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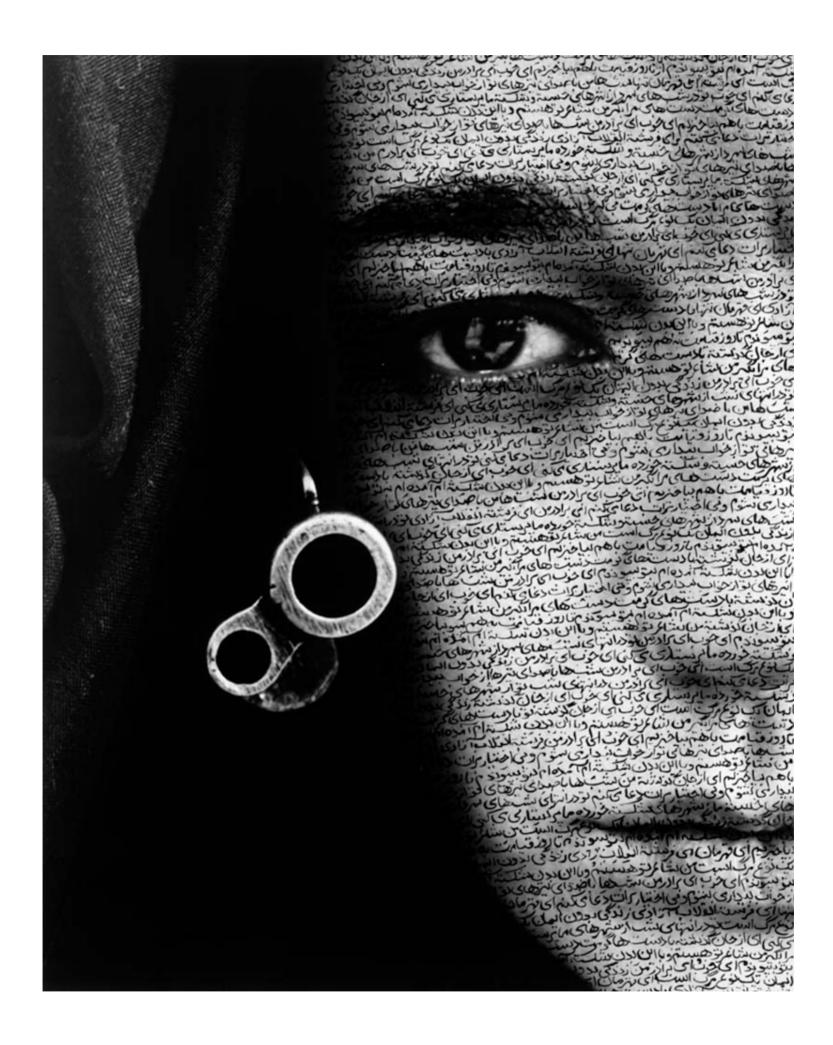
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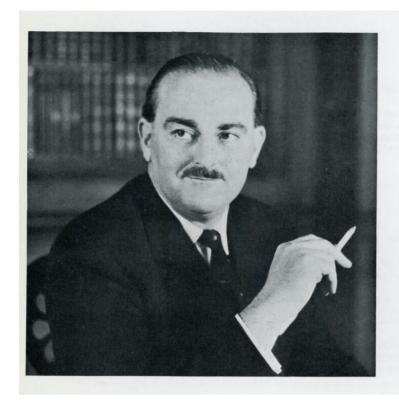
Figure I.1 (Introduction)



Shirin Neshat

Speechless, 1996

Lacma Object Record: M.2012.60 Los Angeles County Museum of Art



Foreword

My Company has for many years enjoyed close and amicable relations with the countries of the Arab World. Because of this association and indeed friendship, we have embarked on a project which we hope will go a long way to help the Middle East make known its cultural achievements to a wider circle of people.

The Arab Art Exhibition which my Company is sponsoring, is made up of paintings from seven Eastern Arab countries. These paintings from the United Arab Republic, Iraq, Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan, Lebanon, Kuwait and Bahrain, are being shown in turn in each of these countries where it is hoped they will give as many people as possible the opportunity of seeing how art is progressing in the Arab World.

I feel that people in Western Europe also should be given the opportunity of appreciating contemporary painting from the Arab World and accordingly the Exhibition is to visit London, Paris and Rome after it has toured the Middle East. It is our belief that this will be the first time that a representative selection of paintings from the Middle East will have been shown in these cities and we hope that this will give encouragement in the further exhibiting of Arab art, of every type, throughout the world.

