

PRESS RELEASE

On Feb. 4, *FROM PALESTINE WITH ART*, a group exhibition curated by the Palestine Museum US and promoted by the Academy of Fine Arts of Rome and the MedArtandCultures association, opens at Aula Colleoni.

The exhibition, originally a collateral event of the Venice Biennale 2022, is a project of the Palestine Museum US, the first Palestinian museum in the West. Love for his country, Palestine, led Faisal Saleh, the museum's director, to collect a selection of artistic traditional and contemporary Palestinian works, testimonies and documentations.

The exhibition path of *FROM PALESTINE WITH ART*, acquaints visitors with history, traditions and culture of Palestine through art, turning its gaze to the present and imagining the future. The nineteen participating artists, who live both in Palestine and in the diaspora, reflect on the deeper aspects of Palestine's culture, without remaining bound to the sociopolitical exigencies of the current situation. Their works: paintings, photographs, sculptures, and installations, all combine to tell the Palestinian story through the arts.

FROM PALESTINE WITH ART highlights the desire of the Palestinian people to assert inalienable rights through the language of art, giving life and color to their political vision. The artists use familiar symbols and concepts such as the keffiyeh, the historical map of Palestine, women's identity, diaspora, and the changing landscape; elements that passionately and consciously tell the story of a people's culture and strength.

The exhibition is arranged in collaboration with MedArtandCultures, a nonprofit association, which looks at the Mediterranean as a basin of ideas and creativity and supports the dissemination of knowledge and cultural identities as a contribution to overcoming stereotypes and building a new civilization of living together based on principles of freedom, equality, and social justice.

On the opening day, soprano Zeina Barhoum, accompanied by pianist Marcos Madrigal, will perform a short repertoire of Palestinian and Italian songs.

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Accademia di Belle Arti di Roma

Aula Colleoni

4 – 24 febbraio 2023

by Palestine Museum US, Woodbridge, CT, USA (www.PalestineMuseum.US)

Artists: Karim Abu Shakra, Salman Abu Sitta, Ghassan Abu Laban, Ibrahim Alazza, Mohamed Alhai, Nabil Anani, Hanan Awad, Jacqueline Bejani, Sana Farah Bishara, Susan Bushnaq, Lux Eterna, Nadia Irshaid Gilbert, Samia Halaby, Rula Halawani, Samar Hussaini, Mohamed Khalil, Rania Matar, Nameer Qassim, Taqi Sabateen