

Meet artists and discover more at the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi exhibition



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An interactive evening of performances drawing on poetry, music, and theatre and based on the themes explored in the current Guggenheim Abu Dhabi exhibition, *The Creative Act: Performance, Process, Presence* will take place today.

The event called *Do Art, Do It Now!* will consist of a series of performances that mirror the working methods of the Dubai-based trio of artists Ramin and Rokni Haerizadeh and Hesam Rahmanian who created a large, multi-faceted installation for the exhibition.

The artists will be in attendance and inviting the audience to join them in the Living Room to surf YouTube videos that acted as sources for images and ideas for their installation.

The audience also be invited to select a historic event score and assume the role of the artist by enacting it as they see fit. There will also be readings from Yasmina Reza's play *Art* (1994), a comedy that raises questions about modern art and emphasises that art is open to many different interpretations.

There will be music and a fashion show consisting of eccentric wearable art, spoken word performances and several other interactive experiences.

Maisa Al Qassimi, Programmes Manager, Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority said: "The *Do Art, Do It Now!* Programme celebrates creativity and the value of fun, humour, and participation, elevating the transcultural perspectives between defining aspects of contemporary art highlighted in *The Creative Act* exhibition. The events throughout the evening are designed to foster creativity, allow visitors to view and explore various mediums and discover different avenues of creativity to engage with, and provide them with invaluable and unpredictable experiences in visual art, theatre, fashion, poetry and music. We encourage everyone who is visiting to take part and truly explore the themes of performance, process and presence."

* *Do Art, Do It Now!* will take place in Manarat al Saadiyat on Thursday, May 18, starting at 4pm and running all evening.