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**al markhiya gallery**  
**at The Fire Station: Artists in Residence**

Presents

**RESHAPED**

Opening: Tuesday, 26 August 2025

In *Reshaped*, a group of artists began with the same prompt: a unique piece of wood. Rather than treating the form as a limitation, they embraced it as an invitation to imagine and respond. Some carved into the surface, others painted over it, built upon it, or left elements exposed. The results are diverse in approach yet connected by a shared dialogue with material.

The exhibition demonstrates how a single starting point can yield deeply personal outcomes. Some artists transformed the wood into new structures, while others allowed its natural grain and imperfections to guide them. In every case, the material shapes the final work through its weight, texture, and presence.

*Reshaped* is both an exploration of transformation and a meditation on process. It considers what happens when artists engage not only with an idea, but also with the resistance of a physical object. The choices they make—whether to honour the organic or obscure it—reveal distinct relationships to tradition, experimentation, and the possibilities within familiar forms.

As audiences move through the exhibition, they encounter a spectrum of responses to a common beginning. Each work highlights a unique way of thinking through form and concept, reminding us that creative freedom often emerges from working within shared constraints.

Exhibition runs until: 9 October 2025

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