DIFC ART NIGHTS

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ART INSTALLATION
**THE ENCHANTED TUNNEL**

The Enchanted Tunnel is a lush green installation in the heart of Dubai International Financial Centre, inspired by Dubai's passion for innovation and sustainability. Designed to bring life and mystery into DIFC, The Enchanted Tunnel will combine the modern city architecture with the beauty of nature in one urban masterpiece.

**JIN FLORA**

With an incredibly soulful voice that is capable of delivering soft acrobatics as well as captivating high notes, Jin Flora has been mesmerizing Dubai since she moved to the city in 2015. The singer/songwriter and recording artist's personality shines through her performances, ranging from jazz classics to current hits, and brings a unique sound at any event she's featured in.

**JIN FLORA SOLE AGENCY**

**“IN THE RACE FOR EXCELLENCE THERE IS NO FINISH LINE”**  
- HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

**BIANCA EVENTS**

**GODOLPHIN**

For over four decades, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Ruler of Dubai, has had an incomparable passion for horse racing. This series takes viewers on a journey for his love for the sport through a series of photos, videos and other multimedia and showcases how his passion has transformed over the years.

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In collaboration with XVA Gallery, world famous luxury jewellery brand Aliel will be hosting a special series that brings art and jewellery together for a lavish experience in creativity and craftsmanship. The evening will feature renowned artists Hussein Al-Mohasen and Omid Hallaj who will showcase their majestic works of art.

Since launching her career as a fashion illustrator in 2012, Sara Japanwalla has worked with world-famous icons such as Ralph Lauren, Harvey Nichols, Maserati, and other international brands such as Bloomingdale’s. Sara’s experience includes being hand picked from over 100 creative artists to contribute to limited edition artwork. Sara has also been selected as a nominee for the 2017 Emirates Woman of the Year Awards.

An interactive 3D art installation without the need for glasses or other hardware will be showcased for the first time in the UAE. The Utopias Sound Garden will invite viewers to step into the digital world and discover virtual places where artworks live as algorithms, and even interact with these fantasy worlds and take part in this world aesthetic experience.

Hussein Al Mohasen and Omid Hallaj
XVA GALLERY

Sara Japanwalla
Sara Japanwalla Fine Art and Illustration

Utopias Sound Garden
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Aliel Jewellers

ALESSANDRO CIFFO
BEBE LEONE - ART CURATION

Constructed from more than 30,000 silicone pins in 36 different colours and entirely handmade, “Pin” is an extremely impressive sculpture by Italian artist and designer Alessandro Ciffo who is based in Milan. The giant amphora presented was influenced by ancient vases, but - by contrast - made with avant-garde material. Alessandro’s work is presented by art curator Bebe Leone.

SAMAR SADIK
SAMAR SADIK DESIGNS

Samar Sadik depicts fashionable portraits of the ‘lady boss’ in their world of possibilities. The mystique of these resilient individuals and the unreasonable possibilities they have invented for themselves are expressed through abstraction, vibrant colours and strong shapes. They invite the audience to admire and acknowledge a unique perspective of the lady boss in her powerful state of presence.

THE MAGAZINE SHOP

Dubai’s creative scene is an extension of the vibrant and eclectic community that constantly reimagines outdoor urban living in the city. In the true spirit of the city, Paul Smith Dubai invites art and fashion lovers to explore travel and photography that continue to inspire and engage the city’s dynamic culture.
About Rebia Naim and The International Emerging Artist Award
Rebia Naim is Founder & Director of the International Emerging artist Award of Dubai, the UAE’s first contemporary art award open for both Emirati and international emerging artists with the aim to provide world class recognition and outstanding career opportunities to its laureates. Rebia has curated the award editions since 2012 bringing to the UAE’s art scene refreshing art events showcasing artists from over 120 countries. She also developed an award program for Emiratis, the Emerging Emirati Artist Award which aims at bringing forward contemporary Emirati visual artists and showcasing their art on the international art scene.

About the curatorial work
Presented under the curatorial work of Rebia Naim, founder of the International Emerging Artist Award of Dubai, selected emerging visual artists will be presenting a body of work specially conceptualized for the upcoming DIFC art night, kick starting the city’s dazzling art season and bringing new flair to its cosmopolitan public.
MARINA STOPONJA
INTERNATIONAL EMERGING ARTIST AWARD

Marina Stoponja was born in Zagreb and graduated from The Academy of Fine Arts where she's currently completing her postgraduate degree. Having participated in numerous symposiums, group and individual exhibitions, Marina was recognized by committee for the International Emerging Artist Award for her sculptures which use physical, artistic and sociological aspects to describe life.

LAURIS ZAILAA
INTERNATIONAL EMERGING ARTIST AWARD

Lauris is a multidisciplinary visual artist who has won the 4th International Emerging Artist Award for her work. She combines classical Arabic Calligraphy with a modern geometrical twist, a unique craft that helped her win a commercial contract with German time maker QLOCKTWO for the production of a limited edition designer clock. She also runs a visual communication consultancy.

