

Taking Shape: Abstraction from the Arab World, 1950s–1980s

Shafic Abboud

Cela fait quarante jours (It's Been Forty Days) (Portrait of Christine Abboud)

1964

Oil on canvas

28 3/4 x 36 5/8 in. (73 x 93 cm)

Note: Not on view at the Grey Art Gallery, NYU

Work ID: 26



Country: Lebanon

Shafic Abboud

Untitled

1966

Oil on canvas

31 1/2 x 39 in. (80 x 99 cm)

Note: Not on view at the Grey Art Gallery, NYU

Work ID: 36



Country: Lebanon

Shafic Abboud

La boîte à images (The Box of Images)

1975

Oil on canvas

39 3/8 x 39 3/8 in. (100 x 100 cm)

Work ID: 72



Country: Lebanon

Hamed Abdalla

Al-Tamazzuq (The Rupture)

1975

Acrylic and mixed media on canvas

34 1/4 x 28 3/4 in. (87 x 73 cm)

Work ID: 173



Country: Egypt

Yvette Achkar

Untitled

c. 1980

Oil on canvas

43 1/4 x 31 1/2 in. (110 x 80 cm)

Work ID: 183



Country: Lebanon

Etel Adnan

Autumn in Yosemite Valley

1963 - 1964

Oil on canvas

20 1/8 x 20 1/8 in. (51 x 51 cm)

Work ID: 24



Country: Lebanon

Maliheh Afnan

Mindscape

1961

Oil on canvas

44 1/8 x 44 1/8 in. (112 x 112 cm)

Work ID: 19



Country: Palestine

Malika Aguezny

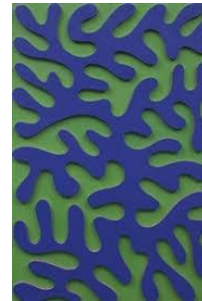
L'algue bleue (Blue Algae)

1968

Wood and acrylic on wood

39 3/8 x 25 3/4 in. (100 x 65.5 cm)

Work ID: 187



Country: Morocco

Shakir Hassan Al Said

Untitled

1963

Oil and plaster on wood

26 1/8 x 22 1/4 in. (66.5 x 56.5 cm)

Work ID: 23



Country: Iraq

Shakir Hassan Al Said

Untitled

c. 1970

Oil on wood

18 1/8 x 25 5/8 in. (46 x 65 cm)

Work ID: 54



Country: Iraq

Shakir Hassan Al Said
Al-Muntassirun (The Victorious)
1983
Mixed media on wood
48 x 39 3/4 in. (122 x 101 cm)



Work ID: 125

Country: Iraq

Dia al-Azzawi
Composition
1976
Oil on canvas
35 x 35 3/8 in. (89 x 90 cm)



Work ID: 78

Country: Iraq

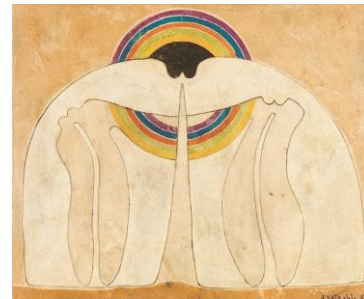
Ezequiel Baroukh
Composition
c. 1955
Oil on cardboard
18 7/8 x 10 1/4 in. (48 x 26 cm)



Work ID: 5

Country: Egypt

Farid Belkahia
Aube (Dawn)
1983
Pigment on vellum
11 3/4 x 14 1/8 in. (30 x 36 cm)



Work ID: 133

Country: Morocco

Néjib Belkhodja
Abstraction Number 45
1964
Oil on canvas
39 x 25 1/4 in. (99 x 64 cm)



Work ID: 25

Country: Tunisia

Fouad Bellamine

Untitled

1973

Mixed media on fiberboard

28 3/8 x 38 1/4 in. (72 x 97 cm)

Work ID: 65



Country: Morocco

Abdallah Benanteur

Lumière du sud (Southern Light)

1960

Oil on cardboard mounted on wood

38 5/8 x 30 3/4 in. (98 x 78 cm)

Work ID: 184



Country: Algeria

Abdallah Benanteur

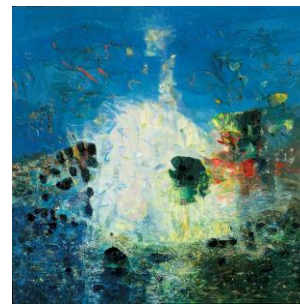
To Monet, Giverny

1983

Oil on canvas

47 1/4 x 47 1/4 in. (120 x 120 cm)

