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IN MEMORY OF JABRA IBRAHIM JABRA

ARTIN**IRAQ**TODAY: PART I

MODHIR AHMED

Horizontal and Vertical

Shouldn't it give us pause that the oldest works of art are as impressive today in their beauty and spontaneity as they were many thousands of years ago?

—Kazimir Malevich

This statement by Malevich, the artist who in 1915 declared that 'painting is dead,' clearly reveals that the complicated relationship between art and reality goes far back in history. We are all combined products of our time, our education and our search for personal satisfaction. I am certainly that.

My name is Modhir Ahmed.

My love affair with art began when I was in first grade, with finger-painting, and it never has failed me. I love paint and painting still.

In terms of my art education, there is nothing I can complain about. I consider myself to have been very lucky. My peers at the two art schools I attended were exceptionally talented, bright and ambitious and many of them are still active artists today.

In the early 1970s, I studied with several great artists and educators of that period. At the Institute of Fine Arts in Baghdad, I trained under Rafa Al-Nasiri and attended the lectures of Shaker Hassan Al Said, the two most influential artists whose influence on me has been huge and whose teachings have never failed to inspire me. These two artists continue to astound me through their grasp of the true nature of abstraction and an unflagging understanding of life with all its imperfections. I responded to their humanity and compassion as well as their skill and talent as artists.

I attempted to consolidate what I knew of myself and the state of art while simultaneously incorporating the various contemporary aspects that Minimalism assumed. It was around this time that I decided that since most of the major developments in modern art had come from Europe, especially the communist countries, I would go there. I decided to study in Poland and see if I could find a unique path for my own art.

At Warsaw Academy of Fine Arts, things improved even more. I spent my time there painting with Teresa Pagowska, a prominent Polish painter and wife of Henryk Tomaszewski. My professor in graphic arts, Roman Artymowski, former head of the Department of Graphic Arts at the Institute of Fine Arts in Baghdad in the early 1960s, taught me to recognise and celebrate specific and technical successes of good art and also to analyse the ambiguous and aesthetic when considering the artist's state of mind.

Over time, with each new undertaking I felt as though I could predict the individual development of my work and its future impact, both in expression and technical development. While this discovery was well before my artistic maturity, I chose to embrace the negative rather than to allow myself to be defined by what I saw as overly intellectualised and fragmented constraints on how my work should look.

The first thing I did was to return to figure drawing. It yielded a surprising variety of different forms within a finished two-dimensional composition. Without a plan, my figures, geometries and amorphous forms were in a fruitful dialogue though they differed significantly. I would paint an initial coloured form over a woodcut and successively add shapes in various mediums to respond to the preceding one.

The freedom to play is a self-delusion which I needed for my creative growth. In my quest for self-expression, Sweden was my next destination. I now focused on articulating my work even more forcefully while seeking perpetual renewal through innovation. For me, pleasure is discovered and proved by intuition; it is the power source of my production.

What 'feels right' is the determining factor in my art. Long characterised as deliberately crude and childlike, my work is a combination of abstract or near-abstract depictions using mixed media. Combining modernist structures with two-dimensional elements and stirring automatism into the mix, it stands at the threshold of Minimalism.

My use of colour is complex even when I have a reductive palette; black or red geometrics, multihued figures and organic shapes. Gesture is displayed by visible brush strokes that create shapes and colours that blend to produce natural forms, enmeshed in graphic drama. I utilise these forms as a borrowed language of human relationships. To quote Malevich, 'the oldest works of art are as impressive today' As for my art, even today my works embody the fundamental ideas that inspired my earliest paintings. At times I still use my early plates as an underlayer and then, so as to give the image a new and imaginative look, I add a different creative twist with a highly crafted personal touch.

