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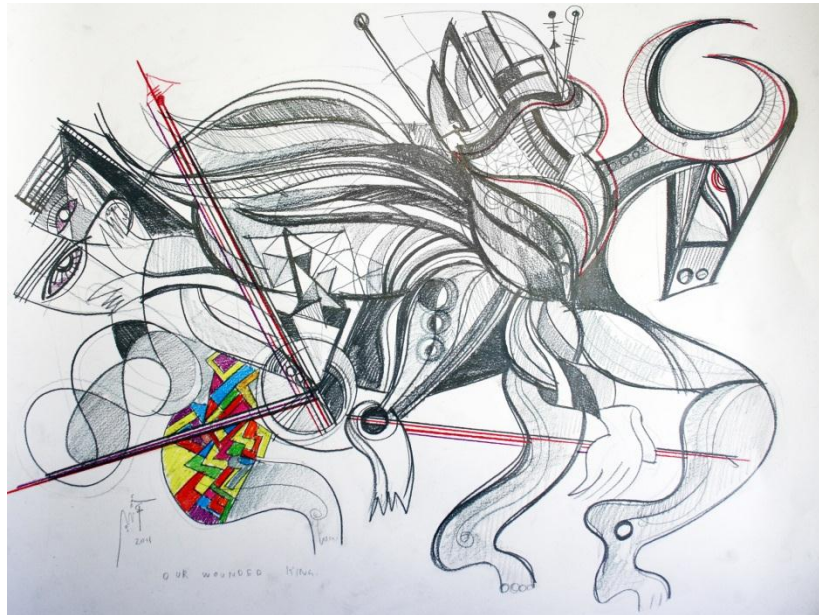
CHRISTIE'S

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**ARTISTS DONATE WORKS TO BE SOLD TO BENEFIT
THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME
AT CHRISTIE'S DUBAI SALE**

WORKS TO BE OFFERED IN PART II SALE



Athier, (Iraqi), *Wounded King*, 2011. Estimate: \$4,000-5,000

Modern and Contemporary Arab, Iranian and Turkish Art
April 17th and 18th, 2012
Sponsored by Zurich

Dubai – Seven works donated by Arab artists to be sold to benefit the World Food Programme, will be included in Christie's sale on April 18th at the Jumeirah Emirates Towers Hotel in Dubai. The group is expected to raise around \$40,000 with works given by artists from the UAE, Iraq, Kuwait, Syria and Palestine.

Hala Khayat, specialist in Arab, Iranian and Turkish art at Christie's, said: *"This is a great opportunity for us to show our support for this excellent cause and to use our international reach to raise awareness of the World Food Programme's efforts to alleviate hunger in the Middle East."*

Ashraf Hamouda, World Food Programme’s Head of Partnerships & Business Development for the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf region, said: “It is such a privilege to be able to enjoy the support, outreach and visibility of a platform like Christie’s. There is a natural bond between the love of art and the love of humanity and through this sale art becomes not only food for the soul but also food for the hungry. We are also immensely grateful to Omar Donia of Contemporary Practices Art Journal, without whom this group of works would not have been brought together.” The initiative for the sale was curated by Omar Donia as part of Contemporary Practices Art Journal’s mandate to support the WFP.

Highlights:



Sara Shamma, (Syrian)
Fighting Hunger
 200x300cm., oil on canvas, signed/dated, 2011
 Estimate: \$15,000-20,000



Steve Sabella, (Palestinian)
Cecile Elise Sabella
 60x110cm., lambda print hand stitched on canvas, 2008
 Estimate: \$3,000-4,000



Wael Darwish, (Egyptian)
Trying to convince but I refuse
 70x100cm., acrylic on canvas, 2008
 Estimate: \$2,000-3,000



Athier, (Iraqi)
Wounded King
 50x60cm., colour on paper, 2011
 Estimate: \$4,000-5,000



Lina Ogaily, (Iraqi)
Untitled
 90x90cm., acrylic on canvas, 2010
 Estimate: \$4,000-5,000



Shurooq Amin, (Kuwaiti)
Hala Feb Baby
 120x100cm.,
 acrylic and photography on canvas, 2009
 Estimate: \$8,000-12,000



Sumaya Swaidi (Emirati)
Eternal Love
 150x100cm., digital painting, 2009
 Estimate: \$3,000-4,000

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Notes to editors:

- Christie's auction of *Modern and Contemporary Arab, Iranian and Turkish Art*, sponsored by Zurich, takes place at the Jumeirah Emirates Towers Hotel on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17th & 18th, 2012
- Press Conference and Viewing: Sunday 15 April at 11.00am
- Viewing is open to the public at the Jumeirah Emirates Towers Hotel:

Sunday 15 April:	2pm to 10pm
Monday 16 April:	2pm to 10pm
Tuesday 17 April:	10am to 10pm (selected lots)
Wednesday 18 April:	10am to 12noon (selected lots)
- For catalogues and further information, please telephone +971 4425 5647

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About WFP

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide. Each year, on average, WFP feeds more than 90 million people in more than 70 countries. For more information, visit www.wfp.org

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