

Poetic visions on canvas

The works of artist Rafa Nasiri will be exhibited at the Green Art Gallery from February 8 to 18. The gallery timings are 9.30am to 1.30pm and 4.30 to 8.30pm.

Rafa Nasiri was born in 1940, and studied art during 1956-1959 at the Institute of Fine Arts in Baghdad. Nasiri went to China in 1959 and was there until 1963 when he studied in the Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing to study Graphic Art.

He then went on to earn a scholarship from the Gulbenkian Foundation to attend The Gravura in Lisbon until 1969.

Nature for Nasiri has always been a source of motivation. Having been educated in China, he does what the Chinese do: working like nature rather than merely imitating it.

Nasiri's vision has been called the poetic vision — "his works do not explain, they show. They are."

His works are also known for the emphatic role of colours. They are figurative as well as aesthetic and are not mere complementary elements.



Colours of Iran

The creative works of three Iranian artists will be on display at the Dubai International Art Centre from today until February 10.

Mehdi Mohammad Alizadeh is a member of the Society of Iranian Painters and has received prizes for his works in flower and nature in Iranian paintings.

Mostafa Mehdizadeh has been the chairman of the Art Creation



Centre in Iran and also the headmaster of the Iran Calligraphy Association. He is now working on the calligraphy book *Golshan-E-Raz*.

Amir Hussain Amir Jalali paints in a surreal style and his works will also be available for viewing.

The Dubai International Art Centre is located off Jumeirah Beach Road next to the Mercato mall. Exhibition timings are 6pm to 9pm on February 6 and 9am to 9pm from February 7 to 10.