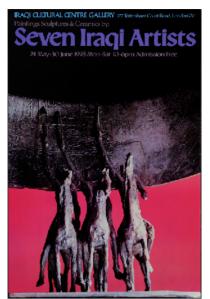
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Extract from Craven A exhibition catalogue, 1967 © Carreras Limited

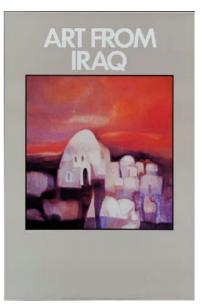


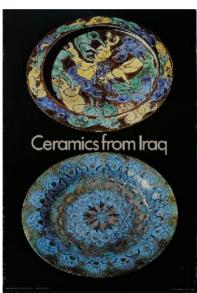
Dia Azzawi

Islamic Compositions, 1966 Grosvenor Gallery





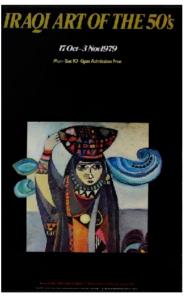


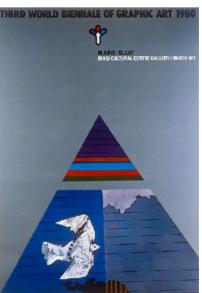






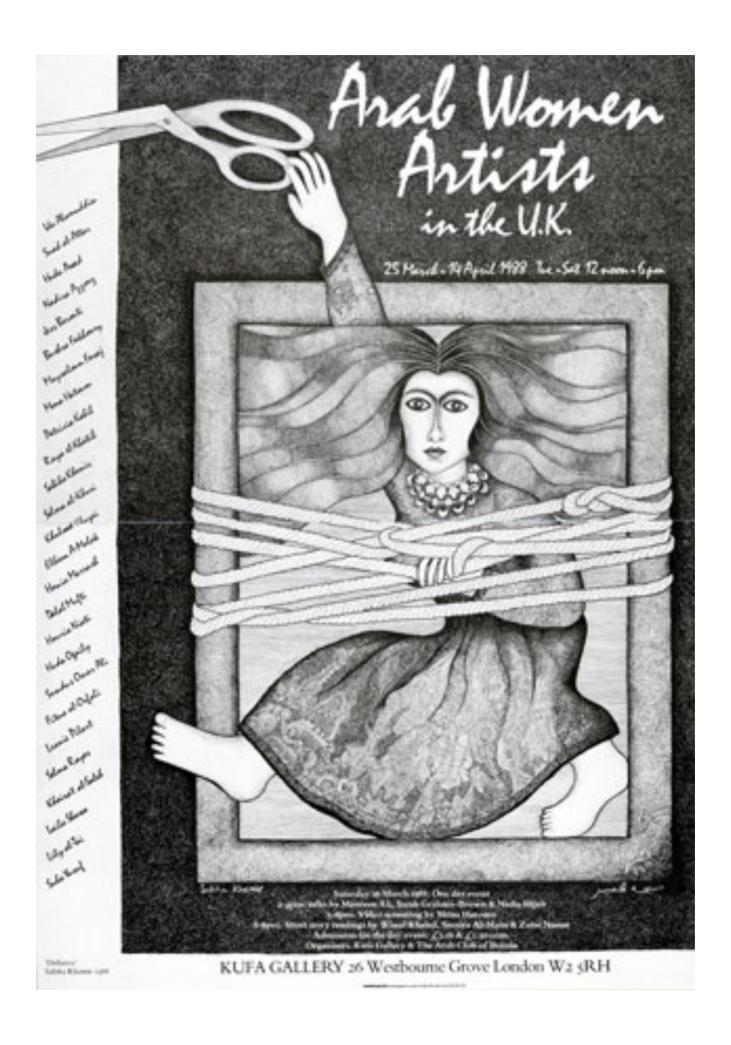






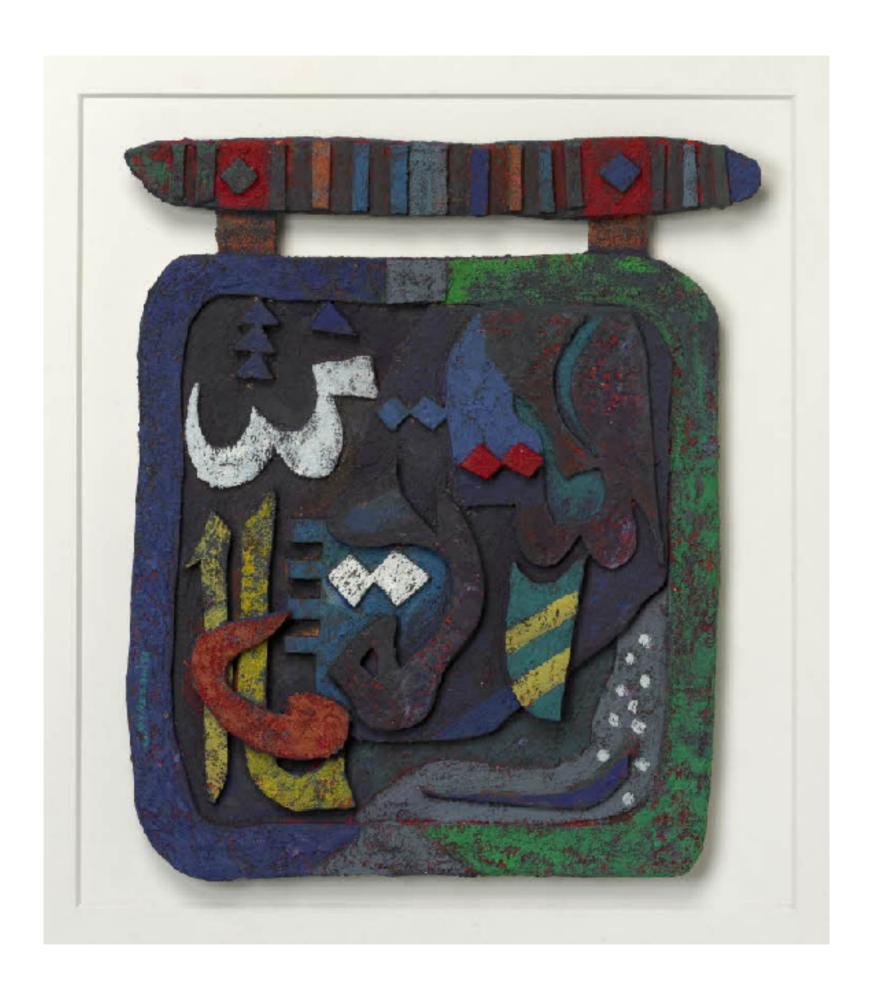
Iraqi Cultural Institute

Posters and Catalogue Covers, 1970-80 Dia Azzawi Archive



Kufa Gallery

Arab Women Artist in the UK, catalogue cover, 1988 © Rose Issa Archive



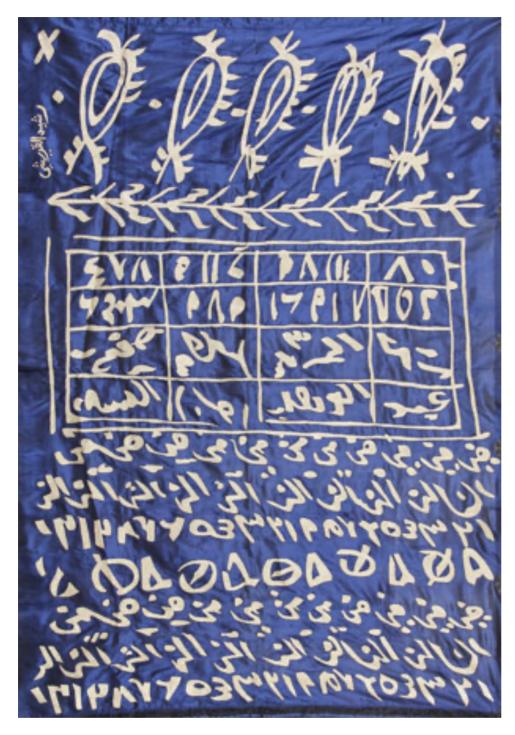
Dia Azzawi

Oriental Scene, 1989 1989,0419,0.1 British Museum



Etel Adnan

Allah, 1987 Museum Record Number unknown Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts





Rachid Koraichi

Untitled (Banner), 1993 (and gallery view) Ownership unknown. © Rose Issa Archive



Walid Raad

Part 1_Chapter 1_Section 79: Walid Sadek's Love Is Blind, 2006 Site Specific Installation (Modern Art Oxford) Modern Art Oxford



Raeda Saadeh

Who will make me Real?, 2003 E.356-2010 Victoria and Albert Museum



Amulet

Iran, 17th Century SL.8 British Museum



Ahmed Moustafa

The Heart of Sincerity, 1978 1987,0604,0.5 British Museum

Figure 2.3



Etel Adnan

Nahar Mubarak (Blessed Day), 1990 1990,1117,0.1 British Museum



Manal AlDowayan

Object: The First

Series: If I forget you, don't forget me, 2012

2013,6040.1.1

British Museum



Abukhary Gallery of the Islamic World

Gallery view, 2019 © British Museum



Charles Hossein Zenderoudi

Who is this Hossein the world is crazy about?, 1958 (or 1959) 2011,6034.1

British Museum



Idris Khan

21 Stones, 2018 Site Specific Installation 2018,6004.1-21 British Museum



Blanket

Tapestry-woven woollen blanket, Tunisia, 1845-1851 837-1852

Victoria and Albert Museum



Veil

Woven silk veil, known as ajar, Tunisia, ca. 1850 830-1852 Victoria and Albert Museum



