



## TOURAB: SYRIA ART SPACE

17– 27 April 2018

Galerie Ravenstein 17-19, 1000 Brussels

**For *TOURAB: Syria Art Space*, the Goethe-Institut is transforming an empty shop in the Galerie Ravenstein into a platform to display the work of over 50 artists, cultural actors and intellectuals from Syria and Europe. War and exile have for several years been shaping the image the West has of Syria, which hasn't kept Syrian artists from being creative and productive.**

Many Syrian artists have left their homes and the majority of them have fled to Europe. The independent curator Alma Salem has invited over 50 artists and intellectuals to Brussels to take part in *TOURAB: Syria Art Space*.

### VISUAL ARTS AND LITERATURE

*TOURAB: Syria Art Space* presents a varied programme: a selection of contemporary art is shown, ranging from painting through graffiti to video installations and includes works by, among others, Mouna Ikhlassy, Khalil Younes, Fadi Al Hamwi, Sulafa Hijazi, Abdalla Al Omari and Ibrahim Fakhri and Fares Cachoux.

In addition to this there is a literary programme (with simultaneous translation), as part of which the writer Khaled Khalifa has been invited to BOZAR.

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Untitled, Mirella Younes | Photo: Mirella Younes

## PERFORMANCES, MUSIC AND DEBATES

The programme comprises film (by filmmakers Ziad Khaltoum and Ossama Mohammed, among others), dance (by choreographer Eyas Al Mokdad) and music performances by Madd Ensemble, Abo Gabi and DJ Colonel Abu Diab.

The pop-up space is conceived as a space for encounters between people from different communities. Debates, workshops and guided tours by the curator Alma Salem round off the programme and are an invitation to a broad public to take part in the debate on the future of Syria.

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The event coincides with the second Brussels international conference on 'Supporting the Future of Syria and the region' hosted by the European Union and co-chaired by the United Nations.

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