

PRESS RELEASE

TA.DH.AM: A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION FROM YEMEN IN JORDAN

"ta.dh.am" is an initiative of the Goethe-Institut to showcase art production of Yemeni artists. Through the cultural development work of the Goethe-Institut in Yemen, the Yemeni art scene is made accessible to audiences in Jordan through a group photography exhibition opening on May 4, 2023, at 6 pm and will run through the end of May as part of the Image Festival Amman at Zara Expo in Amman.

The exhibition takes *ta.dh.am* (تَضَام), an Arabic word that poetically stands for holding on to each other, coming together - the embrace as its point of departure. A term that for its people ushers towards the feelings of longing in a country currently shattered by war and humanitarian crises, where the very word "peace" has become highly sensitive. Beyond the everyday community gestures and expressions of cohesion-what stories can be narrated?

ta.dh.am celebrates the works of the five Yemeni artists, Abeer Aref, Somaya Samawi, Mohammed Abdulkhaleq, Sadiq Al-Harasi and Al-Baraa Al-Sameai who together showcased a photo series that innovatively interpreted the meaning of "tadham" and visualized it in an intimate and personal way.

Abeer and Somaya take a personal and poetic perspective as they expand on the family as an expression of cohesion, gestures of collective care as an expression of community connectedness. Each photo series showcases the beauty of Yemeni society and its people in various situations of the everyday and the extraordinary. Mohammed offers a unique insight into cultural heritage through his photography of Yemeni traditional architecture. While both Sadiq and Al-Baraa emphasize our relationship with particular landscapes through photography, and the feelings these environments hold for us.

The exhibition opens as part of the 11th edition of the Image Festival following its first exhibition in Berlin, Germany in December 2022.

More Information:

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Goethe-Institut Jordan

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