mansour, Camel of Burdens. Version One
Image Courtesy of Dalloul Art Foundation



Stolen Iraqi Works



Ihsan Fethi
to me ▾

Tue, 7 Mar 2017, 15:43 ☆ 😊 ↩ ⋮

Dear Sheikh Sultan,

Salam. In reference to the art auction of Christie's on March 18th. in Dubai, I would like to inform you that one huge work by Iraqi artist Faik Hassan (Battle Scene) has been stolen from the Iraqi Military Club in Baghdad since the 2003 invasion. It has been missing ever since. It is a stolen property definitely, and the Iraqi Artists Society has officially authorized me to ask Christie's not to sell it because it would be very damaging to their reputation.

Can you help me contact a relevant person in Christie's Dubai whom I could communicate with in this matter. Thanks.

Ihsan

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Christie's Dubai Yanks Iraqi Painting From Sale Over Smuggling Allegations

Faeq Hassan's monumental battle scene was listed as a highlight of Christie's Dubai auction.

Eileen Kinsella, March 17, 2017



Faeq Hassan's *Untitled (Salah Al-Din, presumably Battle of Hattin)* (1968) was withdrawn from Christie's Dubai sale taking place March 18. Courtesy Christie's Images Ltd.



Stolen Iraqi Works



- Work of art search

Basic information

Type:	PAINTING
Subject/Title (English):	FARMER
Artist(s):	AL SAEED SHAKIR HASAN



SHAKIR HASSAN AL-SAID (IRAQ, 1925-2004)

The Peasant



ENLARGE

Price Realized (Set Currency)

\$31,200

Price includes buyer's premium

Estimate

\$10,000 - \$12,000

Sale Information

Sale 7333

International Modern &
Contemporary Art at the Jumeirah
Emirates Towers Hotel, Dubai

24 May 2006

Jumeirah Emirates Towers Hotel





Stolen Iraqi Works

Types of Iraqi and Syrian items at Risk of being Trafficked



Iraqi Alabaster Relief
Northwest Palace (Nimrud)
883-859 BC

Vorderasiatisches Museum-SMB, Berlin / Olaf M. Tessmer



Iraqi Paper folio with ink, gold, and opaque watercolors, possibly from Baghdad, 1224 AD

Metropolitan Museum of Art



Syrian glass long-necked bottle, 2nd-3rd century AD

Directorate-General of Antiquities and Museums, Damascus



Syrian limestone funerary bust, Palmyra, 3rd century AD

Directorate-General of Antiquities and Museums, Damascus



Lebanese Museum and Lost Artworks

The Nabu Museum



Image Courtesy of Nabu Museum





Saudi Restores Damascus Room



Damascus Room from LACMA at The King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture,
Saudi Arabia, 2018
Image courtesy of Ithra



LACMA's hidden Damascus room before its 2016 debut.
Image courtesy of LA Times



INTANGIBLE CULTURE



Gaza Farming to eat

Khobezah



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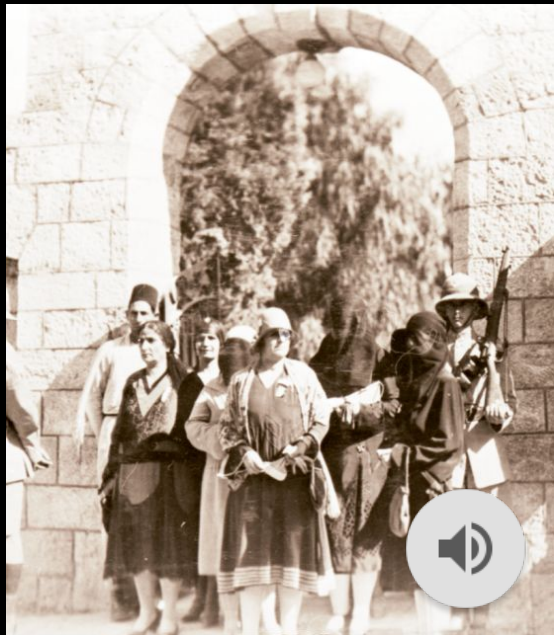


Video courtesy of the Facebook account: محمد شمالخ



Ballads

Taraweed: Songs of Resistance



Images Courtesy of The Palestinian Museum

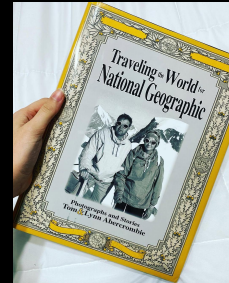


Imagining the holy



 **hellosarajo** @hellosarajo it is, indeed my mother! These were taken at Dar El Tifel school in Jerusalem. My mom was on their Debka troupe and every year they would have a cultural showcase for people who helped fund the school from around the world. She was thrilled to see them and says she has a few photos to share of them performing. Is there any way I can have these emailed to me? Is there any way I can access these photos/series online for her to see? ...I stayed up all last night researching Tom Abercrombie and it sounds like he wasn't able to actually publish these in Nat Geo even though he stated this was his favorite series. They wouldn't let him as they were dubbed "too political" ..Apparently these photos are only in archives and the series only saw print when his wife Lynn published them in their book "Traveling the World For Nat Geo" in 2011. I ordered their book off amazon and it states in the index that the "Defiant Diaspora" series is included and cannot wait to see the photos alongside his thoughts. This is amazing.

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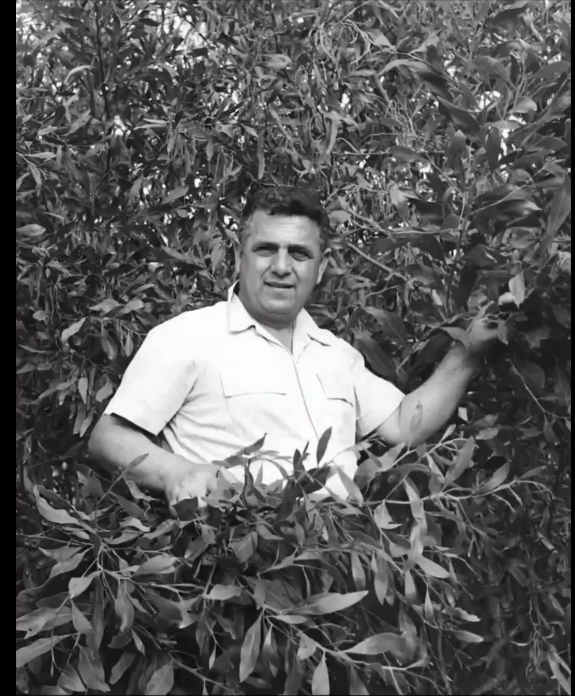


Images Courtesy of @hellosarajo Instagram

Palestinian artist Jumana El Hussein
Image courtesy of @imaginingtheholly



Kegham Djeghalian



Video Courtesy of @sacredcuisine Instagram



Kegham Djeghalian



Images from *Kegham of Gaza: Unboxing*, Courtesy of the Kegham Djeghalian Archive and Sharjah Art Foundation.



The City Before It Was Transformed, 2021 by Raafat Ballan, Courtesy of Barjeel Art Foundation



Syrian Frequencies of Peace Lullabies



Image courtesy of TIME, photo by Muhammed Muheisen (AP)



Image courtesy of @ghaliaaofficial Instagram



Syrian Frequencies of Peace Lullabies





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Q & A

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