FARAH AL AMIN
INTERNATIONAL EMERGING ARTIST AWARD

Farah Al Amin is best known for her photo series “Entangled”, which was shortlisted for the International Emerging Artist Award in 2016. She is also an architect and the co-founder of TRI - a design collaborative that experiments with materials and methods, seeking to find a balance between the realms of imagination and the limitations of the physical world.
THERE IS HOPE

Creative exhibition/activation based on the photos of the award-winning photographer Jonathan Torgivnik and an interactive artistic project. The exhibition tells the stories of four children and four adults from Syria, Sierra Leone, Namibia, Greece and El Salvador. In different moments of time, as children, each of them has faced a major obstacle - disaster, exclusion, war and violence, migration... Courage and timely support brought them hope for a better future and transformed their lives. This installation showcases pictures, videos, stories and has an interactive wall of hope for people to leave messages of hope to their peers oversees and will allow to give through an innovative online giving portal as well.
GALLERIES
The idea of harmony between a human habitat and the place of settlement is not new - organic architecture is a conceptual approach that links the building with its environment. Developed at the start of the 20th century, the concept continues to change with evolving knowledge. Here, the painting creates a cosmology in which nature returns to the city centre.

Formerly known as ARTSPACE Dubai, Tabari Artspace is a solo exhibition of new works by one of Egypt’s most influential and established contemporary artists. Mohamed Abla’s ‘The Silk Road’ includes a selection of abstract works that synthesize calligraphy, collage, and traditional Middle Eastern techniques. Each piece explores folktales from North Africa, the Levant, Central Asia and the Indian sub-continent.

The photographs document a series of performances by the artist, whose identity is concealed by intricate costumes, head coverings, and other objects. The resulting digital prints are reminiscent of early twentieth-century experiments with moving images, in which each frame shows sequential movement. Within the context of today’s culture, the series articulates a rebellion against the burden of representation.
Featuring the work of 3 contemporary artists that rely on creativity and imagination to represent society around them, Cuadro Gallery brings an innovative and fresh perspective to life and living. The artists include Emirati Abdulla Lutfi (Dubai of Awesomeness), Sanaz Mazinani (Frames of the Visible) and Aida Madmudova – three young genius minds who are exploring the fringes of creative expression.

Opera Gallery’s contemporary section will feature the iconic sculpture work of Manolo Valdés, elaborate paintings with braille poems from Roy Nachum, and intricate woodwork from Alfred Harberpointner. The Masters room will feature a work on paper from Picasso, alongside paintings from Georges Mathieu, Marc Chagall and Raoul Dufy to name a few.

Sotheby’s inaugural auction in the city presents new perspectives on art inspired by the beauty and complexity of the Middle East. The exhibition spans examples of modern and contemporary art, design, photography, prints, books, Islamic art and jewellery. The sale will feature works by Mona Hatoum, Kader Attia, François-Xavier Lalanne, Tracey Emin, Ali Banisadr, Samia Halaby and Sohrab Sepehri.
This photo series explores the legend of the Hammam Sisters, two iconic characters from the early 20th century whose tales are still discussed with fondness and fascination. Raya and Sakina Ali Hammam were the original ‘gangster’ duo from Alexandria, leaving behind a legacy that is yet to be outdone, or undone.

These awe-inspiring works from Max Penson are from an era that spans early 1920 to the late 1950s, representing the socio-economical changes in Central Asia. The photographer captures the various aspects of the impact on the region through his lenses of Leica cameras.
FOOD & BEVERAGE
Fann-Â-Porter art gallery, BOCA & Campo Viejo present an interactive live performance by Aminot Ojikutu in collaboration with live music played by Khufu and the audience. Inspired by live music, the painting would be created with the use of shapes and colours, in an artistic interplay that is sure to capture and fascinate spectators and participants the art of creation. Khufu, intrigues and attracts people when with his music. Campo Viejo brand believes in a ‘Life Uncorked’, a life full of expression, vividness, passion and colour. A world that is rich, authentic and expressive as Campo Viejo’s products and this vibrant night at DIFC.

Peyote Dubai will have a pop up bar showcasing the mocktails and bites that Peyote offers on daily basis. Peyote will also offer a beverage voucher to be exchanged that evening at Peyote Dubai.

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CAFÉ BELGE, LE CIRQUE, PACO PEREZ X CENTER CUT

THE RITZ-CARLTON
DUBAI INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE

Mercato will serve freshly made pizza along with the best of Italian grapes or hops. Window art will be available where guests can add a post it to create a mosaic artwork.

The Ritz-Carlton, DIFC will showcase 3 of its signature restaurants with an array of light bites and mocktails. Guests are invited to mingle amongst our culinary craftsmen and discover the art of creative dining. Le Cirque will be showcasing the flair and glamour of its New York heritage with classic mocktails all night long.