Sash

Woven silk sash, Tunisia, ca. 1850 809-1852 Victoria and Albert Museum



Mirza Akbar

Drawing, 1840-1870

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Victoria and Albert Museum

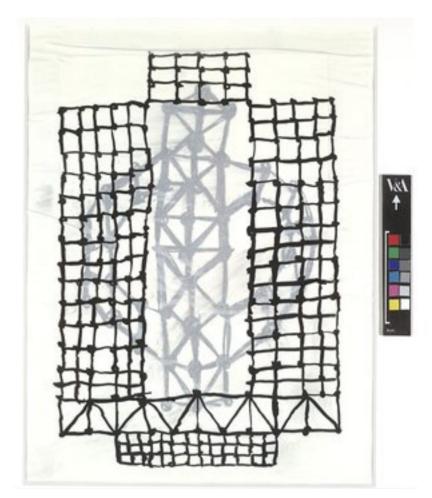


Ceramics Gallery

Room 137 with its first display of ceramics, 1909 © Victoria and Albert Museum

Figure 2.13





Susan Hefuna

Object: Drawing

Series: Untitled, 1999

E.837-2002, E.838-2002, E.839-2002

Victoria and Albert Museum



Figure 2.14



Masasit Mati

Top Goon: Diaries of a Little Dictator, 2012

Still from Animated Movie

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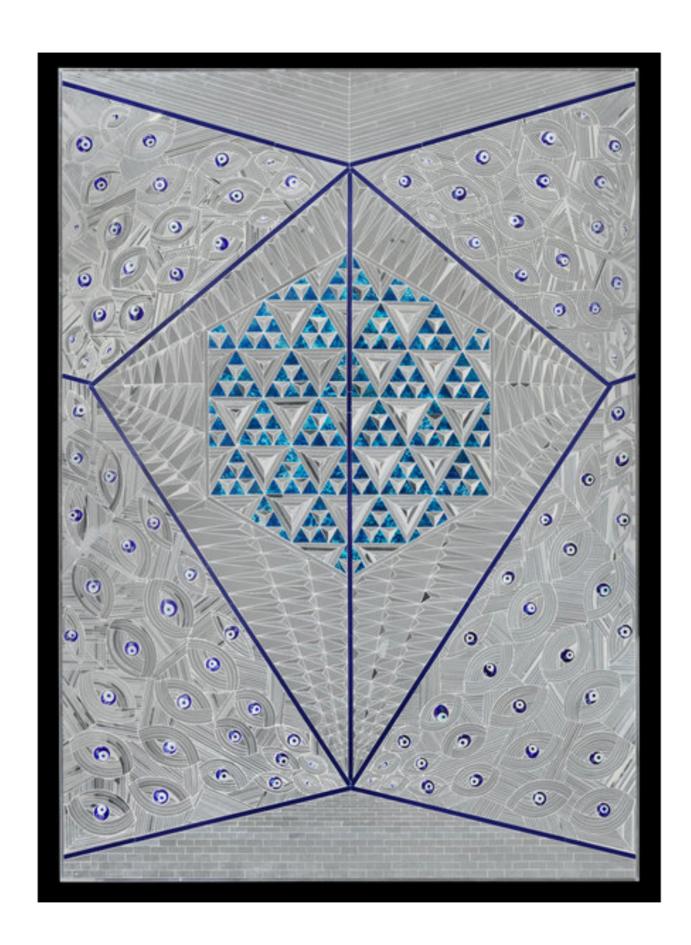
Babak Golkar

Mechanisms of Disorientation: towards a fragmented understanding, 2012 Site Specific Installation (Victoria and Albert Museum)
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Babak Golkar

Negotiating the Space for Possible Coexistences No.5, 2011 Mohammed Hafiz Collection, Saudi Arabia. © Studio Babak Golkar



