

**ANS
AZURA**

**BLURRING THE
LINES, WAVES OF
FIGURATION AND
ABSTRACTION IN
PAINTINGS FROM
THE MENA**

Online Bidding begins Apr 23,
10:00 CET+1

Lots will close in the online
Auction Room opening on Apr 26,
19:00 CET+1

INTRODUCTION

Blurring The Lines brings you the MENA region's shifts along the spectrum of abstraction, edging closer or further from figuration and realism, depending on the tides. We have assembled pieces in this auction that are in dialogue with each other over three generations of painters, in a colourful, visual symphony that tells the tale of a choice: to see with one's eye or to see with the mind

For this auction, a three-layered juxtaposition of works was chosen.

Firstly, pieces by legendary pre-modern Levantine art pioneers Moustapha Farroukh, George Cyr, and Bibi Zoghbi, who are crucial to the development of that region's modern era, along with breathtaking pieces by some of the most sought-after Arab modernists, namely Paul Guiragossian, Nasser Chaura and Shafiq Abboud.

Finally, for the third layer, you'll find works by contemporary artists such as Fadi Yazigi, Serwan Baran, Oussama Baalbaki, Ghada Zoghbi and many more who have really held the torch of greatness passed on to them by their predecessors, their works being exhibited worldwide and on high demand in local as well as international markets.

Put together, the paintings selected are a slice of the lively history of middle-eastern art: the dialogue between generations of painters becomes apparent. For instance, Azad Heme'e's almost anthropomorphic roosters, in vibrant red, are sweeping across the canvas as if they were Hussein Madi's iconic birds themselves peeling out of their two-dimensionality in a burst of rage.

When Hassan Jouni's La Moisson is faced with Ghada Zoghbi's Something Went Wrong, the artists' nearly identical brush strokes are apparent. It's as if one relayed some of their energy to the other. Still, with such similar hands, the contrasts could not be more striking.



Detail: Shafic Abboud, La Robe chinoise.

CONDITIONS OF SALES

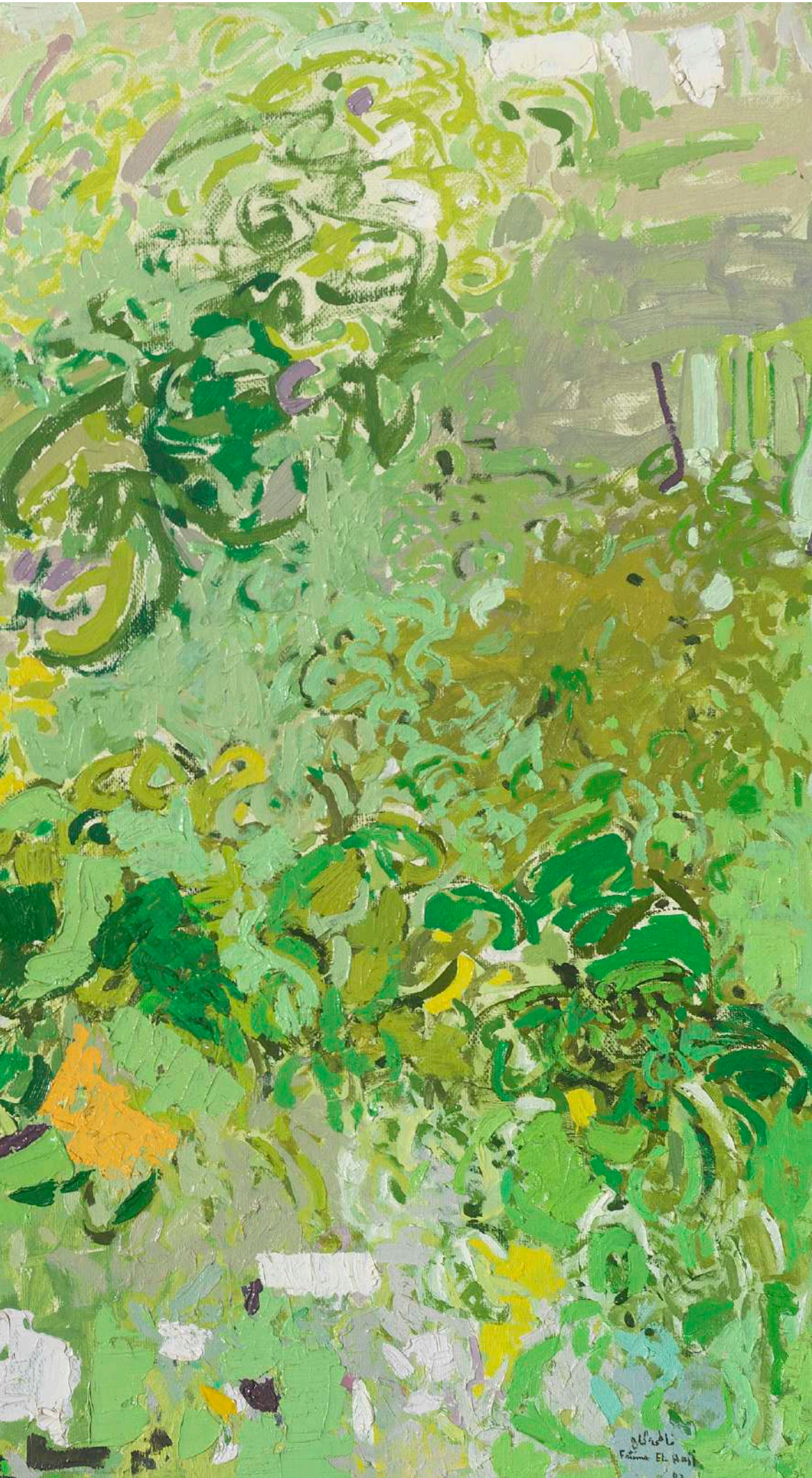
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Please note that the Total Cost Calculator will display the amount including the estimated Buyer's Premium, exclusive of related artist resale royalties and any shipping expenses and all duties, taxes, VAT, and/or custom processing fees payable by the Buyer.

