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## **‘Saudi Seen’: a new generation of image-makers presents the Kingdom in all its diversity**

- **The photography exhibition takes place at Project Space Art Jameel, Dubai, and builds on Art Jameel’s longstanding interest in nurturing photography in Saudi Arabia**
- **‘Saudi Seen’ coincides with GPP Photo Week 2018, taking place at Alserkal Avenue and across Dubai**

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates | January 15, 2018** – Art Jameel, an organisation that supports artists and creative communities in the Middle East and beyond, presents ‘Saudi Seen’, a new photographic exhibition at Project Space Art Jameel, located in Alserkal Avenue. The exhibition runs until February 13 and is organised by Art Jameel’s curatorial teams in Dubai and Jeddah, advised by renowned photographer and artist **Ahmed Mater**.

‘Saudi Seen’ presents myriad works ranging from intimate vignettes detailing women’s narratives by **Iman Al-Dabbagh** and **Tasneem Alsultan** to commanding images of Saudi landscapes by **Adriano Pimenta**, **Akram Alamoudi** and **Moath Alofi**; **Filwa Nazer**’s nostalgic photo collages derived from 1980s childhood pictures contrast with explorations of the quotidian by **Bader Awwad Albalawi**, **Kholood Saleh Al-Bakr**, **Majid Angawi** and **Sami Altokhais**.

The exhibition shares a diversity of views from the inside captured by a new generation of image-makers, and is accompanied by a commissioned catalogue essay by writer and academic **Maha al-Senan**, who specialises in modern and contemporary Saudi art and heritage.

Commenting on ‘Saudi Seen’, **Antonia Carver**, Director of Art Jameel said, “Aware of the popularity and diversity of image-making in Saudi Arabia, and the leading role played by some of the Kingdom’s best-known artists, Art Jameel has long nurtured the photography scene via awards, workshops and exhibitions. We’re delighted now to present works by these ten dynamic, highly individual artists at our Project Space in Dubai: all are welcome to visit and to celebrate photographic practice with us, through the exhibition’s run and during GPP Photo Week in February.”

This exhibition builds on Art Jameel’s programmes that offer opportunities to upcoming photographic talent, including the **Art Jameel Photography Award** that welcomed more than 3000 participants between 2010 and 2016. The Award has since evolved into **Photography Jameel**, a year-round programme featuring workshops, portfolio reviews, talks and more, all



aimed at providing photographers and artists with the chance to share experiences and techniques, plus access to expertise and networks.

'Saudi Scene' is free and open to the public from 10 am until 6pm daily (except Fridays), with exceptional weekend timings during the weekend of Alserkal Avenue's Quoz Fest (January 26-27) and GPP Photo Week (February 7-12, 2018).

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### **About Art Jameel**

Art Jameel supports artists and creative communities. Current initiatives include running heritage institutes and restoration programmes, plus a broad range of arts and educational initiatives for all ages. The organisation's programmes foster the role of the arts in building open, connected communities; at a time of flux and dramatic societal shifts, this role is understood as more crucial than ever.

Art Jameel's model is collaborative: major institutional partners include the Victoria & Albert Museum, the Prince's School of Traditional Arts and the Metropolitan Museum of Art; locally, the organisation works with individuals and organisations to develop innovative programming that embraces both ancient and new technologies, and encourages entrepreneurship and the development of cultural networks.

Winter 2018 will mark the opening of the Jameel Arts Centre in Dubai, one of the first not-for-profit contemporary arts institutions in the city.

Art Jameel is positioned alongside Community Jameel, and complements its sister organisation's work in promoting positive social change, job creation and poverty alleviation across the Middle East, North Africa and Turkey.

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