Monir Farmanfarmaian

Variations on the Hexagon, 2006 ME.1-2006 Victoria and Albert Museum



Taraneh Hemami

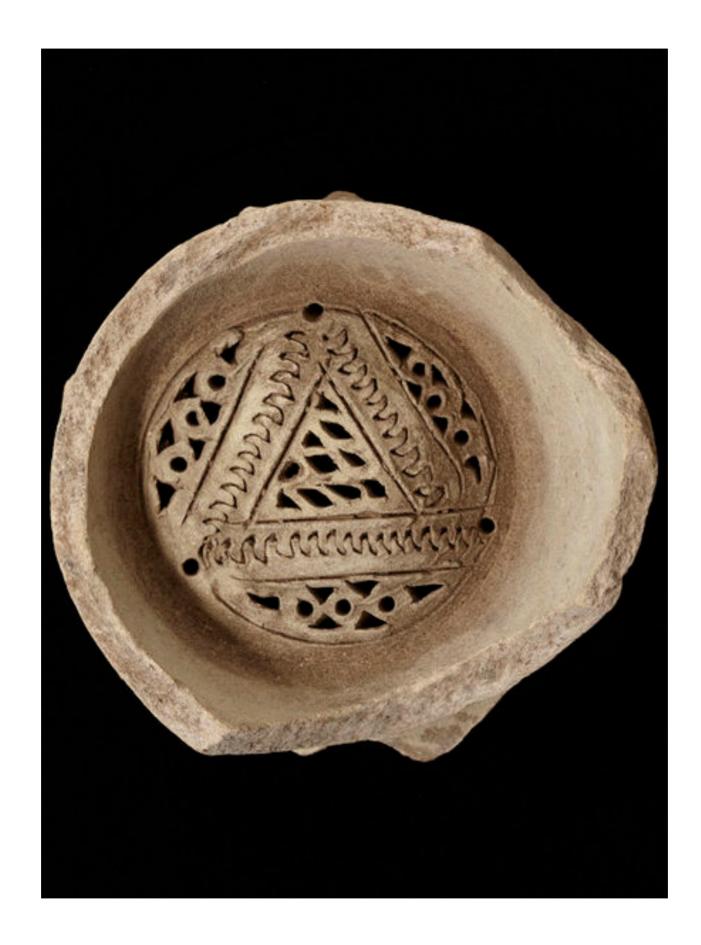
Silent Tears, 2011 ME.28:1 to 7-2011

Victoria and Albert Museum



Ibrahim Said

Double circle (light blue), 2013 ME.6-2013 Victoria and Albert Museum



Filter
Unknown, 900-1200 (made)
C.903-1919
Victoria and Albert Museum



John Frederick Lewis

Study for 'The Courtyard of the Coptic Patriarch House in Cairo', 1864 N01688

Tate



Kader Attia

Untitled (Ghardaïa), 2009 T13179 Tate

Figure 2.23



Mohamed Melehi

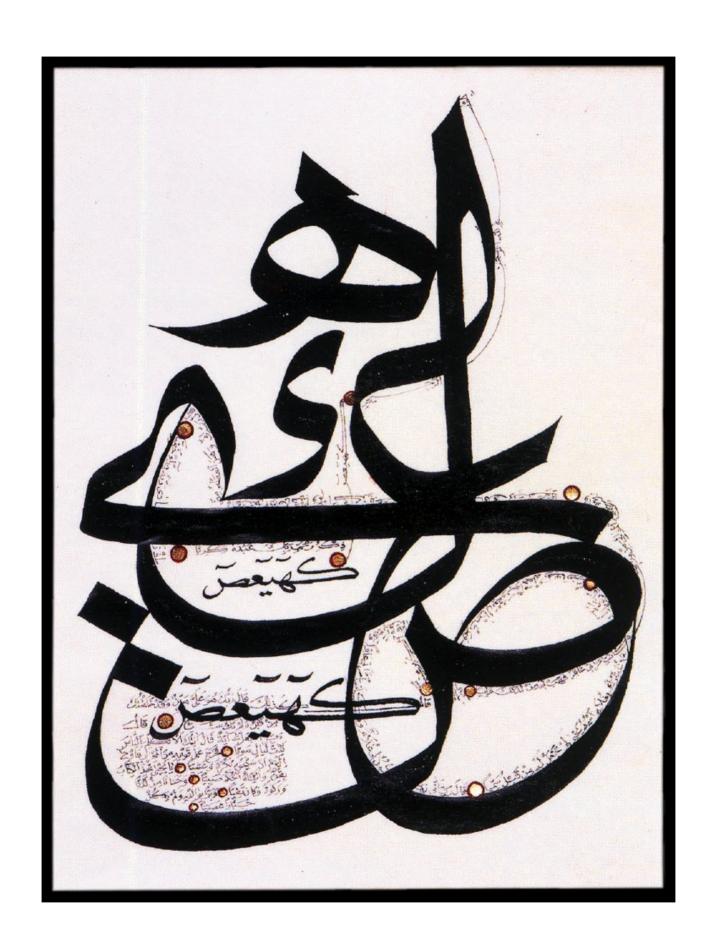
Casa, 1970 T15048 Tate



Kaveh Golestan

Untitled (Prostitute Series), 1975-1977 P81628 Tate

Figure 3.1



Osman Waqialla

Kaf ha ya ayn sad, 1980 1998,0716,0.1 British Museum



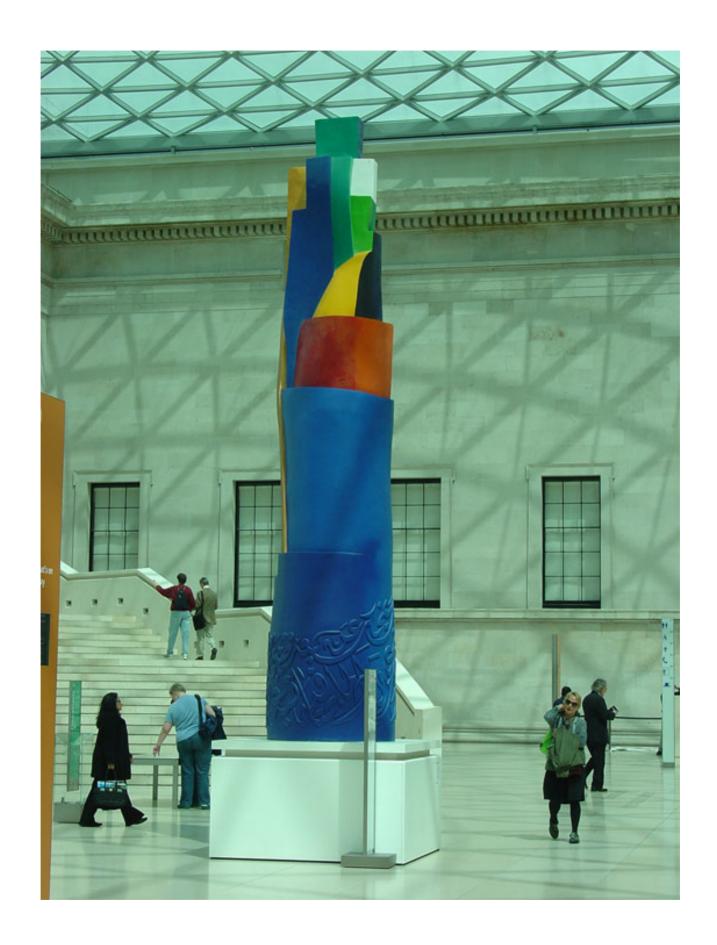
Laila Shawa

Letter to a mother / The Walls of Gaza, 1992 1994,0726,0.2 British Museum



Parviz Tanavoli

Red Heech, 2001 2007,6021.1 British Museum



Dia Azzawi

Blessed Tigris, 2005 Site Specific Installation (British Museum) Private Collection. © Artandpoliticsnow.com