Detail: Fatima El Hajj, Month of May - Ayar.



فاطمة الحاج
Fatima El Hajj
01



001

PAUL GUIRAGOSSIAN

The Beautiful Season (La Belle Saison) (c.1991)

Size:

50 x 70 cm

Medium: Gouache on paper

Signed on the front lower left "Paul G".

Location

Fanar, Metn, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Estimate:

€12,000 - €16,000

Starting price:

€10,000



002

SERWAN BARAN

Untitled (2022)

Size:

180 x 180 cm (unframed)

Medium: Acrylic on canvas

Signed and dated on the front lower left "Serwan B 2022".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Estimate:

€20,000 - €30,000

Starting price:

€18,000



003

ANAS ALBRAEHE

Untitled (2022)

Size:

Diptych: 45 x 50 cm each

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed and dated on the front lower left of each piece "Anas 2022".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Estimate:

€8,000 - €10,000

Starting price:

€6,500



004

SHAWKI YOUSSEF

Untitled (2009)

Size:

130 x 150 cm (unframed)

Medium: Acrylic on canvas

Signed on the front upper right and on the reverse

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

Estimate:

€5,000 - €8,000

Starting price:

€4,400



005

AREF EL RAYESS

Untitled (1971)

Size:

38 x 63.2 cm (unframed)

Medium: Felt pen (coloured markers)

Signed and dated in Arabic on the front lower left.

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired by the present owner from Joe Tarrab Collection.

Estimate:

€4,000 - €6,000

Starting price:

€3,400



006

JAMIL MOLAEB

Untitled

Size:

120 x 100 cm (unframed)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed on the front lower right "MOLAEB"

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired by the present owner from Mazen Soueid Collection. Previously acquired directly from the artist.

Estimate:

€6,000 - €8,000

Starting price:

€5,000



007

HUSSEIN MADI

Masks (1981)

Size:

100 x 69 cm (with frame 102.5 x 72 cm)

*Medium: Acrylic on cardboard mounted on board
Signed and dated on the front lower left "Madi 81".
Signed in Arabic on the front lower left.*

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

*Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.
This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.*

Estimate:

€12,000 - €16,000

Starting price:

€10,000



008

JIHAD ABOUSLEIMAN

The Birds of Baku (Les Oiseaux de Baku), (1990)

Size: 80.5 x 60 cm (with frame 85.2 x 65.2 cm)

Medium: Acrylic on canvas

Signed and dated on the front upper left "Abousleiman 90".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Exhibitions

Exhibited in Amman, Jordan, 1990

Estimate:

€3,000 - €6,000

Starting price:

€2,400



009

NASSER CHAURA

Untitled (1962)

Size:

40 x 50 cm (with frame 60 x 68.5 cm)

Medium: Oil on board

Signed on the front lower left "N.CHAURA". Signed in Arabic, inscribed and dated on the reverse.

