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**Rhythms of a Different Time**

**Toufic Abdul-Al**

25 June – 31 July 2018

Opening on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

Media Tour: 5:00 PM

*Rhythms of a Different Time*, the first retrospectives of the drawings, paintings, sculptures as well as highlights of poetic writings of the late Palestinian artist Toufic Abdul-Al will be on view at Dar El-Nimer for Arts and Culture on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2018.

Born in Acre in 1938, Toufic Abdul-Al belongs to the first generation of modern Palestinian artists. His work is distinguished through his visual culture and freedom of expression.

Abdul-Al was known for bringing together in his repertoire drawings, sculptures and paintings. His artwork does not belong to any particular school, but it portrays different artistic experiences of successive schools, such as the eastern and western schools.

His forced exile from Acre increased his fascination and bond with his childhood days, which inspired most of his works. As Monet's garden was an essential characteristic in his works, Abdul-Al's memory was the source that inspired most of his repertoire, which included the themes of fishing, nature, family, women, horses and knights. Abdul-Al also chose to chronicle the suffering of his homeland, family and people, especially in the numerous black and white sketches, which were published in many newspapers, magazines and posters.

The presence of spaces and abstract compositions, which can be regarded as a complete painting within a painting is a common feature of his work.

*Rhythms of a Different Time* aims to present a new narrative in the works of Toufic Abdul-Al, by showcasing the core of his art and connecting it to its origin, through a collection of video installations shot in Acre and Beirut.

The exhibition is curated by Nasser Soumi and runs between June 25<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

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