Walid Siti

Moonlight, 1988 1991,0516,0.1 British Museum



Khalil Rabah

Phi.lis.tine, 1997 2006,0306,0.1 British Museum



Shadi Ghadirian

Qajar, 1998 2007,6010.1 British Museum



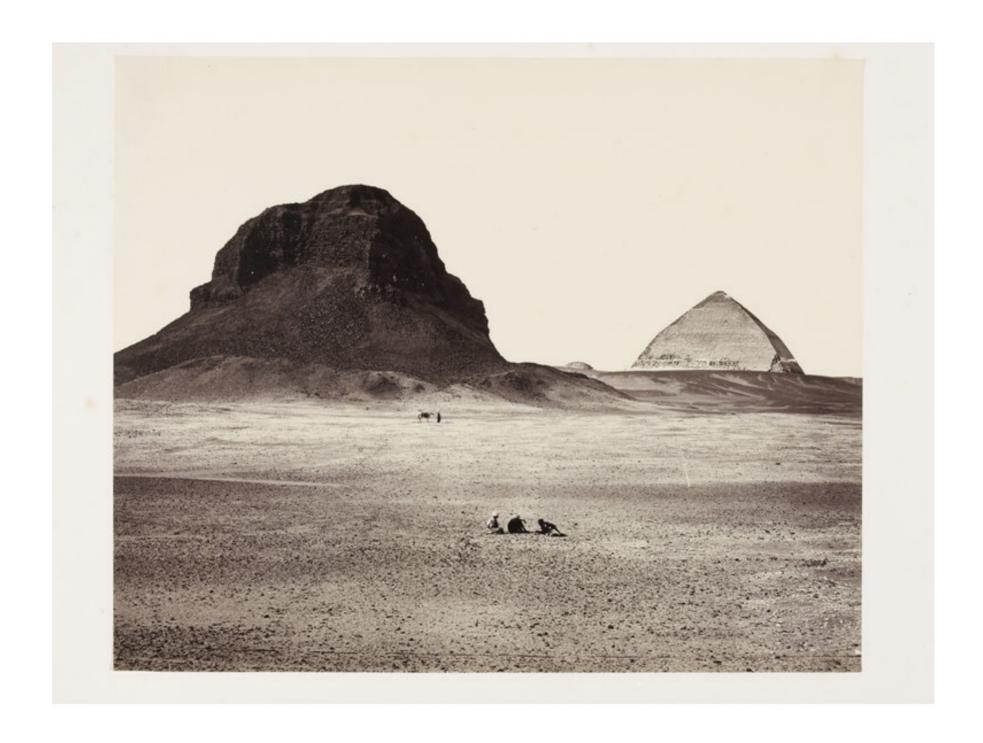
Hamra Abbas

Please Do Not Step: Loss of a Magnificent Story, 2009 Site Specific Installation (Victoria and Albert Museum) © Universes in Universe



Afruz Amighi

1001 Pages, 2008 ME.1-2010 Victoria and Albert Museum



Attributed to Francis Frith (1822-1898), but most likely taken by his employee Frank Mason Good (1839-1928)

The Pyramids of Dahshoor [Dahshur], from the East, 1858 PH.6-1983

Victoria and Albert Museum



Abbas Attar (Abbas)

Object: Untitled (The bodies of four generals, executed after a secret trial, Tehran, 15

February 1979), 1979

Series: Iran Diary, 1978-79

2010,6034.8

British Museum



Manal AlDowayan

I am an Educator, 2006 2009,6034.1 British Museum

Figure 3.13



Tal Shochat

Afarsemon (Persimmon), 2011 E.1126-2012 Victoria and Albert Museum



Hassan Hajjaj

Jama Fna Angels, 2000 E.360-2010 Victoria and Albert Museum



Nermine Hammam

Sham El-Nessem (Spring) (photograph), 2011 E.1130-2012 Victoria and Albert Museum