Location

Amman, Jordan

Provenance

Private collection. Acquired by the present owner from Abdul-Wahed Sakran Collection.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Estimate:

€5,000 - €9,500

Starting price:

€4,400



010

OUSSAMA BAALBAKI

Untitled (2018)

Size:

70 x 50 cm (unframed)

Medium: Acrylic on canvas

Signed in Arabic and dated on the front lower right "18".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Estimate:

€2,500 - €3,500

Starting price:

€2,000



011

NADIA SAIKALI

Silhouette in Motion (Silhouette en mouvement), (1997)

Size:

72.6 x 60.3 cm (with frame 89 x 76.5 cm)

Medium: Mixed media on canvas (acrylic and collage on canvas)

Signed on the front lower right "N.Saikali".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon

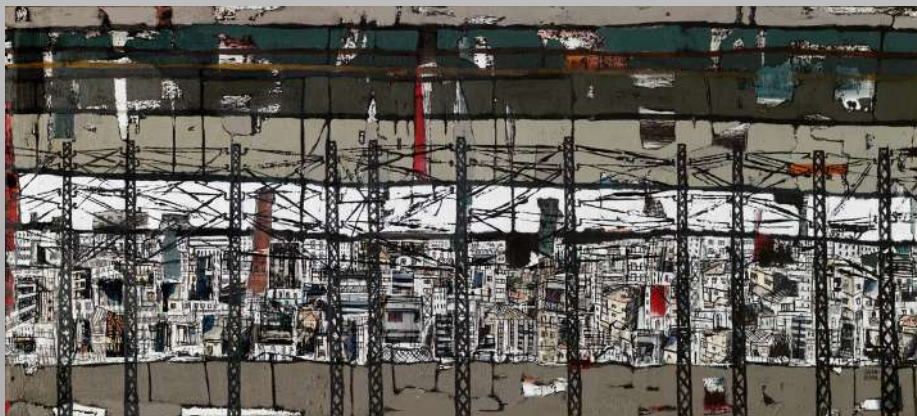
The certificate of authenticity is available on the back of the painting with a reference number. It is issued by Épreuve d'Artiste Gallery.

Estimate:

€11,000 - €14,000

Starting price:

€10,000



012

ZENA ASSI

*No Comments (2008)**

Size:

90 x 200 cm (unframed)

Medium: Mixed media and collage on canvas

Signed on the front lower right "Zena Assi". Signed and dated on the reverse "Zena Assi 2008, 200 x 90 cm, mixed media & collage". Titled in Arabic on the reverse.

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Estimate:

€17,500 - €20,000

Starting price:

€17,000



013

HUSSEIN MADI

Untitled (1992)

Size: 90 x 100 cm (with frame 98.5 x 108.2 cm)

Medium: Acrylic on canvas

Signed and dated on the front lower right "MADI 1992".

Signed and dated on the reverse "MADI 1992".

Signed in Arabic on the front lower right and on the reverse.

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity issued by Aida Cherfan Fine Art Gallery.

Estimate:

€35,000 - €50,000

Starting price:

€32,000



014

AZAD HEMEE

Untitled (2011)

Size: 142 x 153.5 cm (unframed)

Medium: Mixed media on canvas

Signed and dated on the front lower left "Azad HEMEE 2011".

Signed and dated on the reverse "Azad HEMEE 2011".

Signed and dated in Arabic on the reverse.

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity issued by Aida Cherfan Fine Art Gallery.

Estimate:

€6,500 - €9,000

Starting price:

€5,000



015

SHAFIC ABBOUD

*Morning Gestures No 4 (Gestes du matin no 4) (2000)**

Size: 78.5 x 78.5 cm (unframed)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed on the front lower right "Abboud". Signed, dated and titled on the reverse "ABBOUD 2000, Gestes du matin No 4, 80 x 80".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Exhibition

Exhibited in "Pieces for a Museum Featuring: Paul Guiragossian and Shafic Abboud" exhibition, Loft 46, Beirut, 7th-22nd April 2010.

Estimate:

€40,000 - €60,000

Provenance

*Private Collection, Lebanon.
Acquired directly from the artist.*

Literature

Published in the catalogue of the exhibition "Pieces for a Museum Featuring: Paul Guiragossian and Shafic Abboud", page 19, Beirut, 2010.

Starting price:

€38,000



016

ELIE KANAAN

Atmosphere (Atmosphère)

Size:

45 x 50 cm (with frame 67 x 72 cm)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed on the front lower left "E.S.Kanaan".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon.

