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BAB AL BAHR



“KHATT”

**AKIL AHMAD**

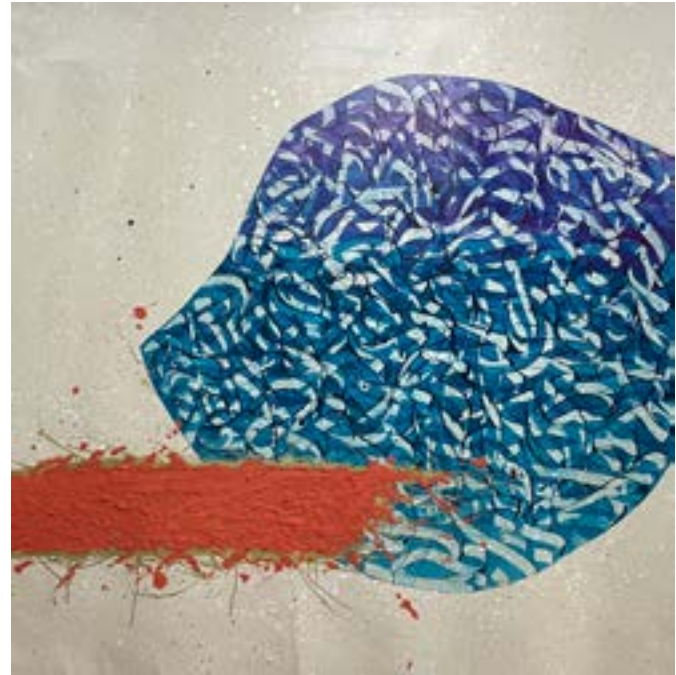
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**KHATT**  
BY AKIL AHMAD



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8 MARCH - 15 APRIL 2024  
GROUND LOBBY OF FAIRMONT BAB AL BAHR



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## ABOUT THE SHOW

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Artbooth Gallery is pleased to announce a collaborative exhibition with Fairmont Bab Al Bahr, featuring the captivating calligraphy works of Syrian artist Akil Ahmad. Titled "Khatt," this exclusive exhibition will unfold a mesmerising blend of contemporary artistic expressions and traditional Arabic calligraphy.

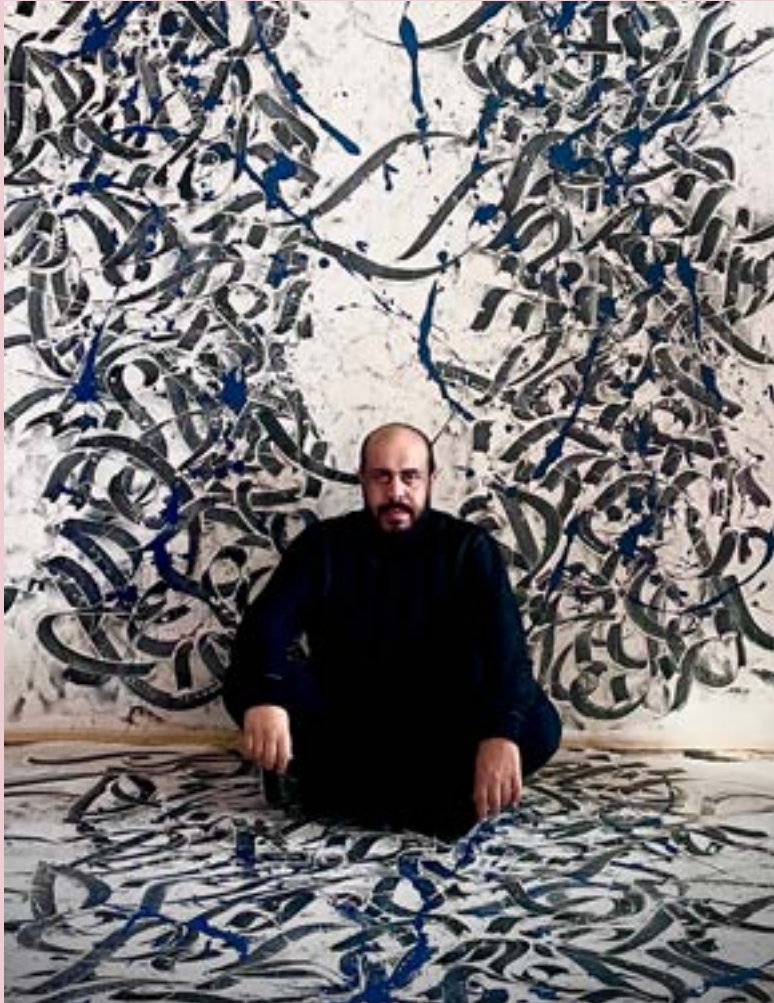
Art enthusiasts can immerse themselves in "Khatt," on display from March 8 to April 15, 2024, in the ground lobby of Fairmont Bab Al Bahr. The exhibition opening on March 8, 2024, will be graced by the presence of the artist.