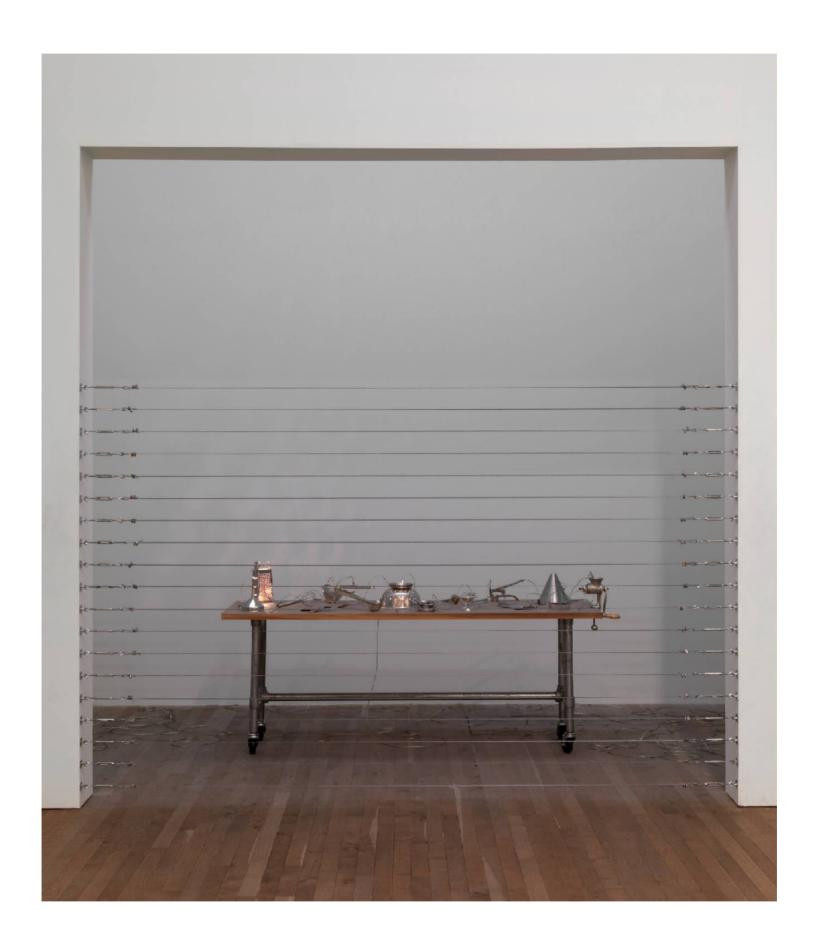
John Jurayj

Untitled (Large Embassy with Red Mirror #1), 2007 2009,6032.1 British Museum



Abdulnasser Gharem

Siraat (the path), 2009 Site Specific Installation (Tihama region, Saudi Arabia) and Photographic Print 2009,6033.1 British Museum