Work ID: 123



Country: Algeria

Abdallah Benanteur

The Garden of Saadi

1984

Oil on canvas

37 1/2 x 47 1/4 in. (95 x 120 cm)

Work ID: 155



Country: Algeria

Kamal Boullata

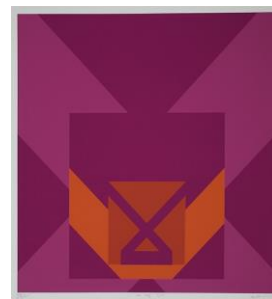
Lam Alif

1983

Silkscreen

20 1/8 x 20 1/8 in. (51 x 51 cm)

Work ID: 130



Country: Palestine

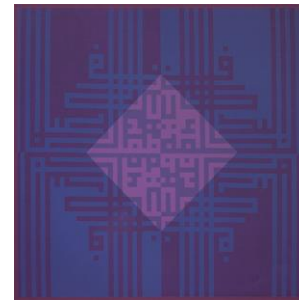
Kamal Boullata
Al-Alif wa-l-Ya
1983
Silkscreen
20 1/2 x 20 1/2 in. (52 x 52 cm)



Work ID: 131

Country: Palestine

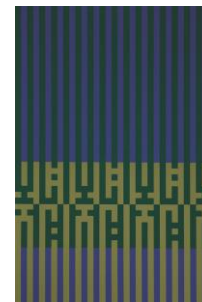
Kamal Boullata
Fi-I Bid Kan-al-Kalima (In the Beginning was The Word)
1983
Silkscreen
22 7/8 x 22 7/8 in. (58 x 58 cm)



Work ID: 129

Country: Palestine

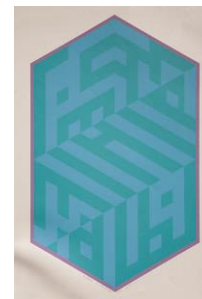
Kamal Boullata
La Ana Illa Ana (There is No 'I' But 'I')
1983
Silkscreen
23 5/8 x 15 3/4 in. (60 x 40 cm)



Work ID: 128

Country: Palestine

Kamal Boullata
Al-Zahir-al-Batin (The Manifest, The Hidden)
1983
Silkscreen
25 3/4 x 15 3/4 in. (65.5 x 40 cm)



Work ID: 132

Country: palestine

Huguette Caland
City II
1968
Oil on canvas
31 1/2 x 39 3/8 in. (80 x 100 cm)

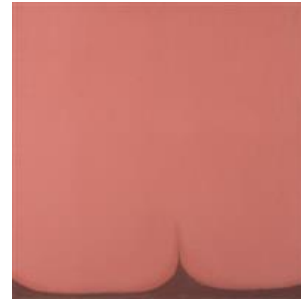


Work ID: 44

Country: Lebanon

Huguette Caland
Bribes de Corps
1971
Oil on canvas
37 3/4 x 37 3/4 in. (96 x 96 cm)

Work ID: 164



Country: Lebanon

Mohamed Chebaa
Composition
c. 1970
Wood (bas-relief)
98 3/8 x 59 in. (250 x 150 cm)

Work ID: 52



Country: Morocco

Mohamed Chebaa
Untitled
1974
Acrylic on wood
35 3/8 x 35 3/8 in. (90 x 90 cm)

Work ID: 71



Country: Morocco

Ahmed Cherkaoui
Alea
1965
Oil on jute
23 5/8 x 28 3/4 in. (60 x 73 cm)

Work ID: 34



Country: Morocco

Ahmed Cherkaoui
Les miroirs rouges (Red Mirrors)
1965
Oil on jute
9 1/4 x 11 1/4 in. (23.5 x 28.5 cm)

Work ID: 29



Country: Morocco

Saloua Raouda Choucair

Interform

1960

Wood

23 5/8 x 12 5/8 x 4 1/2 in. (60 x 32 x 11.5 cm)

Work ID: 162



Country: Lebanon

Saloua Raouda Choucair

Composition in Yellow

1962 - 1965

Oil on fiberboard

20 1/4 x 32 in. (51.4 x 81.3 cm)

Work ID: 20



Country: Lebanon

Saliba Douaihy

Untitled

c. 1960 - 1969

Oil on canvas board

19 3/8 x 23 1/2 in. (49.3 x 59.6 cm)

