

PRESS RELEASE

GALLERY ISABELLE VAN DEN EYNDE
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BOOTH C08

On the occasion of its group exhibition at Abu Dhabi Art (16 – 19 November 2011) Gallery Isabelle Van Den Eynde is proud to announce that it now represents **Idris Khan** (UK), **Wim Delvoye** (BE), **Jean-Luc Moerman** (BE) and **Abdelkader Benchamma** (FR/AL).

British artist **Idris Khan** creates dynamic, multi-layered photos, employing seminal texts, musical scores, paintings or culturally-iconic photographic works, meditating on abstraction, identity and existential complexity. In 'The World Of Perception' a work created after the book by French philosopher Maurice Merleau-Ponty, **Khan** photographed every page of the book before digitally combining them into a single image. The result of this homage is a series of blurred lines of type, in which a word can occasionally be deciphered. In this dramatic context, the book can be seen in a frozen instant, simultaneously pulsing and sublimated.

French-Algerian artist **Abdelkader Benchamma** creates black monochrome drawings on paper where the artist conceives and draws states of matter, events, explosions and fusions. The drawing venture into trouble zones, hesitate between sculpture and liquefaction, between the figurative and the abstract. Two works specially conceived for the fair will be displayed.

The works of Belgian artist **Jean-Luc Moerman's** are rigorous yet fresh, meticulous but wild. Over the course of his career, he has appropriated an eclectic variety of media, from street stickers to classical art masterpieces and customised them with intricate, swirling decorative patterns. For our participation in Art Abu Dhabi, **Moerman** presents a work from his series that sees classic artworks - including some from the Orientalist movement of the early 20th century - carefully augmented and obliterated with his distinctive patterns. Proposing theories of form and appropriation, as well as subtly referencing censorship and creative integrity, **Moerman's** practice creates intriguing and absorbing new textures.

From internationally renowned Belgian artist **Wim Delvoye**, we are displaying a piece from his Gothic-style work, 'Dump Truck - scale 1/5'. Patterns are omnipresent in **Delvoye's** practice, as his works tend to marry disparate elements into unexpectedly successful juxtapositions, putting the viewer in a position of simultaneous recognition of incompatible parts. Incidentally, **Wim Delvoye** will be staging a solo exhibition at Le Louvre, Paris from April to July 2012.

As well as these additions to the IVDE family, we'll also be presenting works from existing gallery artists, **Rokni** and **Ramin Haerizadeh** and **Jeffar Khaldi**. One exceptional oil on canvas 'The Cursing King' by **Rokni Haerizadeh** articulates his typical fluidity to allegorically ridicule tyranny and people of power; a couple of small collages on paper by **Ramin Haerizadeh** demonstrating the artist's brutal dark humour while exploring the theme of self-portraits in an atmosphere of political and historical satire.

And in a preview of our forthcoming solo show by **Jeffar Khaldi** 'Throw Your Symbols on the Wall' (December 14 – January 12 2012), we will be showing works on paper, blending print techniques with spray paints, achieving a densely-textured metallic surface effect that imbue his images sourced from YouTube clips of Libyan rebels combined with scenes from the movie 'Mad Max' with an urge for fresh perspectives.

Please note that **Rokni** and **Ramin Haerizadeh** and gallery owner **Isabelle van den Eynde** will participate in ADA Conversations:
Friday 18 November, 14:00 – 15:00, Manarat Al Saadiyat - Theatre

For more information, images, artist's bios, please contact Tessa de Caters by email (tessa@ivde.net) or phone (+971 4 323 5052). The gallery is open from Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 6pm.

We look forward to welcoming you on our booth C10 in Abu Dhabi Art, Saadiyat Cultural District, UAE from the 16 to 19 November 2011. For more information, please see the fair's website: www.abudhabiartfair.ae