## Shahrzad Ghaffari

15 January—15 February 2014

JAMM Art Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of Shahrzad Ghaffari's first solo exhibition in Dubai.

Inspired by Iranian poet, Rumi, Ghaffari's paintings map abstract journeys through the complexities of love, emotion and spiritual conflict. The surfaces of her works are layered with history, poetry and shadows of the everlasting distilled onto canvas.

Influenced by the Persian literature and calligraphy, Ghaffari skilfully turns language and poem into form and composition. She creates a singular form of expression that profoundly connects to Persian roots and culture and sweeps new vibrant power through classic meaning. The artist combines daring colours and stripes on canvas and creates a primal energy, relief and triumph as the painting seduces the viewer to stand witness to the blissful flight of the soul.

Through the instant and mesmerising appeal of her work, the viewer can enter the world of enlightenment and spiritual ecstasy. Each unique experience is at once personal and universal.

Shahrzad Ghaffari, was born in Tehran in 1972. As a member of the Ghaffari family, who has nurtured many renowned Iranian masters such as Sani-ol-Molk and Kamal-ol-Molk Ghaffari, Shahrzad continues a family tradition that spans more than 150 years. She became intrigued and serious about painting at a very young age and after grasping the fundamentals of sketching and painting under various traditional and contemporary masters, she pursued graphic design at the Faculty of Arts at Tehran Azad University. Ghaffari has held solo exhibitions in Tehran, Paris and London.

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Opening hours: Saturday–Thursday, 10 am–6 pm

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