"Khatt" by Akil Ahmad, represented by Artbooth Gallery, goes beyond beautiful writing; it's a celebration of calligraphy as a fine art. Explore the rich heritage and culture of Arabia through Ahmad's modern calligraphic expressions that maintain the original soul of the art form while introducing creativity and novelty.

Inspired by Arabic poetry, calligraphy, and 'Maqams,' Ahmad transforms audio patterns into optical patterns, creating abstract simplifications of Arabic letters. Through shape, color, and overall art production, he conveys specific states such as love, hardship, and struggle, turning them into visual language.

"Khatt" aims to underscore the importance of calligraphy as both an expressive and aesthetic tool, reflecting multicultural content. Ahmad's modern calligraphy breathes new life into this traditional art form, offering viewers a unique perspective on life, proportion, space, depth, and light.

Join us on this artistic journey as "Khatt" unfolds, merging tradition with innovation and celebrating the union of art and culture.



## ABOUT AKIL AHMAD

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Hailing from Syria and residing in the UAE, Akil Ahmad is a distinguished artist with a background in calligraphy. A graduate of the Faculty of Fine Art in Aleppo, Ahmad's work has garnered global recognition, including the Al Burda Award in 2016 and 2018 which honors practitioners in three traditional Islamic arts - calligraphy, ornamentation and poetry. Three of his works are in the collection of Museum of Islamic Art Malaysia and his works were auctioned in international auction houses including Christies' (2019), Sotheby's (2021) , and Al Bahi auction in Qatar.

Selected solo exhibitions include Dar Al Funoon Gallery Kuwait (2018, 2021); Dar El-Nimer for Arts and culture, Beirut, Lebanon (2017); Souk Aldahab Gallery, Downtown, Lebanon (2016); City Theatre, Nuha al-Radi Hall, Beirut, Lebanon (2015). Exhibited at the International Biennale of Egypt (2022); International Biennale of Egypt (Art Cairo, 2023); "Sharjah Calligraphy" Biennial (2014,2016). His paintings are part of several private collections in the Middle East, Europe and USA.