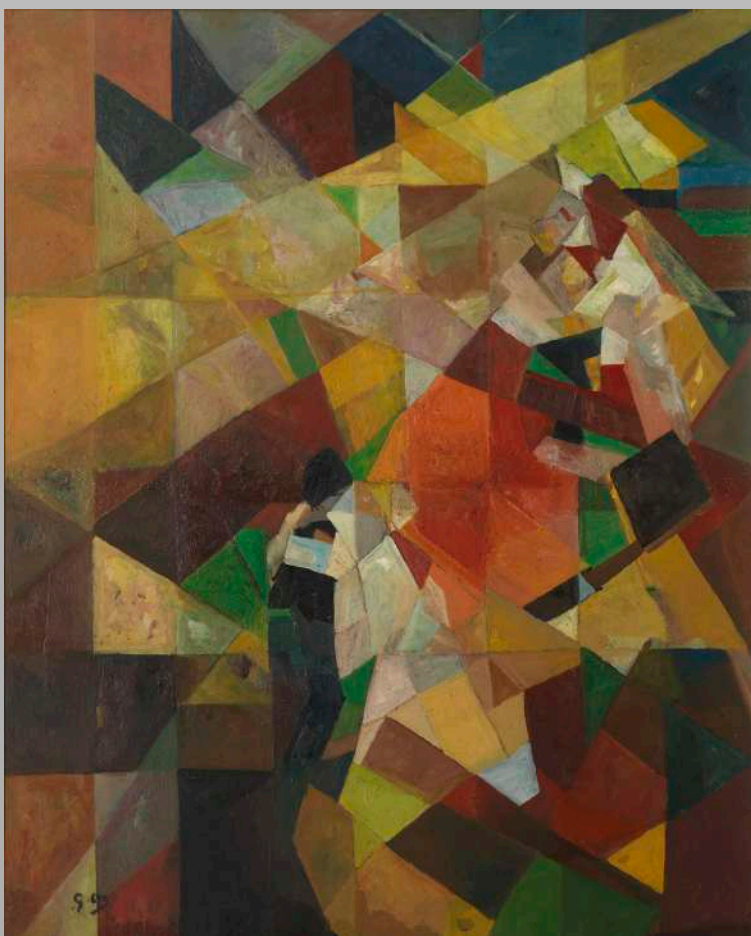
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Estimate:

€4,500 - €6,500

Starting price:

€4,000



017

GEORGES ALBERT CYR

Untitled (c.1952 - 1956)

Size:

123.5 x 99 cm (with frame 137 x 111 cm)

Medium: Oil on board panel

Signed on the front lower left "G. Cyr".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon.

Estimate:

€22,000 - €25,000

Starting price:

€20,000



018

ASSADOUR BEZDIKIAN

*Untitled (2017)**

Size:

54 x 73 cm (with frame 60.6 x 79.5 cm)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed and dated on the front lower right "2017, ASSADOUR".

Signed and dated on the reverse "ASSADOUR, Oil /2017".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

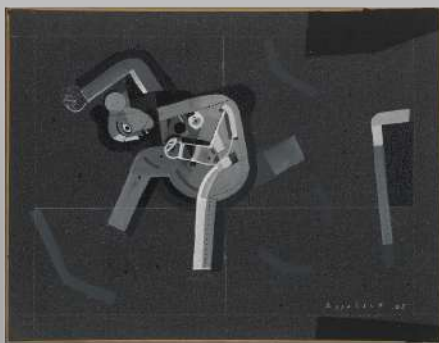
Private Collection, Lebanon.

Estimate:

€15,000 - €18,000

Starting price:

€13,000



019

ASSADOUR BEZDIKIAN

*Untitled (2003)**

Size: Diptych - 27 x 35 cm each (with frame: 28 x 36 cm each)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed and dated on the front lower part of each piece "ASSADOUR 2003".

Signed and dated on the reverse of each piece "ASSADOUR 2003".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity issued by Aida Cherfan Fine Art Gallery.

Exhibitions

*Exhibited at Beirut Art Fair 2018,
BIEL - Beirut, Lebanon*

Estimate:

€8,000 - €10,000

Starting price:

€6,500



020

SOULEIMA ZOD

Canticle of Canticles (Le Cantique des Cantiques) (1997)

Size: 101 x 71 cm (unframed)

Medium: Mixed media on Canson paper

Signed and dated on the front lower right "Souleima Zed 1997".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Exhibitions

Exhibited at Souleima Zed solo exhibition, Damo Gallery, Antelias, Lebanon, 1997.

