

## **New Work by Rasheed Araeen & Wardha Shabbir**

Abu Dhabi Art 2021



17 - 21 October 2021

**Booth M6**

Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi

At Abu Dhabi Art 2021 (**Booth M6**), Grosvenor Gallery will be presenting new works by the artists **Rasheed Araeen** and **Wardha Shabbir**.

As part of the *In and Around Section* of the fair, **Rasheed Araeen** has been commissioned to produce a large-scale installation for the fair: *The Greatness of Allah* (2021) is a series of six unique, screen-printed canvases with abstracted calligraphy. About the work, Rasheed comments:

*"The global art world today is dominated by the art produced with the ideas originating in the West, and I don't think it would be any different in Abu Dhabi. The aim of my work in Abu Dhabi is to depart from this dominant trend and present what is 'Islamic' but also modernist. It is not a kind of mixture which is common in the Arab/Muslim world, but is an original modernist work which enunciates and celebrates the spirit of Islam. The audience of my work in Abu Dhabi should realize that there is no need for the Muslim artist to imitate or follow the West. There are enough ideas in the artistic traditions of Islam, which need not be imitated but can be reconstructed and renewed in the context of our modern world."*

Lahore based artist, **Wardha Shabbir's** new paintings are a development of ideas generated over the last few years:

*"The path continues to guide my visual research into the space around me, while I take reference from the physical markings of the world and the non-physical realm of the mind. Having used surrounding spaces as a continuity of my canvas, I have moved on to create new 'spaces' within the paintings themselves, in form of passages, enclosures and sometimes even light. I construct these maps, not just to familiarise myself with these spaces, but also subconsciously to navigate through the past and future as a means of returning to the self."*

As part of '**Beyond: Artist's Commissions**' Abu Dhabi Art will be staging an edition of Rasheed's interactive work 'Shamiyaana' at *The Cultural Foundation, Al Hosn, Abu Dhabi*. The installation will be open, and serving food from **Monday, 15 November from 12 - 2pm**.

*For details of the fair's opening hours, please see the Abu Dhabi Art website.*

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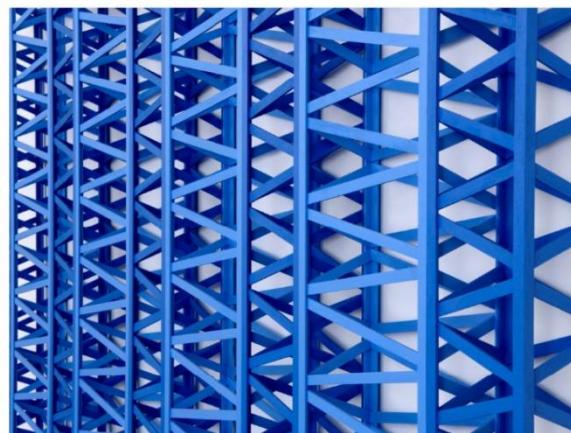
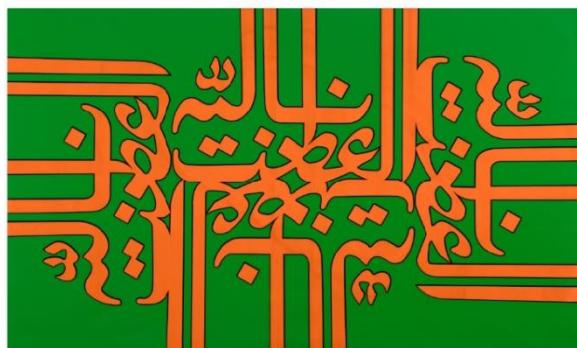
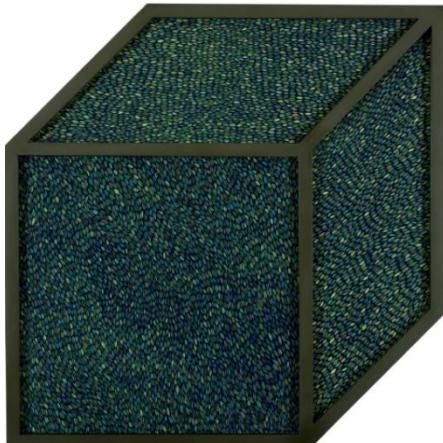
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Clockwise from top left:

Wardha Shabbir, *One World Here*, (2020)  
Wardha Shabbir, *Everyone's Experiences*, 2021 (detail)  
Rasheed Araeen, *Zig-Zag*, 1972-2021  
Rasheed Araeen, *The Greatness of Allah*, 2021 (detail)

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