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SHARJAH ART FOUNDATION



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SHARJAH ART FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES *VANTAGE POINT SHARJAH*

September 7 – December 7, 2013

SAF Art Spaces

Opening: 6.30PM, September 7, 2013

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (UAE) – Sharjah Art Foundation will present *Vantage Point Sharjah*, a photographic exhibition that will open on September 7, 2013 at 6.30pm in Building GH at SAF's newly inaugurated art spaces in Al Mureijah. Photographs were selected from an Open Call that invited UAE-based photographers to explore the Emirate of Sharjah, including the Central and Eastern regions, and to submit work for possible inclusion in this group exhibition.

Vantage Point Sharjah presents a broad selection of responses to this Open Call and includes work by professional photographers and artists as well as photographs taken by individuals with an active interest and passion for photography.

The varied approaches to the landscape and life of Sharjah reflect the growing enthusiasm for photography as an artistic medium and offers viewers an opportunity to enjoy the work of local photographers. Sheikha **Hoor Al-Qasimi** stated: “This exhibition is one of Sharjah Art Foundation’s new initiatives focused on public programming and community outreach. We hope these initiatives will encourage people living and working in the UAE to participate in our activities and to become more engaged with the cultural life of the Emirates.

Following the opening of *Vantage Point Sharjah* will be a film screening of *Amal* by Emirati Director **Nujoom Alghanem**. Free and open to the public, the screening will take place at 8.30pm in Building P at SAF’s newly inaugurated art spaces in Al Mureijah.

About Sharjah Art Foundation (SAF):

Sharjah Art Foundation brings a broad range of contemporary art and cultural programmes to the communities of Sharjah, the UAE and the region. Since 2009 SAF has built on the history of cultural collaboration and exchange that began with the first Sharjah Biennial in 1993. Working with local and international partners, we create opportunities for artists and artistic production through our core initiatives that include the Sharjah Biennial, the annual March Meeting, residencies, production grants, commissions, exhibitions, research, publications and a growing collection. Our education and public programmes focus on building recognition of the central role art can play in the life of a community by promoting public learning and a participatory approach to art. Sharjah Art Foundation is funded by the Department of Culture and Information, Government of Sharjah.

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