Modhir Ahmed Falun June 2010

MODHIR AHMED

b. Baghdad, 1956

EDUCATION

1986 1991	MFA Major in Painting, Academy of Fine Arts, Warsaw Computer Graphics, Skövde
SOLO E	EXHIBITIONS
1983	Gallery MPIK, Warsaw
	Gallery Promocyjna, Warsaw
1986	Gallery Promocyjna, Warsaw
1992	Museum of Art, Gothenburg
1993	Gallery Konstnärshuset, Stockholm
1997	Museum of Art, Västerås
	Museum of Art, Stadshuskuben, Falkenberg
1998	The Graphic Society Gallery, Oslo
1999	Gallery Grafiska Sällskapet, Stockholm
2003	Art Hall, Ludvika
2004	Gallery Bergman, Stockholm
	Gallery ZPAP Pod Podloga, Lublin
2005	Gallery Grafcki Kolektiv, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro
	Arts Center, Leksand
2007	JICPB Cube Gallery, Bøvlingbjerg
	JICPB Cube Gallery, Portree
	Artist's Book, Grafikens Hus, Mariefred

2008 JICPB Cube Gallery, Jarnac, Alexandria and Ichinomiya

1979 BFA Major in Graphic Arts, Institute of Fine Arts, Baghdad

2009 GTL Theatre, Bialystok 2010 Ahlbergshallen Arrangör, Östersund Konstklubb Östersund 8e Triennale De Chamalières, Chamalières Banner Exhibition, ET4U Gallery, Nees-Skalstrup

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GROUP EXHIBITIONS	
1984 1987	Gallery Studio (Pracownia 1), Warsaw Museum Norblin, Warsaw Gallery L, Elblang
1991	The Art Hall of Lilievalchs, Stockholm
1999	Christina Lindeberg and Modhir Ahmed, Swedish Printmakers' Association, Stockholm
2000	Four Printmakers from Falun, Picasso and Miró, Lithography Museum, Tidaholm
2001	ARTitektur Grafikens Hus, Mariefred
2003	Impact, Michaelis School of Fine Art, University of Cape Town, Cape Town
2005	Test Gallery (100 Year Academy of Fine Arts), Warsaw
2006	Printmaking Centre HELIOS, Municipality of Neapolis, Thessaloniki Avesta Art Space, Rhythm, Room, Avesta Swedish Collection Print, Grafikens Hus, Mariefred Saloon East: 12 Printmakers from Poland, Art Gallery, Rättvik,
2007	Print Exhibition, Albareh Gallery, Manama
	Dar al Funoon Gallery, Kuwait
	Edge, Hanmi Photograph Museum, Seoul
2008	Lars Wikström, Jordi Arkö and Modhir Ahmed, Faculty of Fine
	Arts, Center for Graphic Art & Visual Research, Belgrade
2009	Spring Exhibition, Grafikens Hus Mariefred, Mariefred
2010	IRAQ: Two Faces, Albareh Gallery, Manama
	Art in Iraq Today: Part I, Meem Gallery, Dubai

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

1983	Second International Exposition (Petit Format de Papier), Belgium
1984	Seventh Norwegian International Print Biennale, Fredrikstad,
1987	Tenth Polish Prints, Lódz
1988	International Drawing Triennial, Wroclaw
1989	International Mini Print Biennale, Lódz
1992	Drawing Triennial Skellefteå, Skellefteå
	Tenth Norwegian International Print Triennial, Fredrikstad
1993	International Print Triennial, Ljubljana, Slovenia
1994	First International Mini Print Exhibition, Belgrade
1995	Miniart, Olofström
	Eleventh Norwegian International Print Triennial, Fredrikstad
	Jubilee Exhibition (Trondhjems Kunstforening), Trondheim
	Print Triennial Umeå, Luleå
1996	International Print Triennial Graphica Creativa, Jyväskylä,
1997	International Print Triennial, Kraków
	INTERGRAFIA 97, World Winners Gallery of Modern Art, Katowice
1998	Eleventh Tallinn Print Triennial, Estonia
	Fourth Sapporo International Print Biennale, Japan
1998-8	9 <i>IV Linocut Today</i> , Städtische Gallerie Bietighem, Bissingen
1999	International Senefelder, Stiftung Offenbach am Main
	Twelfth Norwegian International Print Triennial, Fredrikstad
2000	Tenth Józef Gielniak Graphic Art Competition, Jelenia Góra
	International Mini Print Triennial, Lahti
2001	Tenth International Print and Drawing Biennale, Taiwan
2002	Eleventh International Small Graphic Forms, Lódz
2003	Graficki Kolektiv, Belgradoch Cultural Center, Gornji Milanovac
	Tenth International Small Graphic Forms and Ex-libris, Ostrów Wielkopolski

