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Voyage/Safar: Contemporary Works by Arab, Iranian, and Turkish Artists

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TIMELINE

- 1914-1918 First World War and the defeat of the Ottoman Empire in the Middle East.
British and French Occupation of former Ottoman provinces
- 1923-38 Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, first President of Turkey
- 1925 In Iran overthrow of Qajar dynasty and establishment of Pahlavi Dynasty under Reza Shah (r. 1925-1941)
- 1932 Proclamation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Iraq independence from Great Britain
- 1939-45 Second World War
- 1941-79 Mohammad Reza Shah, the last Pahlavi monarch, succeeds his father
- 1946 Full independence of Lebanon and Syria from France
- 1948 Establishment of the state of Israel and flight of Palestinian refugees
- 1951 Iranian Prime Minister Mossadegh nationalizes Iranian oil
- 1952 Military coup abolishes monarchy in Egypt
- 1953 A US and British backed coup removes the Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh
- 1967 War between Israel and the Arab states ends in victory for Israel and occupation of historical Palestine, including Jerusalem
- 1975 -90 Lebanese Civil War
- 1977 Inauguration of the Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art (TMOCA)
- 1979 Iranian Revolution resulting in overthrow of the Pahlavi regime and the establishment of the Islamic Republic, led by Ayatollah Khomeini
- 1980-88 Iran-Iraq War
- 1987 First Istanbul Biennial
- 1989 Ayatollah Khomeini dies and is succeeded as Supreme Leader by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei
- 1993 First Sharjah Biennial

2003	Invasion of Iraq and overthrow of the Baathist regime, led by Saddam Hussein
2009	In Iran Mahmoud Ahmadinejad re-elected president for a second term. The disputed election results in Green Movement demonstrations.
2011	The start of the Arab Spring Downfall of Egyptian President Mubarak Civil war in Syria
2013-21	Hassan Rouhani replaces Ahmadinejad as President
2014-	Recep Tayyip Erdogan serves as President of Turkey
2015	Nuclear agreement between Iran and the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, Germany and the EU
2018	President Trump withdraws from the nuclear deal

TERMINOLOGY

Calligraphy: Beautiful handwriting

Khosh nevisi: Beautiful handwriting in Persian

Naghashi khatt: Calligraphic modernism or textual abstraction in Persian

Chador: The head- to-toe veil worn by a certain segment of Iranian women

Hannoun: Poppies in the Palestinian dialect. They are associated with the memory of freedom fighters.

Kaaba: Cube in Arabic. Building located near the center of the Great Mosque in Mecca. Muslims orient themselves toward this shrine during the five daily prayers and circle it during the hajj or the holy pilgrimage.

Mecca: Holy city in Saudi Arabia and birthplace of the Prophet Muhammad

Mesopotamia: Historical region between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. It occupies mostly present-day Iraq.

Ottoman Empire: Created by Turkish tribes in Anatolia that grew to be one of the most powerful states in the world. It controlled much of Southeastern Europe, Western Asia and Northern Africa and spanned more than 600 years, coming to an end in 1922

Persia: How Iran was referred to since ancient times until 1935, when Reza Shah Pahlavi (r. 1925-1941) instructed all foreign governments to use "Iran" – meaning the land of Aryans (at the time a loaded and strategic identity).

Sufism: Mystic branch of Islam

ARTISTS

Adel Abidin (b. 1973)

Morteza Ahmadvand (b. 1982)

Afuz Amighi (b. 1974)

Jananne Al-Ani (b. 1966)

Shirin Aliabadi (1973-2018)

Ghada Amer (b. 1963)

Nazgol Ansarinia (b. 1979)

Kutlug Ataman (b. 1961)

Ayman Baalbaki (b. 1975)

Ali Banisadr (b. 1976)

Taysir Batniji (b. 1966)

Kazem Chalipa (b. 1957)

Mohammed Ehsai (b. 1939)

Ayse Erkmen (b. 1949)

Chohreh Feyzdjou (1955-1996)
Bita Fayyazi (b. 1962)
Parastou Forouhar (b. 1962)
Barbad Golshiri (b. 1982)
Khosrow Hassanzadeh (b. 1963)
Mona Hatoum (b. 1962)
Shirazeh Houshiary (b. 1955)
Raafat Ishak (b. 1967)
Y.Z. Kami (b. 1956)
Ahmed Mater (b. 1979)
Farhad Moshiri (b. 1963)
Shirin Neshat (b. 1957)
Füsün Onur (b. 1938)
Walid Raad (b. 1967)

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