Work ID: 12



Country: Lebanon

Saliba Douaihy

Untitled

1963

Oil on canvas

26 x 41 3/4 in. (66 x 106 cm)

Work ID: 165



Country: Lebanon

Saliba Douaihy

Untitled

1965

Acrylic on canvas

25 1/4 x 32 1/8 in. (64 x 81.7 cm)

Work ID: 33



Country: Lebanon

Mohanna Durra

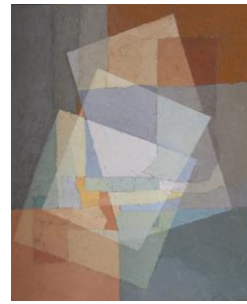
Transparency

1970

Oil on canvas

25 5/8 x 17 3/4 in. (65 x 45 cm)

Work ID: 56



Country: Jordan

Simone Fattal

Celestial Forms

1973

Oil on canvas

25 7/8 x 31 7/8 in. (65.6 x 81 cm)

Work ID: 70



Country: Syria

Asma Fayoumi

Ritha' Madina (Requiem of a City)

1968

Oil on canvas

55 x 39 3/8 in. (140 x 100 cm)

Work ID: 175



Country: Jordan

Abdel Hady el-Gazzar

The Light from Within the Green

1958

Oil, pen, and ink on paper

14 5/8 x 21 5/8 in. (37 x 55 cm)

Work ID: 9



Country: Egypt

Jilali Gharbaoui

Composition

1969

Oil on canvas

21 1/4 x 30 3/8 in. (54 x 77 cm)

Work ID: 45



Country: Morocco

Samia Halaby
Two Diagonals
1968
Oil on linen
35 x 35 in. (89 x 89 cm)

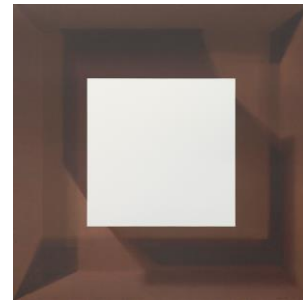
Work ID: 161



Country: Palestine

Samia Halaby
White Cube in Brown Cube
1969
Oil on canvas
48 x 48 in. (122 x 122 cm)

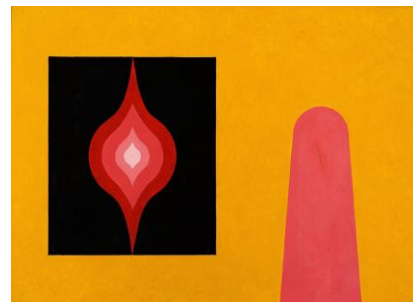
Work ID: 49



Country: Palestine

Mohamed Hamidi
Untitled
1971
Oil on wood
28 x 39 3/8 in. (71 x 100 cm)

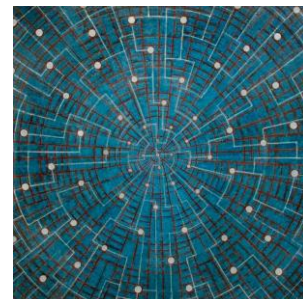
Work ID: 60



Country: Morocco

Menhat Helmy
Space Exploration / Universe
1973
Oil on canvas
48 1/2 x 48 1/2 in. (123 x 123 cm)

Work ID: 186



Country: Egypt

Adam Henein
The First Blush of Morning
1986
Gouache and gum arabic on papyrus
58 x 34 1/2 in. (148 x 88 cm)

Work ID: 140



Country: Egypt

Jafar Islah

The Void

1967

Acrylic on canvas

48 x 37 3/8 in. (122 x 95 cm)

Work ID: 38



Country: Kuwait

Jafar Islah

Untitled

1967

Acrylic on canvas

47 5/8 x 19 1/2 in. (121 x 49.5 cm)

Note: Not on view at the Grey Art Gallery, NYU

Work ID: 39



Country: Kuwait

Jafar Islah

Colors with Black and Grey

1968

Acrylic on canvas

24 3/4 x 17 3/8 in. (63 x 44 cm)

Work ID: 42



Country: Kuwait

Ibrahim Ismail

Earthquake, Agadir

1967

Oil on canvas

11 3/4 x 15 3/4 in. (30 x 40 cm)

Work ID: 37



Country: Kuwait

Saadi Al-Kaabi

Composition

1967 - 1972

Oil on canvas

26 3/4 x 37 3/8 in. (68 x 95 cm)