	International Biennale of Drawing and Graphic Arts, Györ
	International Print Triennial, Kraków
2004	Lessedra Mini Print Annual, Bulgaria
	Twelfth International Exposition (Petit Format de Papier), Belgium
	Thirteenth Seoul-Space International Print Biennale, Korea
	La Collecte Deux Project, Denmark, Serbia, Sweden, Canada, Brazil and Luxembourg
2005	Imagining the Book II, International Exhibition, Alexandria
	Twelfth International Small Graphic Forms, Lódz
2006	Fifth Egyptian International Print Triennial, Cairo
	International Print Triennial, Kraków
	7e Trinnale de Chamalières, Mondial de l'Estampe et de la Gravure Originale, Chamalières
	BA Second International Biennale for the Artist's Book, Alexandria
	International Print and Lithography Symposium, Tidaholm
2007	International Mini Print Triennial, Lahti
	Falun Triennial 2007, Falun
2008	First Kulisiewicz International Graphic Arts Triennial
	IMPRINT, Warsaw
2009	Sixth International Biennial of Engraving, Cremona

SELECTED AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1986	Polish Cultural Department Scholarship, Warsaw
992	Tenth Norwegian International Print Triennial (Jury Prize), Fredrikstad
1995	Eleventh Norwegian International Print Triennial (First Prize), Fredrikstad
1997	The Annie Bergman Graphic Fund, Sweden
999	Schreiters Travel Scholarship, Grafikens Hus, Mariefred
2000	Alfred Nobel Art Scholarship, Karlskoga
	Tenth Józef Gielniak Graphic Art Competition (Distinction), Jelenia Góra
2002	Eleventh International Small Graphic Forms (Medal of Honour), Lódz

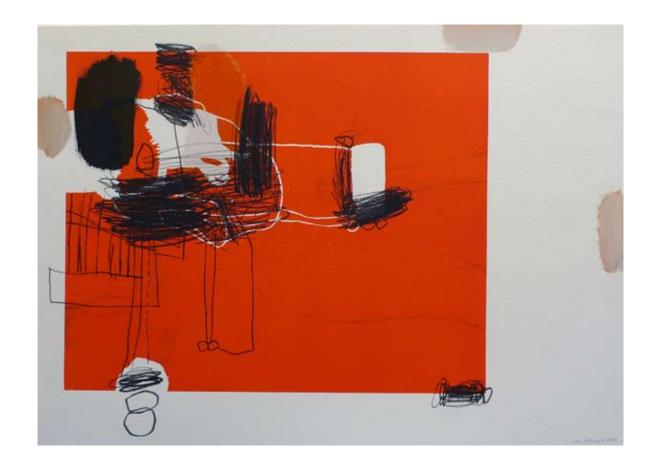
2003	Print Triennale, Award of Canson Poland, Kraków
2006	Fifth Egyptian International Print Triennial, Triennial Prize, Cairo
	Award of Andrioll Drawing Competition, Naleczów
	Jury Prize, 7e Triennale De Chamalières, Chamalières
2008	Medal of Honour, Thirteenth International Small Graphic Forms, Lódz
2009	Second Guanlan International Print Biennial 2009, Guanlan International Print Prize, China
	International Drawing Triennial MANU PROPRIA 2009, Tallinn
	International Print Triennale, Statutory Award of the MTG, Kraków



Untitled (2010) Mixed media on paper 122 * 86 cm



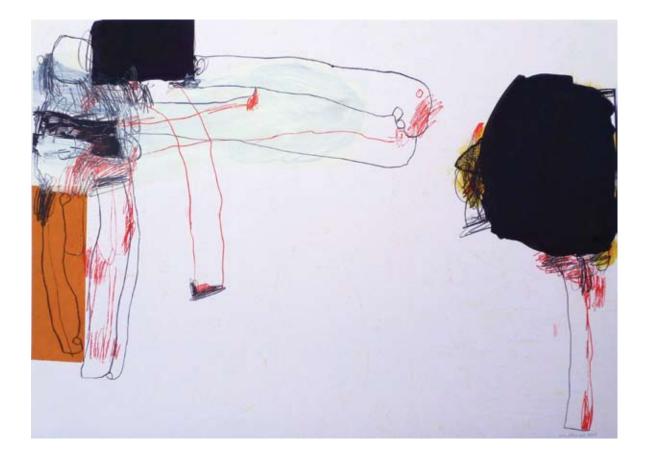
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Untitled (2010) Mixed media on paper 50 * 70 cm Untitled (2010) Mixed media on paper 70 * 100 cm





Untitled (2010) Mixed media on paper 70 * 100 cm Untitled (2010) Mixed media on paper 86 * 122 cm





Untitled (2010) Mixed media on paper 86 * 122 cm Untitled (2010) Mixed media on paper 86 * 122 cm



Untitled (2010) Mixed media on paper 86 * 122 cm



Untitled (2010) Mixed media on paper 70 * 100 cm

NEDIM KUFI

ABSENCE

I present here two inseparable images, exemplifying one existence, which tell the story of a departing homeland and of my resettlement away from it.

