

Joëlle A. Kurdy

Joëlle A. Kurdy is a self-taught artist. Her inclination towards the arts started from a very young age and throughout the years she experimented with various techniques from silk painting, to charcoal drawing, acrylic to ceramics, water and oil painting. She dedicated herself to learning art techniques through private lessons with well-known artists, and travelled to numerous museums and art exhibitions around the world. She has a profound interest in spirituality, healing and the esoteric. Most of her works revolve around life's experiences, the subtle range of human emotions and the return to the self.

The artist currently lives and works in Abu Dhabi.

Artist Statement:

"My work has survived the wave of information, and remains an unpredictable source of my imagination. My art is to explore processes allowing the instinct to have its say with personal integrity. Combining images with no relationship to each other, evoking emotions and creating a dialogue between elements in perpetual movement while keeping The Conversation going."

About the show:

Wheel of Life is one of Joëlle A. Kurdy's most notable bodies of work. Each piece is designed to hang together in a thread, offering spiritual, inventive ways of looking at a new world. Each incorporates an eclectic selection of vintage photographs, books and magazines old and new, to examine the relationship between the current day and timelessness. The artist's method sees her moving contrasting images around until some pieces just feel right, with the idea of creating completely new meanings and provoking the participant to new, unexplored territory.

Selected pieces have been curated to evoke the most powerful response in the viewer. Individually, the pieces offer a deep exploration of one woman's internal fabric, opening new ideas dealing with the unlimited unknown. Together, they represent a progression of ideas and a symbiotic and visually pleasing aesthetic journey.

Exhibitions:

- 2017 'Wheel of life', solo exhibition, NKLC Dubai Design District, Art Week Dubai
- 2016 Beirut Art Fair 7th edition, Art on 56th, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2016 Never been seen, collective exhibition, Art on 56th, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2016 'Wheel of life', solo exhibition, Paris-Sorbonne University, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2014 'Expanding Horizons I', Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE