



The Gift



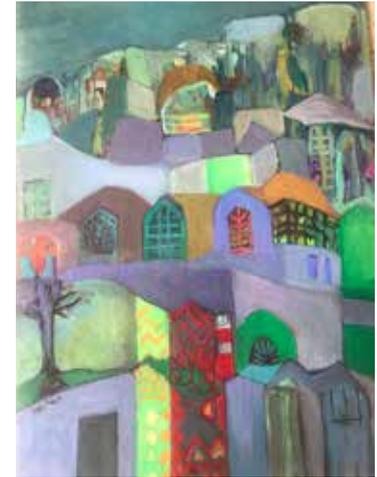
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Al-Ma'mal is pleased to launch the fifth edition of its annual exhibition, *The Gift*, for the year 2020, which includes works from 37 artists from various parts of Palestine. The outbreak of the global corona pandemic has halted artistic and cultural life in almost the entire world. *The Gift* comes in light of an atmosphere of crisis and regress that looms over museums and art institutions, thus weakening the potential of many artists, especially emerging ones. In light of this difficult and challenging time, there is an urgent need to create and strengthen platforms that present Palestinian artistic talent, and provide creators with the needed support and assistance, bypassing and working around the obstacles and crises that we face unremittingly.

The Gift seeks to explore the growing Palestinian art scene and the issues investigated by the artists, such as Palestinian life under occupation, identity, social issues, and the environment, which in aggregate paint a picture of Palestinian society today. *The Gift* also encapsulates a wide variety of artistic styles and practices by well-known artists as well as emerging ones who work with different materials and methodologies, including painting, photography,



and sculpture. Holding *The Gift* exhibition for the fifth consecutive year, especially in light of these overwhelmingly difficult conditions, is a testament to the power and resilience of our artistic scene and its protagonists.

The Gift aims to spread the culture of artistic production and free expression throughout our society, allowing art lovers to participate, enjoy, and acquire art. The exhibition invites you to enjoy the diverse and expertly curated collection of 110 artworks by 37 Palestinian artists, in an online catalogue, away from gatherings and the conventional exhibitions praxis, in line with the new modalities of dealing with and preventing the spread of the coronavirus.

Participating artists include Ahed Izhiman, Ayed Arafah, Basel El Maqosui, Benji Boyadgian, Carmel Alabbasi, Easam Darawshi, Ehsan Qawasmi, Elias and Yousef Anastas, Fatima-Azahraa Haddad, Hamada Maddah, Haya Kaabneh, Jack Persekian, Jafra Abu Zoulouf, Jawad Al Malhi, Juhaina Habibi-Kandalaft, Lina Bani Odeh, Mahdi Baraghihi, Majd Masri, Majdal Nateel, Mohamed AbuSal, Mohammad Saleh Khalil, Mohammed Al Haj, Monther Jawabreh, Motaz Abdelrahman Ahmad Naim, Mustafa Shakla, Nabil Abu Ghanima, Nabil Anani, Natalie Najjar, Ola Zaitoun, Raed Issa, Reem Al Natsheh, Ruba Salameh, Sana Farah-Bishara, Shada Safadi, Shadi Tawafreh, Shareef Sarhan, and Wadei Khaled.