Estimate:

€4,000 - €6,000

Starting price:

€3,600



021

PAUL GUIRAGOSSIAN

Manuella and her Cat (Manuella et son chat) (c.1973)

Size:

115.2 x 72 cm (with frame 145.7 x 101.8 cm)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed on the front lower left "Paul. G."

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon.

Estimate:

€34,000 - €50,000

Starting price:

€32,000



022

HALA EZZEDDINE

Untitled (2019)

Size:

130 x 179.5 cm (unframed)

Medium: Acrylic on canvas

Signed and dated on the front lower left "Hala Ezz 2019".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

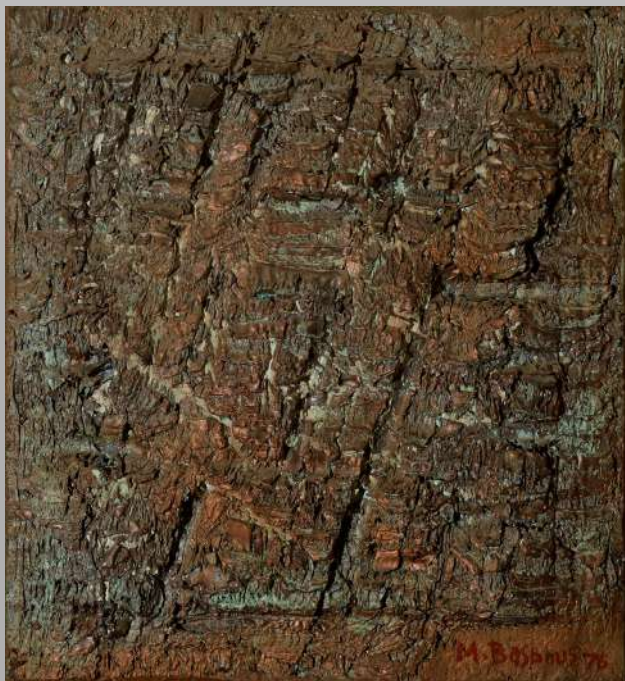
Private Collection, Lebanon.

Estimate:

€8,000 - €9,000

Starting price:

€6,500



023

MICHEL BASBOUS

Untitled (1976)

Size: 24 x 26 cm (unframed)

Medium: Radiator copper

Signed and dated on the front lower right "M. Basbous 76".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired by the present owner from the artist's family.

Exhibitions

Exhibited at Damo Gallery, Antelias, Lebanon, 1980's.

Estimate:

€5,000 - €8,000

Starting price:

€4,400



024

HALA MOUZANNAR

Birds of Paradise (Oiseaux de Paradis) (2017)

Size: Size: 200 x 300 cm (unframed)

Medium: Mixed media

Signed on the reverse.

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Exhibitions

Exhibited at Beirut Art Center (BAC), 2022 - 2023

Estimate:

€9,500 - €14,000

Starting price:

€8,000



025

SHAFIC ABBOUD

*The Chinese Dress (La Robe chinoise) (1980)**

Size: 41.2 x 27 cm (with frame 46.7 x 33.3 cm)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed on the front lower right "Abboud". Signed, dated and titled on the reverse "ABBOUD 1980, la robe chinoise, 41 x 27".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon.

Exhibitions

Exhibited at the Bikfaya exhibition organized to honor Shafic Abboud career, Lebanon, 2004

Estimate:

€15,000 - €20,000

Starting price:

€12,000



026

FATIMA EL HAJJ

Month of May - Ayar (May 1993)

Size: 100 x 120 cm (unframed)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed and dated on the front lower right "Fatima El Hajj 93".

Signed in Arabic on the front lower right.

Signed, titled and dated in Arabic on the reverse.

