

Aboud Salmaan, Women of Euphrates Series, 2022, Acrylic on Canvas

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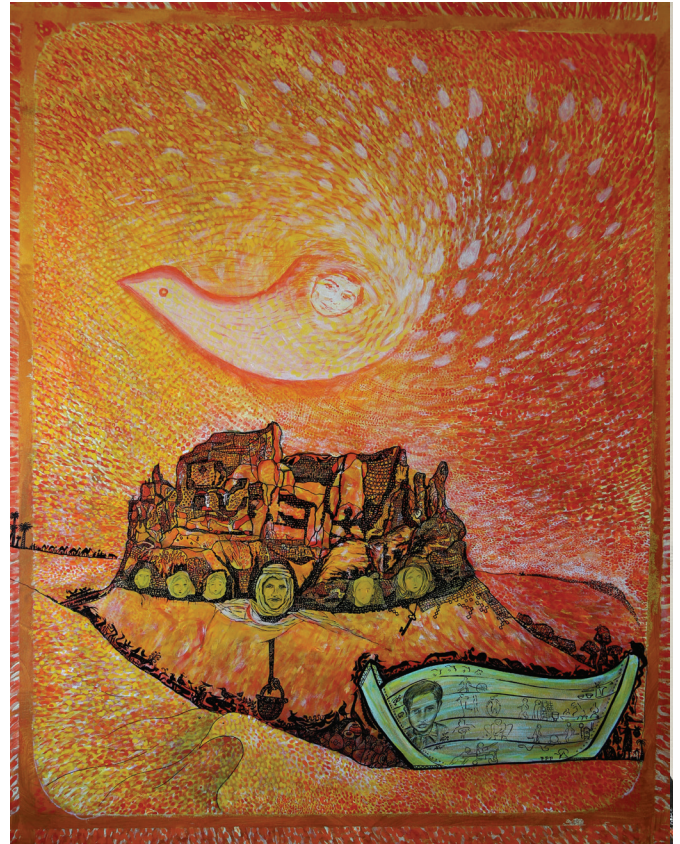
February 16, 2023 - May 21, 2023

The Euphrates storyteller exhibition explores the life and experiences of the Aboud Salman as a refugee artist. It tells the artist's tale of displacement, from his struggles and experiences amidst political turmoil and war in his home city of Al Mayadin, Syria, to his quest for peace miles away in Canada. Through a series of drawings, paintings, videos, and fabrics, the exhibition showcases a body of works that are both a personal portrayal of the artist's life, and simultaneously a visual exploration of traditional Syrian folk art and its cultural and historical symbols.

Aboud Salman's career as a painter, plastic artist, educator, and writer has spanned more than three decades. Aboud has exhibited his art in 15 countries across Europe and the Middle East. He had a successful studio in his hometown Al Mayadin, Syria, where he lived with his wife Soaad and four sons and taught art to high school students. Soon after the Syria war started ISIS took control of his town. Aboud's studio was bombed and much of his art destroyed. He also received death threats and in 2012 was forced to leave his family, town, country, and art behind.

On November 23, 2017 Aboud and his family arrived as refugees in Edmonton. Since his arrival in Edmonton, Aboud has been working to re-establish himself as a professional artist.

Co-curated by Manar Abo Touk and Mohsen Ahi Andy.



Aboud Salman, *Al Mayadin*, Acrylic on Canvas, 2020.

"My paintings are a window for everything that I think and live."

- Aboud Salman

SHARING THE ART EXPERIENCE

The Art Gallery of Grande Prairie's educational programs aspire to be comprehensive and inclusive of all community members. Our goal is to provide access to contemporary and historical visual arts for all, regardless of age, mobility and financial capacity. Unique programs serve as a flagship for the Art Gallery as they provide context and meaning to viewers and enable them to understand art forms from a personalized perspective.

FACILITATING THE ART EXPERIENCE

Engaging with the works in AGGP's current exhibitions, students practice careful observation skills and learn about interpreting a work of art. Interactive activities in response to the exhibition in the gallery space are often part of an Art Gallery visit. Hands-on take-home projects are a great way to ground and enhance student's own art experience. Principles and elements of design are emphasized and integrated in AGGP's educational programming.

Option 1: 1 Hour Program

Groups who spend one hour at the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie often combine visiting the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie and the Grande Prairie Public Library at the same time. It is particularly beneficial when two groups from one organization visits the Montrose Cultural Centre at once because they can alternate between both institutions: while one group enjoys a tour of the Library, the other group appreciates the art showcased at the Art Gallery. That way they learn about two important community resources at the same time!

Cost: Free

To reserve an elementary library tour, please e-mail info@gppl.ca or call the Information Desk at (780) 357-7435. The Library information desk will be able to direct your request to their coordinator.



Option 2: 1.5 Hour Program

This is the minimum time to combine a facilitated tour with a take-home hands-on art project inspired by current exhibitions.

Hands-on art projects emphasize a contemporary mixed-media approach. The projects are age-appropriate and based on the principles and elements of art and design. These experiential components allow for student's own experience of the exhibitions to be enhanced and grounded.

Cost: Free

Option 3: 2 Hour Program

This program is similar as 1.5 hour interpretive program. It, however, allows for more time to complete the artworks or to see another exhibition. This program concludes with an appreciation of the artworks students have created in response to one of Art Gallery of Grande Prairie's current exhibitions.

Cost: Free



Option 4: Integrated Arts Retreat

Enjoy the day with your students at the Art Gallery. This custom-designed educational initiative allows for an extraordinary experience of making and sharing art in a nurturing environment. Engagement with our current exhibitions and take-home hands-on art projects are included as suitable to your group. Duration: All day, as agreed with Art Gallery of Grande Prairie's Learning Department.

Cost: \$ 60 per group

Includes all art material and facilitation costs.

Max. of 20 students per group.

Please Note: 1 (teacher/adult) : 10 (student) ratio is required for all School and Community Groups visiting the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie.

The Carlstrom Family Green Space

The Green Space is an interactive gallery and self-directed studio space where visitors can enjoy responding to the Art Gallery's exhibitions through free, self-directed art projects that are designed to encourage reflection, creativity and inspiration.

The Art Gallery of Grande Prairie (AGGP) has received a generous donation and long-term commitment dedicated to The Green Space from the Carlstrom family of Grande Prairie. In December 2014, the space was renamed The Carlstrom Family Green Space.

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These programs are all generously supported by ATB Financial. Without their generosity we would not be able to provide such excellent programming. Thank You ATB!



Contact Us

Whether you wish to book a guided or self-guided tour or a facilitated art program, please e-mail sabine@aggp.ca or call Sabine Schneider at (780) 357-7487 and provide us with the following information:

- Organization's name
- Contact person's e-mail and phone number
- Requested date, time and duration of your visit
- Alternative date and time of your visit
- Number of visitors in your group
- Please specify grade level or age of your group members if you are coming with a school or community group under the age of 18.

Information on the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie's current exhibitions and upcoming events can be found on our website and Facebook page.

FREE ADMISSION

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HOURS

Sunday	1 pm – 5 pm
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10 am – 6 pm
Wednesday	10 am – 6 pm
Thursday	10 am – 9 pm
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Saturday	10 am – 5 pm
Holidays	Closed

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