Tourab

SYRIA ART SPACE

17 – 27 APRIL 2018
GALERIE RAVENSTEIN 17 – 19
1000 BRUSSELS
GOETHE.DE/BRUSSEL/TOURAB
The Goethe-Institut has invited the independent curator Alma Salem to put together a programme with over 50 Syrian artists. TOURAB is a place for discovery and a platform for contemporary artistic positions: an exhibition, improvisations, debates, concerts, films, workshops and much more give the opportunity to reflect and discuss.

Curator's Introduction to the exhibition:

TOURAB will host visual artworks varying between digital prints of paintings, posters, caricatures, installations and video art, reflecting Syria's new trends of expressions, featuring artists Dareen Abbas, Ibrahim Fakhri, Ali Ferzat, Fadi Al Hamwi, Sulafa Hijazi, Mouna Ikhlassy, Abdalla Al Omari, Khalil Younes and others.

TOURAB: Syria Art Space is a project of the Goethe-Institut with the support of the European Union, the Cultural Diplomacy Platform, the Arab Fund for Arts and Culture (AFAC), the British Council, the Institut français and BOZAR.

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.

Please check the most updated version of the programme: goethe.de/bruessel/tourab
DAY 1
TUESDAY 17 APRIL

TOURAB ... THE DUST

12:00 – 14:00
PRESS CONFERENCE
In presence of the Secretary-General of the Goethe-Institut Johannes Ebert, a representative of the European Commission, independent curator Alma Salem and Syrian film director Ossama Mohammed

14:00 – 14:30
CONTEMPORARY DANCE
‘Dust’ (Tourab) by Eyas Al Mokdad

18:00 – 20:00
TOURAB TALKS
‘The image in Syrian visual art today: violence, victims, and volatility in the art market’
Speakers: visual artists Fadi Al Hamwi, Sulafa Hijazi and Khalil Younes, moderated by Dr. Roschanack Shaery (University Antwerp)

20:00 – 20:30
OFFICIAL OPENING

20:30 – 21:30
MUSIC PERFORMANCE
Madd Ensemble/Firas Hassan, Feras Sherastan & Jonathan Sell
DAY 2  
WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL  
TOURAB ... 
THE LAND  

10:00 – 18:00  
EXHIBITION  
Visual art, videos and installations curated by Alma Salem  

12:00 – 14:00  
EAT, MEET & EXCHANGE  
Common Senses Terrace  

At lunch time TOURAB invites the public passing through the Galerie Ravenstein to engage in a conversation about Syria in three innovative activities: join us for lunch on the terrace, visit the contemporary art exhibition and browse through the library corner where you can find a selection of contemporary Syrian books for adults and children. At each Common Senses Terrace, a solo performance presented by Syrian musicians from Brussels offers an extensive moment for reflection.  

20:00 – 21:30  
BOZAR LITERATURE  
Writer Khaled Khalifa in a conversation with curator Alma Salem  

Address:  
BOZAR  
Rue Ravenstein 23  
1000 Brussels
DAY 3 
THURSDAY 19 APRIL 
TOURAB ... 
THE CEMENT

10:00 – 22:00
EXHIBITION
Visual art, videos and installations curated by Alma Salem

12:00 – 14:00
EAT, MEET & EXCHANGE
Common Senses Terrace

14:00 – 15:00
CURATOR’S TOUR

17:00 – 19:30
FILM
‘The Taste of Cement’ by Ziad Kalthoum
Followed by a public talk in presence of the director

Address:
CINEMA PALACE
Boulevard Anspach 85
1000 Brussels

20:30 – 22:00
LATE-NIGHT
AT THE GALLERY
Guests: Yassin Haj Saleh & friends
DAY 4
FRIDAY 20 APRIL
TOURAB ... THE FERTILE SOIL

CONFERENCE DAY
TOURAB: Syria Renewal, Creativity and Resilience
Moderators: Tarek Abou El Fetouh & Alma Salem

10:00 – 13:00
GALLERY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
A working group of artists, cultural leaders, intellectuals and representatives of civil society draft a letter to officials and political leaders.