The setting of the image was once our home in Kufa during the 1960s. The first image is of my father, which he took with his dark red-box camera, and the second is of me, which I have modified with Photoshop as an unrestrained expression of my feelings of emptiness and banishment. Nearly forty years separate the two images, and by this act of remembrance, I am attempting to recollect that moment in time; emotionally, intellectually and qualitatively. Whilst the situation in my country, Iraq, which I now watch from a distance, is deteriorating day after a day, there remains a virtual and concurrent existence between the two images, marking that daunting distance. It expresses the disconnection between the home of my childhood and that of my expatriation.

Omitting my persona from the first image would, I think, be unique, if taken as a serious visual drama, an expression to help me reach closure by translating my hidden feelings during a lengthy period of loss and despair. I do not, however, think that this portrays my case only; it is the condition of every migrant departing his homeland, either willingly or forcefully, going astray into the unknown. My suggestion here is of an imaginary space, within which I might be able to acknowledge the plethora of illusions and obsessions which have occupied my mind, and which have brought me forward towards a serious search within this imaginary space. My question throughout the search has been, 'Who omits whom?'

After such a prolonged absence from my homeland, and after missing finding the way back, 'home' became in my view, no more than an image empty of its *prima facie* content, as flimsy as the word 'missing,' now so commonly circulated in Iraq.

In my longing, I have dreamt up fantastic plans to escape the isolation I feel, away from my motherland, and to enter it once more through a loophole that has not been noticed by others. Thus, I have struggled to look through 'that inside eye,' as in a time machine, and to roam through that time in the past, for which I long.

As for the feeling of emptiness, I am now discovering the truth about it. It is so painful to merge an existing moment with a past one after the passage of more than forty years, even though to

do so is suffused with a sense of energy, calmness and a breath of fresh air. The melodious voice of Umm Kulthum coming from that radio on the shelf, and that of the birds, filling the backyard of our house, with their echo thudding deep in my heart, and the shine that glimmers in that image. The purpose in my mind outruns that in my eyes, which is to freeze these two moments as I stand confused in the middle.

Be cautious! My idea here is not necessarily imaginary, and is not a reflection of the anguish of homesickness and nostalgia, which I have overcome with time without any bargains. It is, however, a real and deep awareness which can, through artistic expression and creativity, reach remote islands of happiness and relief within the mind. My purpose is to find a pure space of value in times long gone, that surpasses the value of the present. A comprehensive look at such questions leads to such an answer as: 'Omission, as seems, is the first and last solution.'

Nedim Kufi Amsterdam May 2010

NEDIM KUFI

b. Baghdad, 1962

EDUCATION

1985 BA in Etching, Institute of Fine Arts, Bagdad
2002 BA in Graphic Design, HKU, Utrecht
2012 MA in Design, artEZ, Enschede

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2002 Art Like Mercury, Gallery Agial, Beirut
 2003 Postman, Gallery Agial, Beirut
 Earth & Ink, Gallery 108, Boston
 2005 Attar from Bagdad, 4 Walls Gallery, Amman
 2006 Attar in Beirut, Gallery Espace SD, Beirut
 2007 Makhtouta, Gallery Lines, Amman
 2008 Soap & Silence, Gallery La Fountain, Bahrain
 2009 The Moon Follows Us, Sultan Gallery, Kuwait

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2001 Cairo Biennale, Cairo
2003 Garden of Eden, The Phatory, New York
2004 Extending Vision, Triangle Art Residence, New York
2005 Das Erbe, Merath, Inter-Galerie, Potsdam, Berlin
Nicolas Sursock Museum, Beirut
2006 The Iraqi Equation, BildMuseet, Umea
Contemporary Art Charity Auction, Christie's and Canvas magazine, Dubai