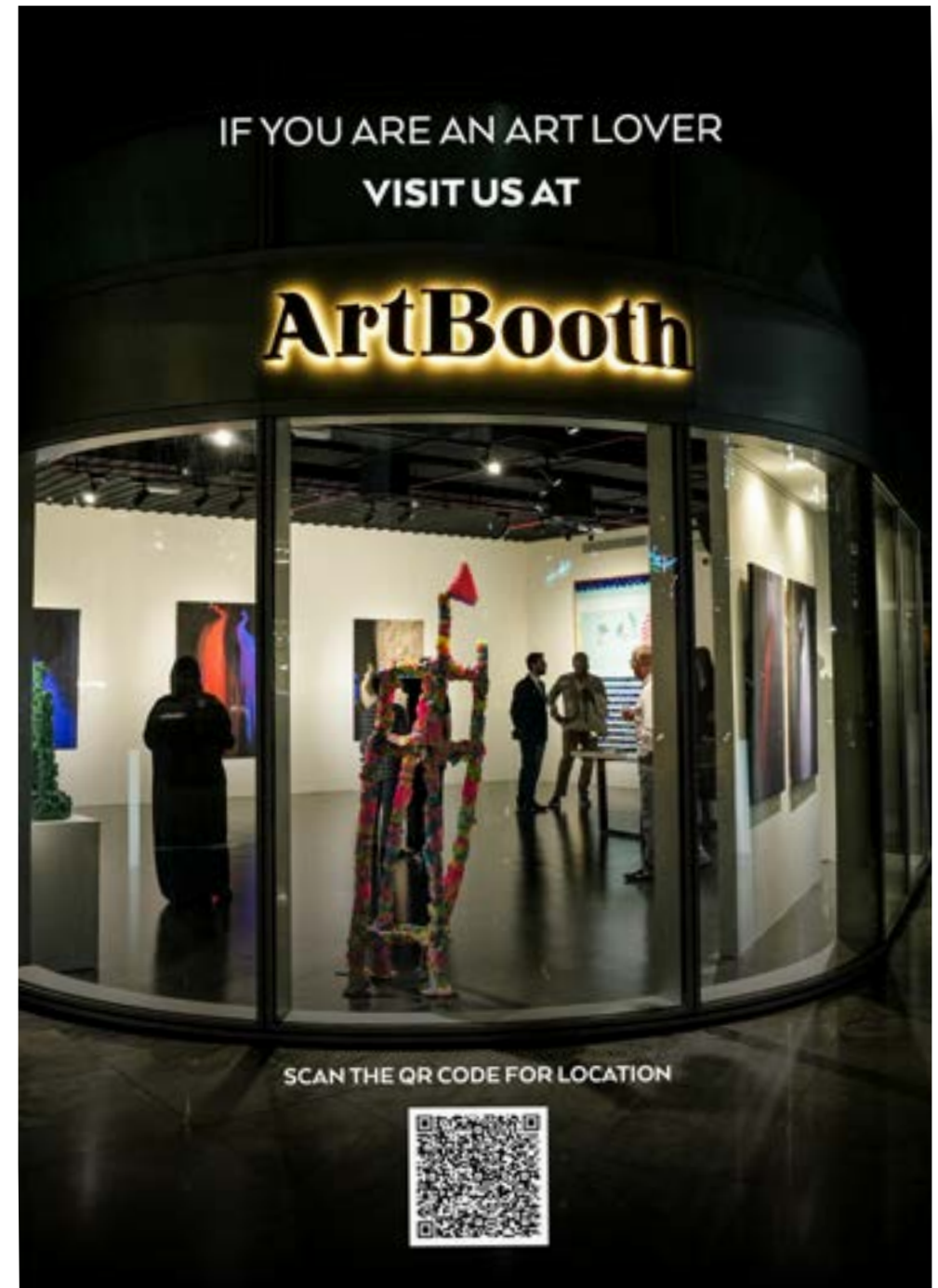
## ABOUT ARTBOOTH GALLERY

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Founded by Roger El-Khoury in 2019, after 11 years of experience in the art field between Beirut and the United Arab Emirates, Artbooth aims to create a cross-cultural bridge between artists, audiences, and collectors from across the world.

The gallery is dedicated to promoting a wide selection of artworks and exploring new connections and partnerships. From emerging to established artists both at the regional and international level, it aspires to provide artworks best suited for any collector's satisfaction.

Services include fine art sales consultancy, second market art sales, archiving collections and curating exhibitions.



## **ABOUT FAIRMONT BAB AL BAHR**

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The Fairmont Bab Al Bahr is a lavish hotel located in the center of Abu Dhabi. It features 366 rooms and suites, as well as more than 2,500 square meters of meeting space. The hotel's awardwinning restaurants serve a variety of international cuisine. The Health & Beach Club includes a mixed-use gym and a separate facility for women, both of which are equipped with a full range of Technogym cardiovascular and weight-training machines. Guests can also enjoy an Olympic-length outdoor swimming pool, a covered children's pool, and private sandy beaches, all with stunning views of Abu Dhabi Creek and the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque. The hotel offers a full range of outdoor activities, including water sports. The little Flamingo Kids club provides a multitude of activities for younger guests, allowing parents to relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities. Overall, Fairmont Abu Dhabi provides guests with a sophisticated and unforgettable experience in the heart of the UAE's capital city by turning their moments into memories.