13:00 – 15:00
PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE WORKING GROUP

15:30 – 16:30
CURATOR’S TOUR

17:00 – 20:00
PUBLIC ROUND TABLE
Syria: Renewal, Creativity and Resilience.
With Yassin Haj Saleh, Ziad Majed, Khaled Malas (tbc), Paul Dujardin and others

20:30 – 21:30
MUSIC PERFORMANCE
Abo Gabi/Firas Hassan & Ali Shaker
DAY 5
SATURDAY 21 APRIL

TOURAB ... THE ASHES OF THE CITIES

10:00 – 22:00
EXHIBITION
Visual art, videos and installations curated by Alma Salem

14:00 – 14:30
CURATOR’S TOUR

15:00 – 17:00
TOURAB TALKS
Literature & Poetry
With poet Fouad Mohamed Fouad

21:00 – 22:00
MUSIC PERFORMANCE
Damas Duo/Shalan Alhamwy & Jonas Malfliet
DAY 6
SUNDAY 22 APRIL
TOURAB ... THE SAND

10:00 – 14:00
GALLERY CLOSED

14:00 – 18:00
EXHIBITION
Visual art, videos and installations curated by Alma Salem

15:00 – 16:00
SHORT FILMS
Selection by Biddayat and British Council

16:00 – 18:00
TOURAB TALKS
Discussion about Syrian artists in European societies: how have Syrian artists enriched the cultural landscape of Europe and how to collaborate with governments/arts organisations? With Els Rochette (Globe Aroma) and others
DAY 7
MONDAY 23 APRIL

TOURAB ... THE BRANCHES

10:00 – 18:00
**EXHIBITION**
Visual art, videos and installations curated by Alma Salem

12:00 – 14:00
**EAT, MEET & EXCHANGE**
Common Senses Terrace

15:30 – 16:30
**CURATOR’S TOUR**

19:00 – 22:00
**OPEN PROGRAMME**
Curated by Cinemaximiliaan
DAY 8  
TUESDAY 24 APRIL  

TOURAB ...  
THE MUD  

10:00 – 18:00  
**EXHIBITION**  
Visual art, videos and installations curated by Alma Salem  

12:00 – 14:00  
**EAT, MEET & EXCHANGE**  
Common Senses Terrace  

19:00 – 21:00  
**TOURAB TALKS**  
Focus on education for displaced children and mobile models of literature.  
With Mani Pournaghi (Goethe-Institut Beirut) and Gulnar Hajo (Pages Bookshop)
DAY 9
WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL

TOURAB ... THE GARDENS TURNED TO GRAVES

10:00 – 18:00
EXHIBITION
Visual art, videos and installations curated by Alma Salem

12:00 – 14:00
EAT, MEET & EXCHANGE
Common Senses Terrace

19:00 – 21:00
TOURAB TALKS
Graphic novels, comics and posters in times of change.
With artists Fares Cachoux, Salam Al Hassan and the director of the comics collection at Actes Sud, Thomas Gabison
DAY 10
THURSDAY 26 APRIL

TOURAB ... 
THE ROCK

10:00 – 19:00
EXHIBITION
Visual art, videos and installations curated by Alma Salem

12:00 – 14:00
EAT, MEET & EXCHANGE
Common Senses Terrace

14:30 – 15:30
CURATOR’S TOUR

19:00 – 21:00
TOURAB TALKS
Syrian theatre today: history, trends and challenges facing international touring.
With Dr. Hanan Kassab Hassan and dramaturg Stefan Bläske. Moderated by Erwin Jans (dramaturg Toneelhuis)
DAY 11
FRIDAY 27 APRIL

TOURAB ... THE ROOTS AND THE BLOSSOMS

10:00 – 22:00
EXHIBITION
Visual art, videos and installations curated by Alma Salem

12:00 – 14:00
EAT, MEET & EXCHANGE
Common Senses Terrace

14:30 – 17:00
TOURAB TALKS
Civil society leaders and personal testimonies linked to the short film ‘Dying for love’ by Andres Lubbert. With Willem Staes (11.11.11), Mohammad Ghannam (Médecins sans Frontières) and others

17:30
TOURAB MURAL
Revealing of the mural by artist Ibrahim Fakhri

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BOZAR
rue Ravenstein 23
1000 Brussels

19:30
FINISSAGE

20:30
CLOSING NIGHT
DJ Colonel Abu Diab