Work ID: 41



Country: Iraq

Munira Al-Kazi

Untitled

c. 1960 - 1965

Mixed media on canvas

54 7/8 x 54 1/2 in. (139.5 x 138.5 cm)

Work ID: 51



Country: Kuwait

Munira Al-Kazi

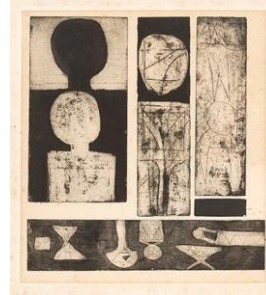
Untitled

1962

Monotype

15 x 13 3/8 in. (38 x 34 cm)

Work ID: 21



Country: Kuwait

Mohammed Khadda

Abstraction vert (Green Abstraction)

1969

Oil on canvas

21 1/4 x 17 3/4 in. (54 x 45 cm)

Work ID: 48



Country: Algeria

Mohammed Khadda

Abstraction vert sur fond orange (Green Abstraction on Orange Background)

1969

Oil on canvas

28 3/4 x 23 5/8 in. (73 x 60 cm)

Work ID: 47



Country: Algeria

Helen Khal

Untitled (Ochre over Brown)

1968

Oil on canvas

39 3/8 x 39 3/8 in. (100 x 100 cm)

Work ID: 43



Country: Lebanon

Rachid Koraïchi

Cet espace incrusté de nos destins (This Space is Inlaid with Our Destinies)

1986

Ink on clay on wood

25 5/8 x 19 1/2 in. (65 x 49.5 cm)

Work ID: 139



Country: Algeria

Rachid Koraïchi

Sans toi, ni moi ou l'hallucination nostalgique nostalgique (Without You, or Me, or the Nostalgic Hallucination)

1986

Ink on clay on wood

25 3/8 x 19 1/2 in. (64.5 x 49.5 cm)

Work ID: 138



Country: Algeria

Miloud Labied

Untitled

c. 1970 - 1979

Oil on canvas

51 1/8 x 43 1/3 in. (130 x 110 cm)

Work ID: 68



Country: Morocco

Miloud Labied

Composition

1973 - 1975

Oil on paper

18 1/2 x 13 3/8 in. (47 x 34 cm)

Work ID: 67



Country: Morocco

Hussein Madi

Untitled

c. 1960 - 1969

Acrylic on canvas

25 5/8 x 19 5/8 in. (65 x 50 cm)

Work ID: 13



Country: Lebanon

Hussein Madi

Alphabet

1973

30 etchings on cotton paper
each 11 3/4 x 9 5/8 in. (30 x 24.4 cm)



Work ID: 66

Country: Lebanon

Najat Makki

Window

1987

Henna and acrylic on paper
18 7/8 x 12 1/4 in. (48 x 31 cm)



Work ID: 151

Country: UAE

Seta Manoukian

Across the Town, from the series Bedsheets

1970

Oil on canvas
35 1/2 x 43 1/4 in. (90 x 110 cm)



Work ID: 190

Country: Lebanon

Mohamed Melehi

Composition

1970

Acrylic on wood
47 1/4 x 39 3/8 in. (120 x 100 cm)



Work ID: 53

Country: Morocco

Mohamed Melehi

Untitled

1975

Cellulose paint on wood
39 3/8 x 47 1/4 in. (100 x 120 cm)



Work ID: 74

Country: Morocco

Omar El-Nagdi

Untitled

1970

Mixed media on wood

47 x 47 in. (119.5 x 119.5 cm)

Work ID: 57



Country: Egypt

Nabil Nahas

Untitled (Kitty Hawk)

1980

Acrylic on canvas

32 1/4 x 32 1/4 in. (82 x 82 cm)

Work ID: 160



Country: Lebanon

Nabil Nahas

Untitled

1983

Acrylic on canvas

47 3/4 x 36 in. (121.3 x 91.4 cm)

Work ID: 127



Country: Lebanon

Rafa Nasiri

Untitled (Baghdad)

1975

Acrylic on canvas

35 3/8 x 35 3/8 in. (90 x 90 cm)

Work ID: 185



Country: Iraq

Rafa Nasiri

Variations of the Horizon No. 5

1979

Acrylic on canvas

51 1/8 x 42 7/8 in. (130 x 109 cm)

Work ID: 98



Country: Iraq

Hind Nasser

Ayla

1975

Oil on wood

31 1/2 x 33 1/2 in. (80 x 85 cm)

