



EXHIBITION REVIEW

Solo Exhibition by Karim Abu Shakra

The Endurance of Cactus

Curated by George Al Ama

Opening: Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

The exhibition runs till Monday, October 5, 2015



Untitled. Oil on canvas, 140 cm x 100 cm, 2015.

Gallery One is pleased to present *The Endurance of Cactus*, Karim Abu Shakra's first solo exhibition in Ramallah. Born in Umm al-Fahm in 1982, Karim Abu Shakra was raised in a family renowned for its passion for art and creativity. He was especially influenced by the artwork of his late uncle, Assem Abu Shakra, who continuously supported his passion for art and his talent.

Abu Shakra's work is inspired by bits and pieces, and fragments of his childhood memories, which reflect his deep connection with nature and his surroundings. He

transforms his feelings, thoughts, ideas, and memories into works of art.

Karim Abu Shakra has participated in several group and solo exhibitions in Palestine and internationally. Some of his solo exhibitions include *Unity of Man Nature and Animal* at Umm al-Fahm Art Gallery (2015); *Childhood Memories* at Jaffa Saloon of Palestine Art (2012); *Black and White* at the Palestinian National Theatre, Jerusalem (2009), among many others. In addition, he has participated in many group exhibitions such as *Faces... a glimpse in time*, at Palestinian Art Court al Housh in East Jerusalem (2014); *Ostraka symposiums*, Sharm Al-Sheikh, Egypt (2011) and 2008 *Etre Né(e) Nu(e)/DESIdéRata*, Memory of the Future, Paris, France.

George Al Ama, curator, is a collector and researcher of Palestinian art and cultural heritage.

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