

# Albareh Art Gallery presents 'Yusuf,' an exhibition by Nazar Yahya from Jan. 10- Feb. 2

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**Albareh Art Gallery to Host its Second Solo Exhibition  
Showcasing  
Artworks by Contemporary Iraqi Artist Nazar Yahya**



Bahrain, January 2012: Albareh Art Gallery presents a solo exhibition by Prominent Contemporary Iraqi artist, Nazar Yahya. The exhibition entitled, "Yusuf" will take place at Albareh Art Gallery, from 10th January- 2nd February 2012.

“I am Joseph, We are Joseph enduring the betrayal of our peers, sexual and physical abuse. False accusations and forceful expulsion from our homeland” this is the message behind the works of Contemporary Conceptual artist Nazar Yahya.

Nazar’s conviction and his passion are evident in a series of recent works that symbolize the biblical story of Joseph’s exile in the desert and at the same time, tell a parallel story of the cruel Iraqi exodus from Iraq. Nazar attempts to compare “Yusuf” life with his life story in the perils of our times.



Nazar presents ten artworks that used staged digitized photography printed on rice paper and executed on Canvas. He will also introduce an art book consisting of 12

paintings inspired from the poem of Poet Mahmood Darwich “Father, I am Yusuf”.

There are ten editions of this art book.

Born and raised in Baghdad, Nazar started his art path as an illustrator for children’s magazines in the early 1980’s while he was still in high school. He then pursued his art education and graduated from the painting department at the Academy of Fine Arts in 1986.



As an Iraqi artist who has witnessed the war, some of his works are a reflection of that reality, such as “Blocks”, “Migrating Birds”, and “Bird Land”, however he managed to present strong ideas through a harmony of well-composed forms and color.

During the past ten years, he participated in many art exhibitions in the Middle East, England, and the US. His pieces are exhibited at the British Museum,

Qatar Museum,  
Houston Museum and soon the Station Museum of Contemporary Art.

The “Yusuf” exhibition will run from 10 January until 2 February 2012 at  
Albareh  
Art Gallery, Bahrain, Saturdays through Thursdays, from 10.00 am – 1.00  
pm and  
from 4.00 to 8.00 pm. The exhibition will also open its doors on 10  
January from  
7.00– 9.30 pm.

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