Work ID: 189



Country: Jordan

Samir Rafi

Untitled

1959

Oil on burlap

39 3/8 x 27 1/2 in. (100 x 70 cm)

Work ID: 11



Country: Egypt

Aref El Rayess

Untitled

c. 1960 - 1969

Oil on fiberboard

12 x 15 5/8 in. (31.1 x 39.7 cm)

Work ID: 15



Country: Lebanon

Ufemia Rizk

Multiple Dimensions

1979

Oil on canvas

70 7/8 x 26 3/4 in. (180 x 68 cm)

Work ID: 188



Country: Palestine

Mahmoud Sabri

Water (from the series Quantum Realism)

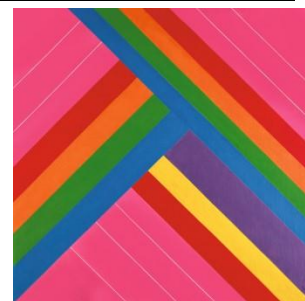
c. 1970

Oil on canvas

34 1/4 x 34 1/4 in. (87 x 87 cm)

Note: Not on view at the Grey Art Gallery, NYU

Work ID: 180



Country: Iraq

Ibrahim El-Salahi

The Last Sound

1964

Oil on canvas

47 7/8 x 47 7/8 in. (121.5 x 121.5 cm)

Work ID: 28



Country: Sudan

Juliana Seraphim

Untitled

1961

Oil on canvas

25 1/8 x 39 3/8 in. (64 x 100 cm)

Work ID: 176



Country: Lebanon/Palestine

Hassan Sharif

Black and White

1985

Oil on canvas

35 1/2 x 35 1/2 in. (90 x 90 cm)

Work ID: 157



Country: UAE

Hussein Shariffe

Dream Walkers

1959

Oil on canvas

20 1/8 x 50 in. (51 x 127 cm)

Work ID: 10



Country: Sudan

Ahmad Shibrain

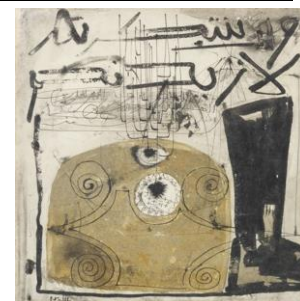
Calligraphic Compositions

c. 1960 - 1969

Mixed media on paper

14 1/8 x 14 1/8 in. (36 x 36 cm)

Work ID: 16



Country: Sudan

Ahmad Shibrain

Untitled

c. 1960 - 1969

Mixed media on paper, laid down onto fiberboard
20 7/8 x 22 7/8 in. (53 x 58 cm)

Work ID: 14



Country: Sudan

Ahmad Shibrain

Untitled

1965

Oil, ink, and watercolor on wood
22 1/2 x 22 in. (57 x 56 cm)

Work ID: 32



Country: Sudan

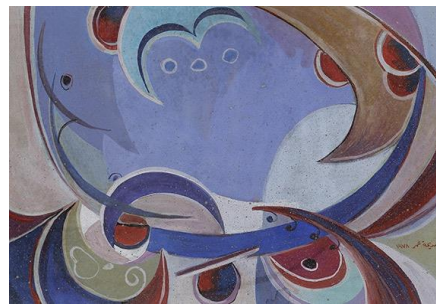
Madiha Umar

Untitled

1978

Watercolor on paper
12 1/4 x 17 3/8 in. (31 x 44 cm)

Work ID: 83



Country: Iraq

Wijdan

Untitled

1977

Oil on canvas
39 1/2 x 39 1/2 in. (100.5 x 100.5 cm)

Work ID: 191



Country: Iraq

Ramses Younan

Composition No. 3

c. 1962 - 1964

Oil on canvas
38 x 51 1/8 in. (96.5 x 130 cm)

Work ID: 159



Country: Egypt

Jassim Zaini

Untitled No. 13

1972

Oil on fiberpanel

11 3/4 x 15 3/4 in. (30 x 40 cm)

Work ID: 179



Country: Qatar

Afaf Zurayk

Human Form

1983

Oil on canvas

18 1/8 x 14 1/8 in. (46 x 36 cm)

Work ID: 177



Country: Lebanon

Afaf Zurayk

Human Form

1983

Oil on canvas

18 1/8 x 14 1/8 in. (46 x 36 cm)

Work ID: 192



Country: