

Solo Exhibition

## Fractured Time

By Monther Jawabreh  
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Gallery One

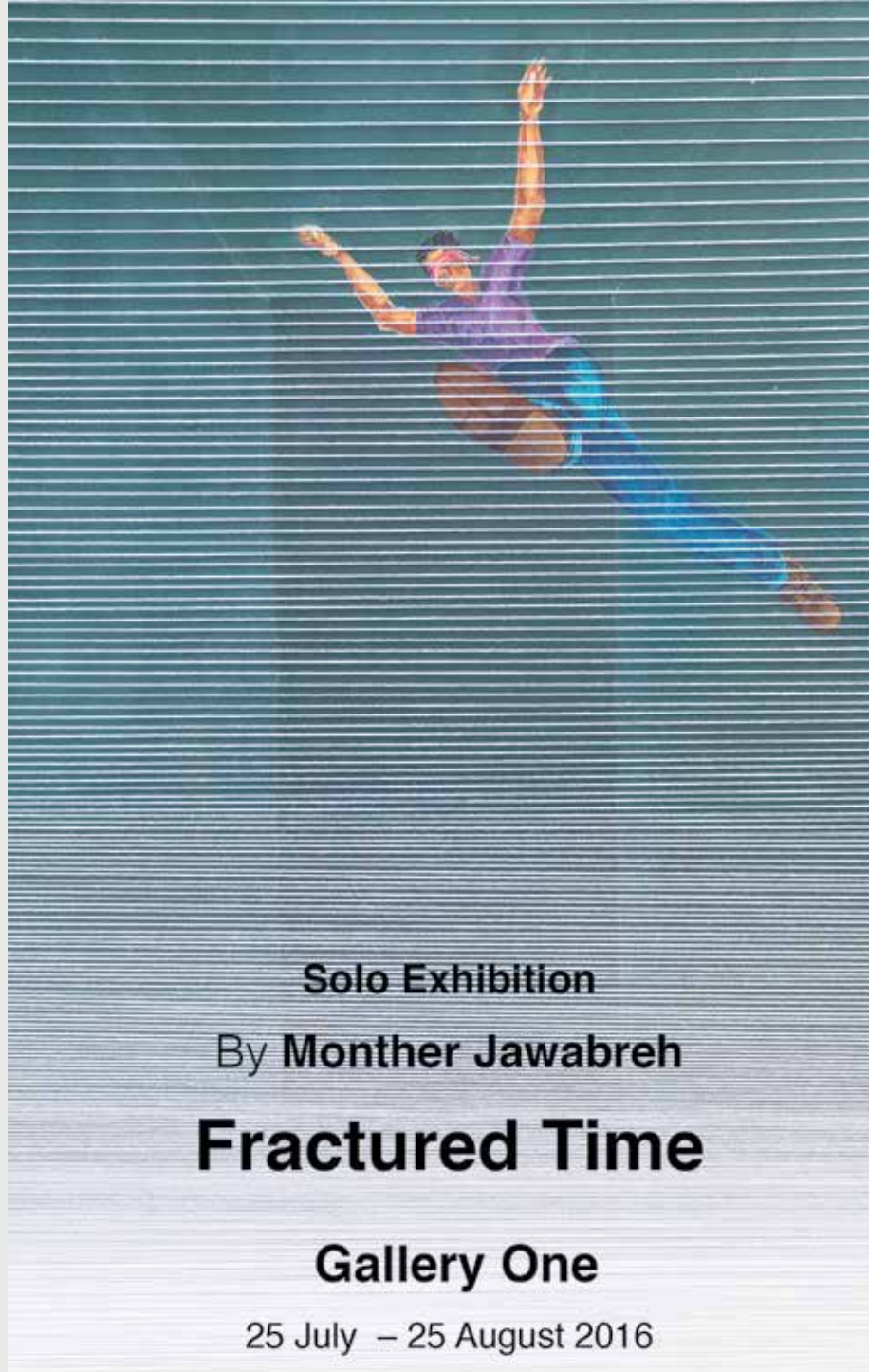
Born in 1976 in Al Aroub Refugee Camp in Bethlehem, Monther Jawabreh graduated from Al Najah University in Nablus with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. He has participated in a number of solo and group exhibitions locally and internationally, including in such countries as Germany, United Kingdom, Norway, Japan, Syria, and others.

In his new series of work "Fractured Time," Jawabreh reflects on Gaston Bachelard's philosophical research on time, mainly on the concept: We die and we live in time, moments suspended between two voids, the void of the past and the void of the future.

Having acted in Raed Andoni's film that deals with prisons, and thus having experienced voluntary detention for 45 days, Jawabreh reflects on time by producing a series of artworks with paintings, installations, and video art that take us on a journey in time that cannot be measured or substantiated. In his work we find that time can be grasped only through the woven threads that are superimposed on a work on cloth or wood, creating a fragile gateway to the construction of the work; and if the thread loses its strength and magnitude, the work itself becomes nonexistent. In "Fractured Time," Jawabreh uses wool yarn and relies on the employment of black and white colors to convey inevitable and limited options, as well as a clear vision of this experiment without lowering it into the trap of aesthetics at the expense of the subject.

With impeccable artistic talent and a solid command of technique, Jawabreh's paintings are highly captivating human expressions. His fabulous color coordination and sophisticated compositions of the acrylic paintings underneath the woolen threads require deep attention and careful examination, which reveal the nuanced shapes, stories, and messages that begin to emerge, full of soulful impact.

*Fractured Time 2*  
Archival pigment print on cotton rag paper  
200 x 60 cm, 2016  
Edition 1 of 1



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