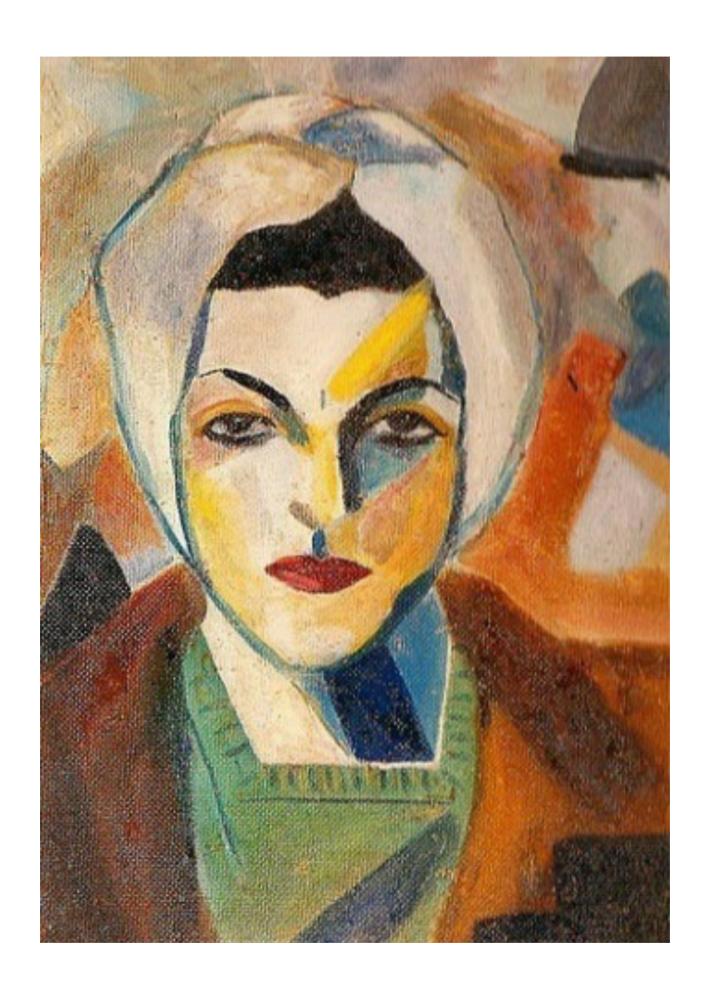
Mona Hatoum

Home, 1999 T07918 Tate



Saloua Rouda Choucair

Infinite Structures, 1963-65 T13262 Tate



Saloua Rouda Choucair

Self Portrait, 1943 Private Collection. © Saloua Rouda Choucair Foundation



El Anatsui

Man's Cloth, 2002 Af2002,10.1 British Museum. © elanatsui.art



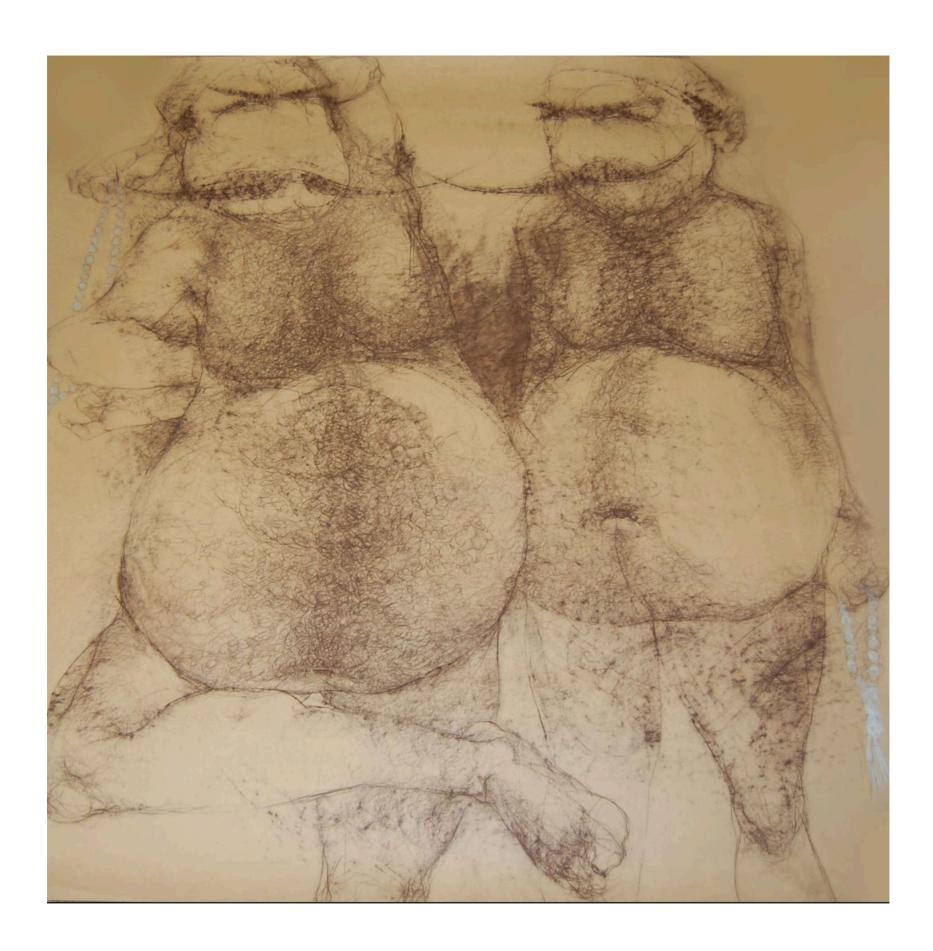
Kader Attia

Ghost, 2007 Site Specific Installation (Saatchi Gallery) Saatchi Gallery collection



Shakir Hassan Al-Said

The Peasant, 1957 Ownership Unknown. © Christie's



Monif Ajaj

Untitled Drawing, 2010 2011,6019.1 British Museum



Mahmoud Bakhshi Moakhar

Air Pollution of Iran, 2004-2006 T13191 Tate



Moataz Nasr

Object: Untitled I

Series: Insecure, 2006

2012,6036.1

British Museum



Eric Van Hove (Workshop)

Sculpture (V12 Laraki: Air Intake Manifold), 2013

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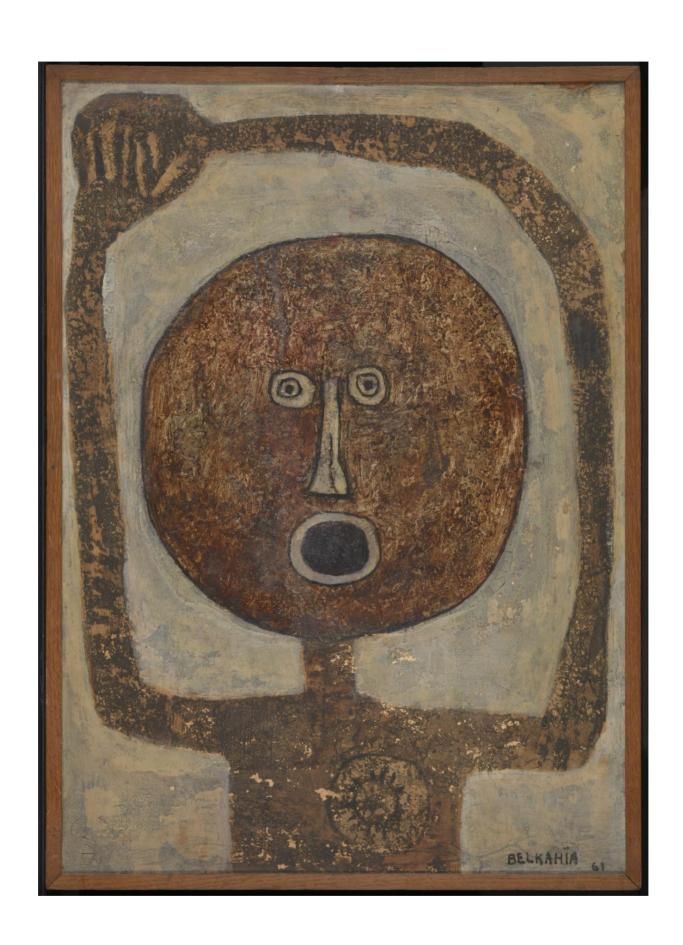
Victoria and Albert Museum



Faissal el Malak

Costume, 2017 ME.4-2019 Victoria and Albert Museum. © Faissal el Malak

Figure C.1



Farid Belkahia

Cuba Si, 1961 T14627 Tate

Figure C.2



Farid Belkahia

Tortures, 1961-62 T14628 Tate

Figure C.3



Farid Belkahia

Procession, 1986 Private Collection. © Fondation Farid Belkahia