



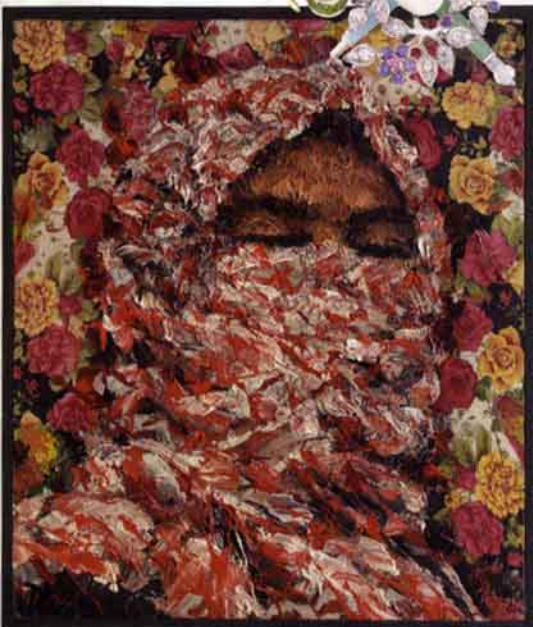
L'Invitation necklace from Van Cleef & Arpels' Bals de Légende High Jewelry collection at Design Days Dubai



Skorpio by Kiss the Reichl (Stilwerk Limited Edition Design Gallery, Design Days Dubai)



Coque armchair by Philippe Hiquily (Galerie Yves Gastou, Design Days Dubai)



## ALSO ON DURING ART WEEK...

Make Dubai your March destination with these cultural essentials

**DESIGN DAYS DUBAI...** boasts 34 galleries participating from 21 countries, with this year's Design Days Dubai set to be the world's most diverse art fair, and perfect creative fodder for gallerists, creators, collectors and design enthusiasts. Running from March 17-21 at The Venue, Downtown Dubai, there's a host of new participating countries, a new 'Discover' section, which this year focuses on France with four Parisian galleries making their Middle Eastern debuts, alongside a Van Cleef & Arpels exhibition called *In Praise of Hands*, which will showcase pieces from the brand's high jewellery collection. [Designdaysdubai.com](http://Designdaysdubai.com)

and Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, while three UAE-based artists, Afra Bin Dhafer, Mark Ganzon and Hala Makhoul, will create and showcase unique artworks on the go. [Artinthecity.com](http://Artinthecity.com)

**ART NIGHTS...** in DIFC is the place to be on March 17. From 7-10pm a whole flurry of excitement builds as the area comes alive with art exhibitions, musical performances, screenings, live art, ping pong and some fabulous food. It's not called 'Mad March' for nothing!

### CHRISTIE'S MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ARAB, IRANIAN & TURKISH ART SALE...

takes place on March 19, featuring pieces from the Maath Alousi collection and 50 works from the Pharos Art Collection of modern Egyptian art, and is expected to sell in excess of Dhs3.67 million. Christie's *Icons Of Watchmaking* auction on March 20 will also boast 120 timepieces from Patek Philippe, Audemars Piguet, Harry Winston and Cartier's 'Panthere' watch (left) expected to fetch Dhs55,000-91,800. [Christies.com](http://Christies.com)



Cartier 'Panthere' watch at Christie's Watch Sale



Pieces from Christie's Modern and Contemporary Arab, Indian & Turkish Art Sale. Top: *Untitled* by Ayman Baalbaki (from a private collection) Above: *Bunny Rabbit* by Farhad Moshiri (from a private collection)

**SIKKA...** runs from March 15-25, and is an artist-led fair featuring commissioned works around Dubai. Dedicated to new works by Emirati and locally-based artists, with a presentation at the Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, there will be film screenings, live performances, music, video art and statues by Halim Al Karim popping up in public courtyards. [Sikkaartfair.ae](http://Sikkaartfair.ae)

### GALLERIES NIGHTS...

features 40 new exhibitions across Al Quoz and DIFC, with other projects, museum shows and major events throughout the rest of the Emirates and GCC.

**ARTBUS...** will travel around Dubai from March 20-22 taking in some of the city's coolest and most cultural art areas, including Al Quoz, DIFC

**DON'T MISS... The Brownbook Music Festival on March 22 at The Archive in Safa Park, featuring live music from Middle Eastern artists from 3-9pm. [Thearchivedubai.tumblr.com](http://Thearchivedubai.tumblr.com)**

## NIGHT AT THE GALLERY

**The Third Line** is showcasing two solo presentations by **Farhad Moshiri** and **Hayy Kahraman**, and will also unveil the works of **Abbas Akhavan**, one of the five winners of The Abraaj Group Art Prize 2014 ([Thethirdline.com](http://Thethirdline.com)); **Lawrie Shabibi** will present a solo booth of Nabil Nahas' contemporary geometric works from the 1980s at Art Dubai Modern ([Lawrieshabibi.com](http://Lawrieshabibi.com)); In a bid to foster local design talent, Tashkeel has commissioned three young Emirati designers to develop a range of products for Design Days Dubai, which

will be shown at the fair and sold exclusively at Tashkeel; Gallery Isabelle Van Den Eynde will have a booth at Art Dubai featuring nine artists, including Lara Baladi, Mohammed Kazem and Hassan Sharif, and will also launch the monograph of **Rokni Haerizadeh's Fictionville** book at Global Art Forum at 6.30pm on March 20 ([Ivde.net](http://Ivde.net)); Ayyam Gallery is showing **Abdulnasser Gharem's Al Sahwa (The Awakening)** exhibition at its DIFC location, while in Al

Quoz you can see **Samia Halaby's** first major retrospective called *Five Decades of Painting and Innovation* exhibition and join the artist for a talk and book signing at 4pm on March 17 ([Ayyamgallery.com](http://Ayyamgallery.com)).



Untitled by Nabil Nahas at Lawrie Shabibi



A piece at Gallery Isabelle Van Den Eynde



A work by Samia Halaby at Ayyam Gallery