## ARTWORKS



Mix Media on Canvas  
160 X 140 cm  
2024

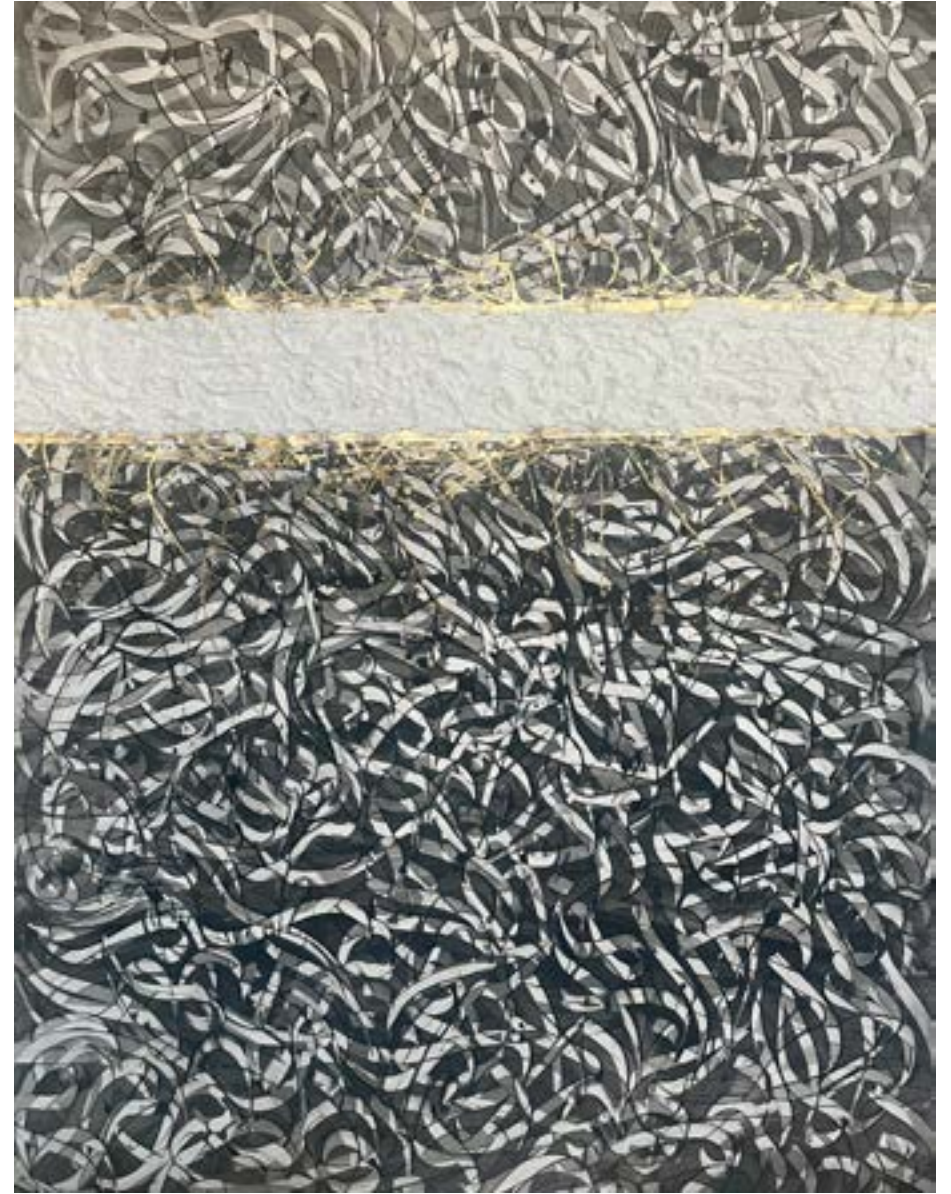
من رباعيات الخيام  
مقام حجاز





Mix Media on Canvas  
200 X 150 cm  
2024

رباعيات الخيام



Mix Media on Canvas  
200 X 150 cm  
2024

رباعيات الخيام /2/



Mix Media on Canvas  
200 X 200 cm  
2023

متون كثيرة



Mix Media on Canvas  
200 X 200 cm  
2023

مقامات موسيقية / مقام حجاز



Mix Media on Canvas  
200 X 150 cm  
2024

مقامات موسيقية / من قصائد  
نزار قباني



Mix Media on Canvas  
140 X 110 cm  
2024

عرفتك قبل يعرفني الغرام  
أنا الصب المعنى المستهام  
وطيفك حاضر أبداً بذهني  
وفي جنبي طاب له المقام.  
عبد العزيز البابطين



Mix Media on Canvas  
200 X 180 cm  
2024

متون كثيرة  
نصوص من قصائد



Mix Media on Canvas  
160 X 200 cm  
2023



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**With this in mind, moving forward  
thanks to our strong reputation will  
enable us to promote the culture of  
art which we all cherish.**



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