



## PRESS RELEASE

### **Artissima Art Agency launches Dubai Art Expo with over 500 artists from 170 countries under the Patronage of H E Sheikh Nahayan Mabararak Al Nahayan**

*Be part of a historic three-day Event that brings art and cultures together and highlights achievements of the nation's Art initiatives for Jubilee celebrations*

**Dubai, UAE:** Artissima Art Agency introduces the Dubai Art Expo with a record of over 500 artists from over 170 countries with the grand opening on 4<sup>th</sup> November at the Meydan Hotel with visual artists, followed by performances from five continents including Art Talks and Shows.

The event is held under the Patronage of H. E Sheikh Nahayan Mabararak Al Nahayan, Cabinet Member and Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence and curated by Aurela Cuku, Founder of Artissima Art Agency.

The historic event is an initiative from the UAE for the world artists to celebrate the golden jubilee of the UAE and will showcase exquisite art and foster mutual cooperation that builds bridges between nations. There will be a series of talks on art by renowned artists and performing arts personalities.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhoods with Akaas Visual Arts will play host to the Association of Colours of Peace exhibition, a non-profit association that promotes children's art internationally to reduce cultural, social and economic distances between rich and poor countries with messages of peace, tolerance and unity. Children from the UAE will be drawing for peace.

The President of 'Colors for Peace', Antonio Giannelli, Bernard Dika, Councillor at National Park for Peace Sant'Anna di Stazzema and Councillor for Innovation and Youth Policies of the Tuscan Region, Italy together with the President of Peace Run, Alfredo De Joannon will endorse the Peace torch to Angelo Baldini, the President at Cycling team MG K VIS. The cyclists will ride from the Meydan Hotel to Al Fahidi area for the awareness of the Colors for Peace initiative. This is followed by the show 'Symbols of Peace and Love' by the well-known Syrian artist Badie Jahjah.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, there will be Art Talks with the Secretary General of the Foundation Centro Conservazione e Restauro "La Venaria Reale" Sara Abram in presence of Dr Platon Alexiou, Dr Mariana Turchio, Dr Najat Al Saeed and Jassim Al Awadhi. This is followed by the show "Caravaggio" by the well-known Italian artist Mimmo Centonze. There will also be additional insights from Dr. Nasser Palangi and Dr. Carla Barbara Coppi.

Aurela Cuku, Curator of the exhibition and Founder of Artissima Art Agency said, "We have had an overwhelming response from artists all over the world for the Dubai Art Expo and we are delighted to bring all forms of art this year, including the performing arts. Over the last decade, we have been a catalyst in bringing art from all over the world to encourage a culture of art and heritage appreciation and this time we have also brought sports into the equation."

Artissima Art Agency has helped evolve the art community consistently over the last decade, launching the region's best artists and art shows under one roof. The event is sponsored by San Marino Welcome, Morals General Contracting LLC, Anker and Creative Artestic.

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