

Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed visits 'Portrait of a Nation II: Beyond Narratives' exhibition



ABU DHABI, 14th April, 2022 (WAM) -- H.H. Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed, Member of Abu Dhabi Executive Council and Chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive Office, has visited the 'Portrait of a Nation II: Beyond Narratives' exhibition, which is being held at Manarat al Saadiyat in Abu Dhabi, as part of the Abu Dhabi Festival.

During the visit, Sheikh Khaled met with exhibition organisers from the Abu Dhabi Music and Arts Foundation (ADMAF), and discussed works by artists who have contributed to the dynamic growth of the UAE's rich artistic landscape.

Huda Ibrahim Alkhamis-Kanoo, Founder of ADMAF, Artistic Director of Abu Dhabi Festival, said, "This exhibition brings us together to witness the UAE's boundless creative energy. Organised as part of the 2022 Abu Dhabi Festival, held under the theme 'Crafting the Emirates State of Mind: Creation, Innovation and Joy', the exhibition is an embodiment of the UAE's cultural milestones.

"With more than 62 artists and 100 works of art, including 15 special commissions debuting for the first time, 'Portrait of a Nation II' is an unprecedented celebration of 50 years of visual art in the emirates. It is truly inspiring to see our country's timeless story of creativity and collaboration told by the artists who have given it life."

The 'Portrait of a Nation II' exhibition presents a unique collection of artworks never before displayed together, that traces the UAE's visual art history over half a century. Represented artists include Abdul Qader Al Rais, Hassan Sharif and Hussein Sharif, Najat Makki, Mohammed Kazem, and Mohamed Ahmed Ibrahim. A dedicated section of the exhibition honours the late artist Christo and his partner Jeanne-Claude, who played a pivotal role in nurturing young artists and supporting creative talent in the UAE and beyond.

Alongside the paintings, photography, 3D installations and audio-visual works, a series of talks, workshops and performances centred around the exhibition are also taking place.