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al markhiya gallery at the Fire Station: artist in residence in collaboration with Dar Hessa for the Arts

Present

Yawm Al-Sa 'ad: A Ceramic Celebration of Qatari Wedding Traditions.

Opening: Tuesday, 14 October | 6:30 – 9:00 pm

al markhiya gallery, in collaboration with Dar Hessa for Arts, is pleased to present *Yawm Al-Sa'ad*, a ceramic exhibition opening at the Fire Station Artist Residency. The exhibition brings Qatari wedding traditions to life through contemporary ceramic works, exploring how heritage continues to inspire artistic practice today.

Across cultures, communities mark life's major milestones - both joyful and solemn - through distinctive customs and rituals. Over time, these practices evolve into an intellectual and emotional legacy, offering younger generations a window into enduring forms of expression and meaning. In Qatar and the Gulf region, wedding rituals remain deeply rooted in authenticity and social identity, reflecting the essence of traditional community life.

From the *Dazzah* (the bride's trousseau) to the henna night, when the bride is adorned with henna, gold, and traditional attire, and finally the *Khillah*, the fragrant preparation of the bride's room, Qatari weddings embody a rich visual and cultural heritage. *Yawm Al-Sa'ad* reinterprets these objects and moments through the medium of ceramics, creating a dialogue between past and present and celebrating the power of art to bridge memory and modernity.

Featuring works by: Ahmed Al Haddad, Ahmed Al-Subaie, Aisha Al-Ali, Haifa Alkhuzai, Hameed Al Qahtani, Lina Lotfi, Mubarak Al Malik, Muneera Al Meer, Noora Al-Melhim, Reema Abu Hassan, Ruaa Onsa, Ruqaya Al-Mohannadi, Sara Atef Abdallah and Wasfi Al-Hadidi. The exhibition invites visitors to experience a fresh perspective on popular heritage, where craftsmanship and contemporary aesthetics converge.

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