

Common Humanity

Peacemaking through Understanding, Respect and Friendship with the Middle East and Muslim World

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Middle East Art Exhibit in November in New York

"Middle East Art: Beauty in a Land of Conflict" is an exhibit of over 40 paintings from twelve Middle East artists that will be exhibited at the historic Friends Meetinghouse in New York City on the first three Saturdays in November, 2022. The Meetinghouse is located at 15 Rutherford Place between 2nd and 3rd Avenues and 15th and 16 Streets in Manhattan. Dates and times are Saturdays November 5, 12 and 19 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Most of the artists trained and worked professionally in Baghdad before fleeing the violence in their homeland following the U.S. invasion. Most now live in the U.S. or Canada. These paintings reflect their ancient Mesopotamian heritage as well as new artistic influences they encountered in North America.

The paintings will be on sale. Most of the proceeds go directly to the refugee artists and their families with a small fee given to Common Humanity, the New York City non-profit organization which organized the exhibit. In addition to paintings by Iraqi artists, several paintings by artists from other Middle Eastern countries including Syria will also be on exhibit. Posters, blank note cards with images of the art, and souvenirs from the region will also be on sale.

Common Humanity seeks to build friendship, understanding and respect between the United States and the Arab and Muslim world. It urges that instead of sending more weapons to the Middle East, we should send relief supplies to people throughout the region who are suffering from inadequate medical and humanitarian resources because of U.S. sanctions. Common Humanity believes that the road to peace in these dangerous times is to move past the clichés and stereotypes that separate us and make new efforts to gain a deeper understanding of our shared common humanity.

Mel Lehman, the Director of Common Humanity said, "This exhibit offers a unique chance to view something of the heart and soul the people of the Middle East. It is an opportunity to do something positive in response to the continuing violence there."

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