The Iraqi Equation, Tapies Foundation, Barcelona
 The Iraqi Equation, project of Catherine David, KW Berlin, Berlin
 Daftar Project, Kuf-Mold, Istanbul
 Red Zone – Green Zone, Free Academy GEMAK, The Hague
 Recognize, Contemporary Art Platform, London
 In Focus This Day, Tate Modern, London
 Reading Room, South Project, Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne
 Iraqi Artists in Exile, Station Museum of Contemporary Art, Houston, Texas
 Emarat Through Arab Eyes, Ayyam Gallery, Dubai
 Modern & Contemporary Middle Eastern & South Asian Art, Bonhams, London
 Art in Iraq Today: Part I, Meem Gallery, Dubai

AWARDS

2009 COSMOPOLITE, The Best Thirty Ideas Above Water (nominated as one out of thirty), Prize for Hollands Bridge, Amsterdam





Absence (2010) 150 * 220 cm (150 * 110 cm each)





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HANAA MALALLAH

RUINS TECHNIQUE

My contributions to this exhibition are the result of my art practice since the early 1990s and also represent a point of transition towards the inclusion of figurative 'similes' as part of my ongoing quest for knowledge in the heart of abstract systems.

I began researching abstract systems (such as geometry, numbers, mathematics, letters, religion and art) during a year-and-a-half of seclusion in my studio on the first floor of my parents' home, after an intense materials and practice oriented painting degree from the Academy in Baghdad. Iraq was barely recovering from eight years of war with Iran whilst getting ready for armed engagement with Kuwait, leading to the disastrous 1991 Gulf War and years of sanctions. At the same time, Shaker Hassan Al Said, one of Iraq's great artists and teachers, was refocusing the gaze of an entire generation of local artists towards the Mesopotamian past enshrined in the phenomenal collection of artefacts housed in our National Archaeological Museum.

Viewed as 'modern,' these objects – many of them marked or 'ruined' by the passage of time – informed the aesthetic direction characteristic of the eighties generation. We deemed traditional art materials as incapable of delivering our artistic message. Instead we worked with burnt paper and cloth, with barbed wire and bullets, with splintered wood and found objects, borrowing from history and our catastrophic present alike. For many of us, this 'ruins technique' became the visual signifier of our cultural resistance and a carrier of our identity as Iraqi artists.

We also challenged received art terms and invented new ones. For example, in 1991 I recreated a three-metre-long segment of the ancient Al Warkaa temple wall with clay and cement on wood, depicting ancient geometric symbols. In Western art historical terms, where abstraction is defined either as non-representation or as the conversion of observed reality into patterns independent from the original source, the work can easily be considered abstract art. In my practice, however, the original source is an essential element of the composition process. I have thus coined the expression 'significant abstract,' meaning that the aesthetic aim has to reflect the original source in the very material presence of the art work. The spiritual quality of this perspective has become increasingly important to me.

As sanctions continued throughout the 1990s and art supplies became sparse, necessity rather than rebellion forced us to increasingly utilise found objects, recalling perhaps the Dada movement

in Zurich at the time of the First World War. In 1999, as part of an exhibition called *Icons of the Environment*, I showed a work composed entirely of an accumulation of things picked from the streets of Baghdad, one each day, pressing it into the surface of the work. This accumulation of signs became a document, a diary of daily life. Movable red squares allowed for audience interaction, signifying the playing of futile political games, generating a vast amount of new ruins whilst simultaneously referencing our ancient Royal Game of Ur.

This kind of work led me to formulate a theory which postulates that if any image (figurative or abstract) is distilled to its rudimentary components, the result can only be abstraction. Therefore, all representations must ultimately, be considered a collection of abstract symbolic systems. These systems have their origins in our first global civilisation, Mesopotamia, and are consequently embedded in all subsequent global systems. For many years, I have negotiated my practice on the intersection of these systems. I also agree with my philosophical mentor, Wittgenstein, who states in his *Theory of Symbols* that we create pictures of facts which serve as our models of reality, and that representation must share a logical form with the fact.

My immediate reality changed four and a half years ago when I left Iraq, and though I still burn and tear canvas and cloth, my work increasingly focuses on two vast fields of thought: religion and art. In testing the veracity of art's spiritual roots as well as the limits of abstraction, I seek knowledge in the space between abstraction and figuration. For example, reproductions in oil of the Hoopoe, the protagonist of Attar's epic *Conference of the Birds*, serve only as a simulation of reality—reality which in itself simulates perfection. Many of my works assimilate the idea of the hidden and the process of emergence based on awe of the unknown and the notion of transformation in the promise of the Secret.