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

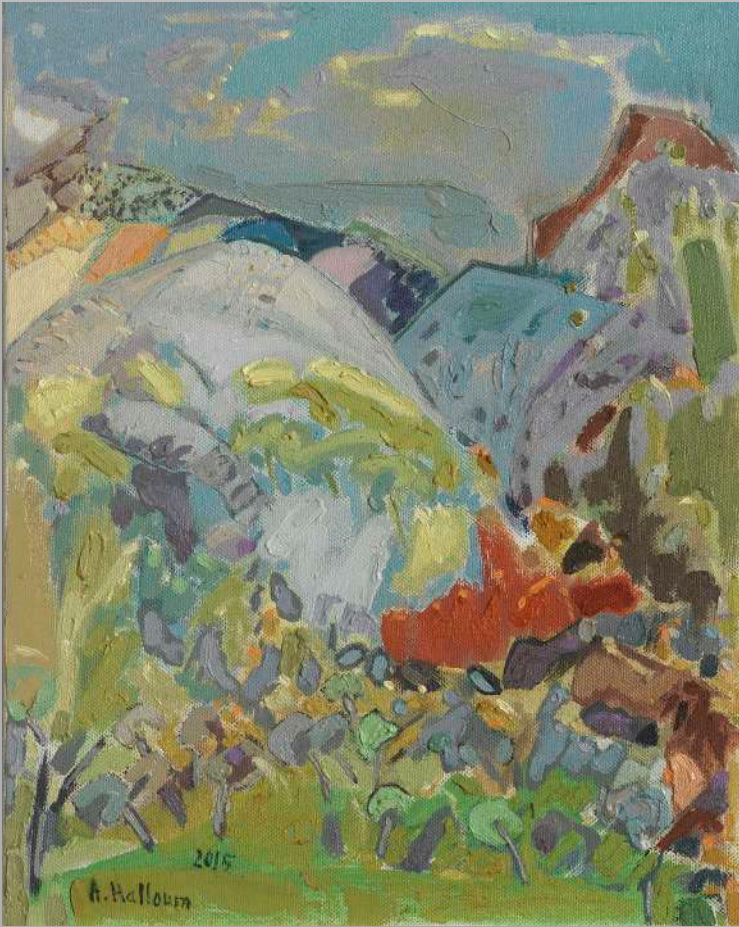
Private Collection, Lebanon.

Estimate:

€5,000 - €8,000

Starting price:

€4,000



027

AIDA HALLOUM

Untitled (2015)

Size: 33 x 26.5 cm (unframed)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed and dated on the front lower left "A.Halloum 2015".

Dated on the reverse "2015, 33 x 26 cm".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity issued by Aida Cherfan Fine Art Gallery.

Estimate:

€800 - €900

Exhibitions

Exhibited at Aida Halloum solo exhibition, Aida Cherfan Fine Art Gallery, Beirut Harbor District, Lebanon, 4 May - 4 June 2017

Starting price:

€650



028

FATEH MOUDARRES

Pastel Landscape (Paysage pastel) (1968)

Size: 68 x 48 cm (unframed)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed on the front lower right "Moudarres". Signed and dated in Arabic on the front lower right. Signed and dated on the reverse "F. Moudarres 1968 Syria".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired by the present owner from Galerie One Beirut.

Estimate:

€8,000 - €9,000

Starting price:

€6,500



029

HELEN KHAL

Untitled

Size:

70 x 50 cm (unframed)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed on the reverse "H. Khal".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Estimate:

€29,000 - €40,000

Starting price:

€26,000



030

GHADA ZOGHBI

Something Went Wrong (2022)

Size:

150 x 200 cm (unframed)

Medium: Acrylic on canvas

Signed and dated on the front lower right "G Zoghbi 22".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Estimate:

€10,000 - €12,000

Starting price:

€8,500



031

FATEH MOUDARRES

Untitled (1969)

Size: 70 x 50 cm (with frame 84 x 64 cm)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed on the front lower right "Moudarres". Signed in Arabic on the front lower right. Signed and dated on the reverse "F.Moudarres 1969 Syria". Signed in Arabic on the reverse.

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private collection, Jordan. Acquired by the previous owner directly from the artist. This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Estimate:

€10,000 - €16,000

Exhibitions

Exhibited at Christie's Auction "Dubai: Modern and Contemporary Art", March 2017.

Starting price:

€8,500



032

FADI YAZIGI

Untitled (2022)

Size:

90 x 125 cm (unframed)

Medium: Mixed media on canvas

Signed in Arabic and dated "2022" on the front lower right.

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Estimate:

€12,000 - €16,000

Starting price:

€10,000



033

WILLY ARACTINGI

Lord Carnarvon Discovers Tutankhamun (Lord Carnarvon découvre Tutankhamon) (1996)

Size: 74 x 92 cm

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed and dated on the front lower left "W. Aractingi 86".

Location

London, UK

Literature

Published in the catalogue of the exhibition "Tribute to Willy Aractingi. From fabulist to painter: a clever naive", Audi Foundation, Beirut, 2011

Estimate:

€12,000 - €19,000

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon.

