



MASSACHUSETTS

21 september - 4 january 2009
museum of fine arts, boston
'art and empire: treasures from
assyria in the british museum'

From the ninth to the seventh centuries BC, the Assyrians emerged as the dominant power in the Near East, controlling all of present-day Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel and Egypt, as well as large parts of Turkey and Iran. It was the largest empire known until that time. In northern Iraq, the kings built splendid palaces, their gates flanked by colossal human-headed bulls and lions, their walls lined with great stone slabs intricately carved in relief. In the 1840s and 1850s, French and British explorers dug up the palaces, revealing their glory. This exhibition brings together priceless treasures such as military dress and equipment, carved ivories, furniture fittings, omen texts, clay tablets and much more.

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NEW YORK

3 - 8 october
the park avenue armoury
'contemporary syria' at the
international art and design fair

This occasion marks the first time a Syrian gallery is participating in the International Art and Design Fair - organised by UK-based Houghton International Art Fairs, who recently launched 'Art and Antiques Dubai' in the UAE. Bringing a collection of top Syrian artists, Ayyam Gallery will display established names such as Ammar Al-Beik, Fadi Yazigi, Safwan Dahoul, Asaad Arabi, Khaled Takreti, Youssef Abdelke, Mouner Al-Shaarani, Thaier Helal and New York-based Palestinian artist Samia Halaby. The International Art and Design Fair will kick off with its Opening Night Preview Party on 2 October, held in benefit of The Bard Graduate Centre for Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design and Culture.

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NEW YORK

16 october - 6 november
mark hachem gallery
'contemporary syria'

Damascus-based Ayyam Gallery is unstoppable, with a new gallery recently opened in Dubai and now a special exhibition at New York-based Mark Hachem Gallery. Showcasing top Contemporary Syrian art by both established and emerging artists, Mark Hachem's exhibition will concentrate on young artists, some of whom include Mohannad Orabi, Nihad Al-Turk, Walid El-Masri, Mouteea Murad, Yasser Safi and Abdul Karim Majdal Al-Beik. While the Mark Hachem gallery is known for its strong reputation as an art consultant to public institutions as well as to corporate and private collections, it is hoped that 'Contemporary Syria' will allow US audiences to experience the variety of Contemporary Syrian art.

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