Hanaa Malallah 5.50.1.1.40.1.30.1.30.30.5 London June 2010

HANAA MALALLAH

5.50.1.1.40.1.30.1.30.30.5 b. Thee Qar, 1958

EDUCATION

1979	Diploma in Graphic Art, Institute of Fine Arts, Baghdad
1988	BA in Painting, Academy of Fine Arts, Baghdad
2000	MA in Painting, Baghdad University, Baghdad
2005	PhD Philosophy of Painting, Baghdad University, Baghdad
	Thesis title: Logic Order in Ancient Mesopotamian Painting
2008	Postgraduate Certificate in Islamic and Modern Art, School of Oriental and African
	Studies (SOAS), London
	Certificate in Academic English (Reading & Writing), SOAS
	Delivered seminar Ruins Technique in Contemporary Iraqi Art, SOAS

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

1991 1993 1994 1995 1996 1998 1999 2002 2005	Museum Visits Documents, Centre for Arts, Baghdad Baghdad and Geography of People's Symbols, Centre for Arts, Baghdad Pursuing the Trace, Atelier Nadhar, Baghdad Abaad Gallery, Amman Icons of Environment, Hiwar Art Gallery, Baghdad Schedules and Signals, Athar Gallery, Baghdad Drawing, Athar Gallery, Baghdad Anda Gallery, Amman Anda Gallery, Amman
2006 2009	Albareh Gallery, Manama Vivid Ruins, The Mosaic Rooms, Qattan Foundation, London

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2000	Strokes of Genius: Contemporary Iraqi Art, Brunei Gallery, London
	Contemporary Iraqi Art, Institute du Monde Arabe, Paris
	Significance of Experimentation, Baghdad Gallery, Baghdad
	Co-Exhibition, Ghassan Ghaib and Kareem Risan, Athar Gallery, Baghdad
2002	Contemporary Iraqi Art in China
	Baghdad International Festival for Contemporary Art
	Conference of Creative Arab Women, Susa
2003	Expressions of Hope: Iraqi Art, Aya Gallery, London
	Tawashujat: Between Poet and Artists, Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts, Amman
	Women Artists from the Islamic World, UNESCO, Spain and Paris
	Before. After. Now., Deluxe Gallery, London
	Miniatures of Iragi Art, Dijlah Galléry, Baghdad
	The Hundredth, Hiwar Gallery, Baghdad
2004	Homage to Shaker Hassan, Orfali Gallery, Amman
	Celebrating the Creativity of the Collaboration Between Iragi Art and Literature, Frankful
2005	Iragi Exhibition, East and West Foundation, Amsterdam
	Contemporary Iraqi Book Art, University of North Texas Art Gallery, Houston, Texas
	Contemporary Iraqi Exhibition, UNESCO, Paris
2007	Red Zone – Green Zone, Free Academy GEMAK, The Hague
2008	Irag's Past Speaks to the Present, British Museum, London
	Iragi Artists in Exile, Station Museum of Contemporary Art, Houston,
	Texas
2009	Modernism and Iraq, Wallach Art Gallery, Columbia University, New York
	The Recessionists, Somerset
2010	Beyond the War, LTMH Gallery, New York
	Art in Iraq Today: Part I, Meem Gallery, Dubai

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

British Museum, London Centre for Art, Baghdad Royal Jordanian Museum, Amman



Abstract, Figurative, Abstract and Figurative (2010)
Many layers of burnt canvas and strings on canvas
400 * 200 cm



Abstract, Figurative, Abstract and Figurative (Detail) (2010) Many layers of burnt canvas and strings on canvas 400 * 200 cm



Shroud 3 (2010)
Folded burnt canvas and mixed media on canvas 200 * 200 cm



Portraits (HOOPOE) (2010)
Folded burnt canvas, mixed media and oil colour on canvas
100 * 100 cm



Portraits (HOOPOE) (detail) (2010) Folded burnt canvas, mixed media and oil colour on canvas 100 * 100 cm



Certain Knowledge (2010) Needlework and mixed media on canvas 150 * 150 cm



Certain Knowledge (back) (2010) Needlework and mixed media on canvas 150 * 150 cm



READ! (2010) Burnt clothes on canvas and needlepoint 150 * 150 cm

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