Exhibitions

Exhibited at "Tribute to Willy Aractingi. From fabulist to painter: a clever naive" exhibition, Villa Audi, Achrafieh, Beirut, 18 October - 10 November 2011

Starting price:

€10,000



034

NAZIR ISMAIL

Untitled 103 (1989)

Size: 97 x 68 cm (unframed)

Medium: Mixed media on paper

Signed and dated on the front lower middle part "ISMAIL 89".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Exhibitions

Exhibited at Beirut Art Fair, 2019

Estimate:

€12,000 - €14,000

Starting price:

€10,000



035

SABHAN ADAM

Bicycle (2005)

Size:

151 x 175 cm (unframed)

Medium: Acrylic on canvas

Signed and dated on the reverse "Sabhan Adam, 5.2.2005"

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

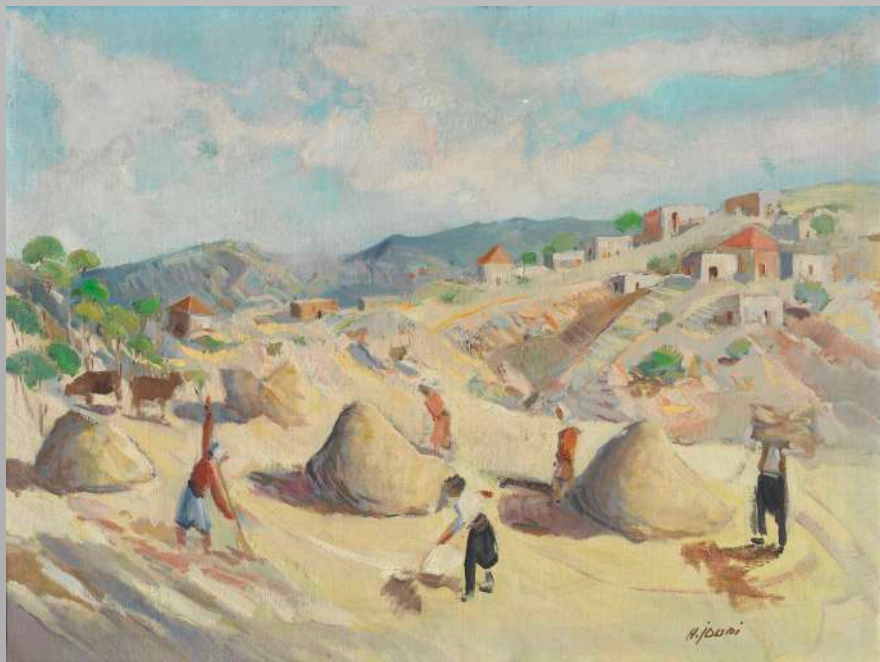
Private Collection, Lebanon.

Estimate:

€2,000 - €3,000

Starting price:

€1,400



036

HASSAN JOUNI

The Harvest (La Moisson) (1976)

Size: 60 x 80 cm (with frame 74 x 94 cm)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed on the front lower right "H. jouni".

Signed and dated on the reverse "H. jouni, 80 x 60, Beirut 1976".

Titled in Arabic on the reverse.

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Estimate:

€4,500 - €7,000

Starting price:

€4,000



037

BIBI ZOGBÉ

Village (1947)

Size:

53.7 x 34.8 cm (with frame 55.3 x 36.3 cm)

Medium: Oil on Masonite

Signed on the front lower right "Bibi Zogbé"

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon.

This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity issued by Agial Art Gallery.

Estimate:

€9,500 - €12,000

Starting price:

€8,000



038

MOUSTAFA FARROUKH

Pine Forest with House (Forêt de pins avec maison) (1947)

Size:

49 x 60 cm (with frame 76.6 x 88 cm)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed and dated on the front lower right "M. Farroukh 1947". Signed in Arabic on the front lower right.

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon.

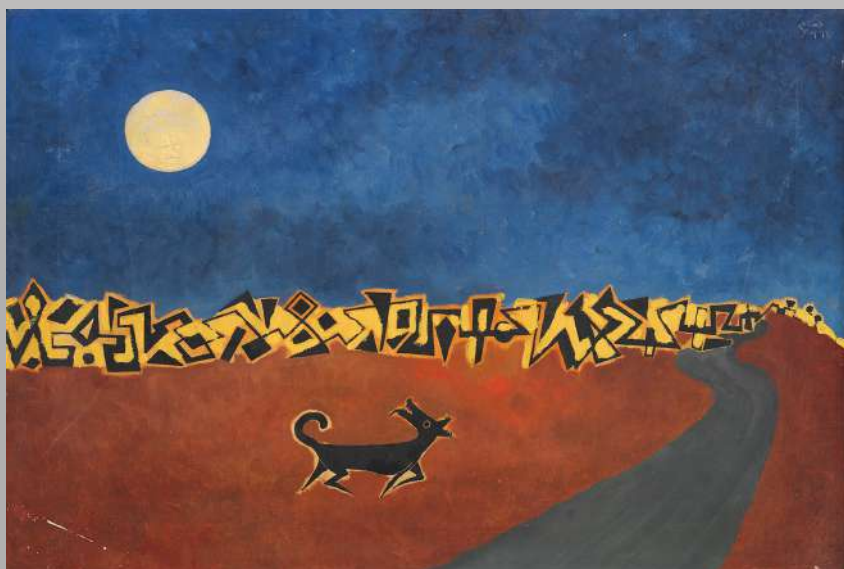
This artwork is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Estimate:

€11,000 - €13,000

Starting price:

€10,000



039

NAIM ISMAIL

Untitled (1962)

Size:

70 x 50 cm (with frame 51.5 x 71.8 cm)

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed and dated in Arabic on the upper right corner.

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon.

Estimate:

€35,000 - €50,000

Starting price:

€34,000



040

SHAKER HASSAN AL SAID

Untitled (1999)

Size:

40 x 30 cm (unframed)

Medium: Mixed media and collage on paper, front and reverse

Signed and dated on the front lower left "Shaker hassan Al Said 1999".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon.

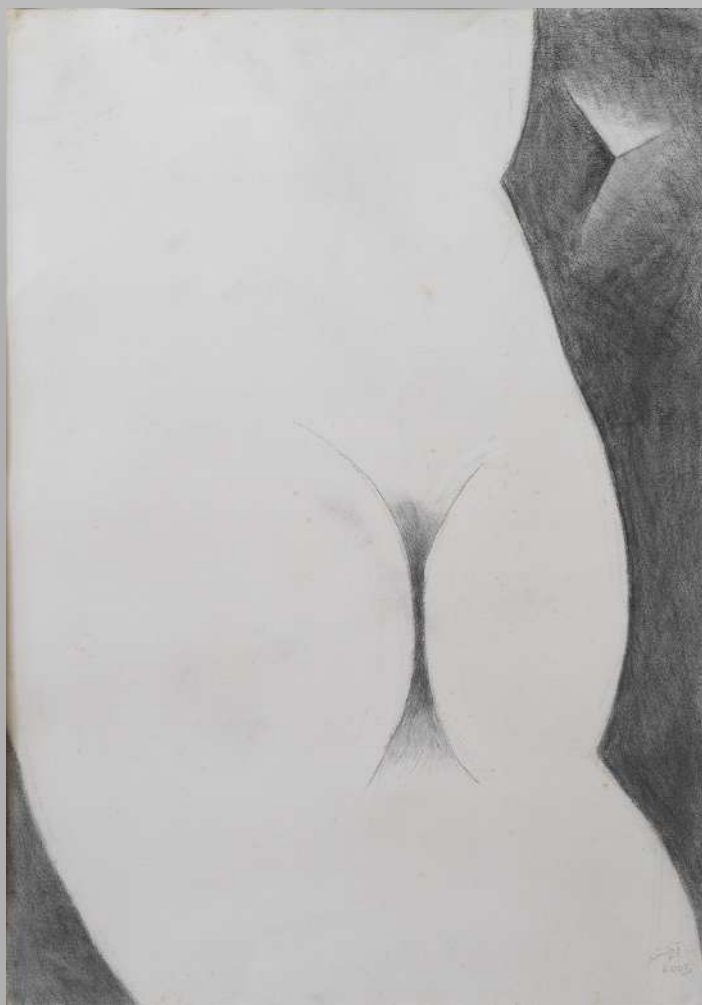
Acquired by the present owner from Abaad Gallery, Amman, Jordan.

Estimate:

€8,000 - €10,000

Starting price:

€6,500



041

ADAM HENEIN

*Untitled (2005)**

Size:

90 x 63 cm (with frame 104,5 x 87,5 cm)

Medium: Crayon on paper

Signed in Arabic and dated 2005 on the front lower right.

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

Estimate:

€8,000 - €10,000

Starting price:

€6,500



042

HASSAN SOLIMAN

Untitled (1972 -1992)

Size:

50 x 70 cm (with frame 64 x 84 cm)

Medium: Acrylic on board

Signed and dated on the front upper left "Hassan Soliman 1972 1992".

Location

Beirut, Lebanon

Provenance

Private Collection, Lebanon. Acquired directly from the artist.

Estimate:

€6,000 - €8,000

Starting price:

€5,400



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