



Yamou *Working from Life*

28/09/12—16/11/12

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Artist biography

Abderrahim Yamou was born in Casablanca in 1959. He left Morocco to study biology in France, before changing to sociology with a focus on researching contemporary Moroccan art. He gave up his studies to become a self-taught artist, working in both painting and sculpture. He has exhibited widely in group and solo shows throughout Europe and North Africa. Yamou is based between Paris and Marrakech.

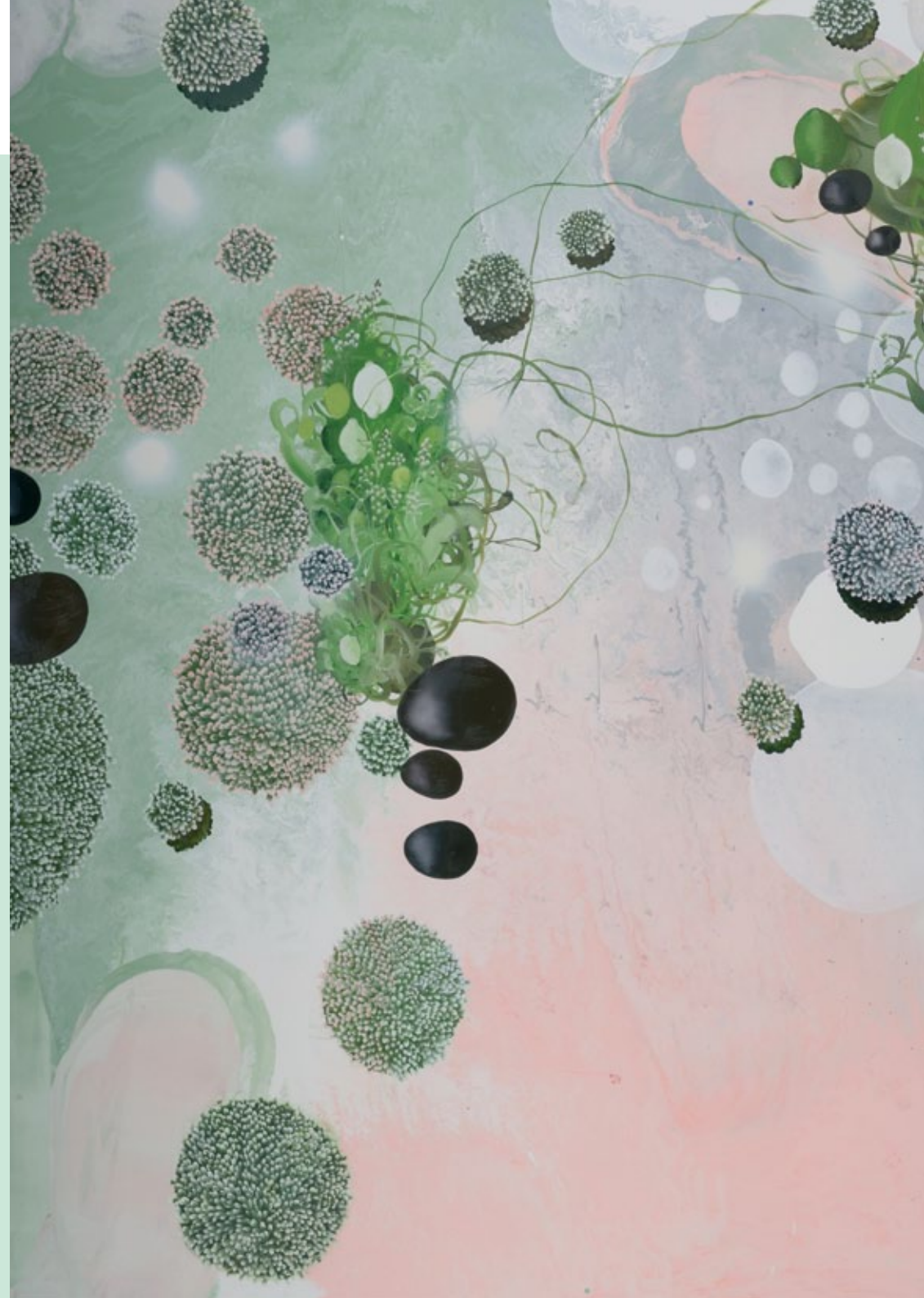
Exhibition dates

28 September-16 November 2012

Tues-Sat 11am-6pm, FREE

Artist's talk: Saturday 20 October, 12pm

Special Sunday opening: Sunday 11 November, 12-5pm





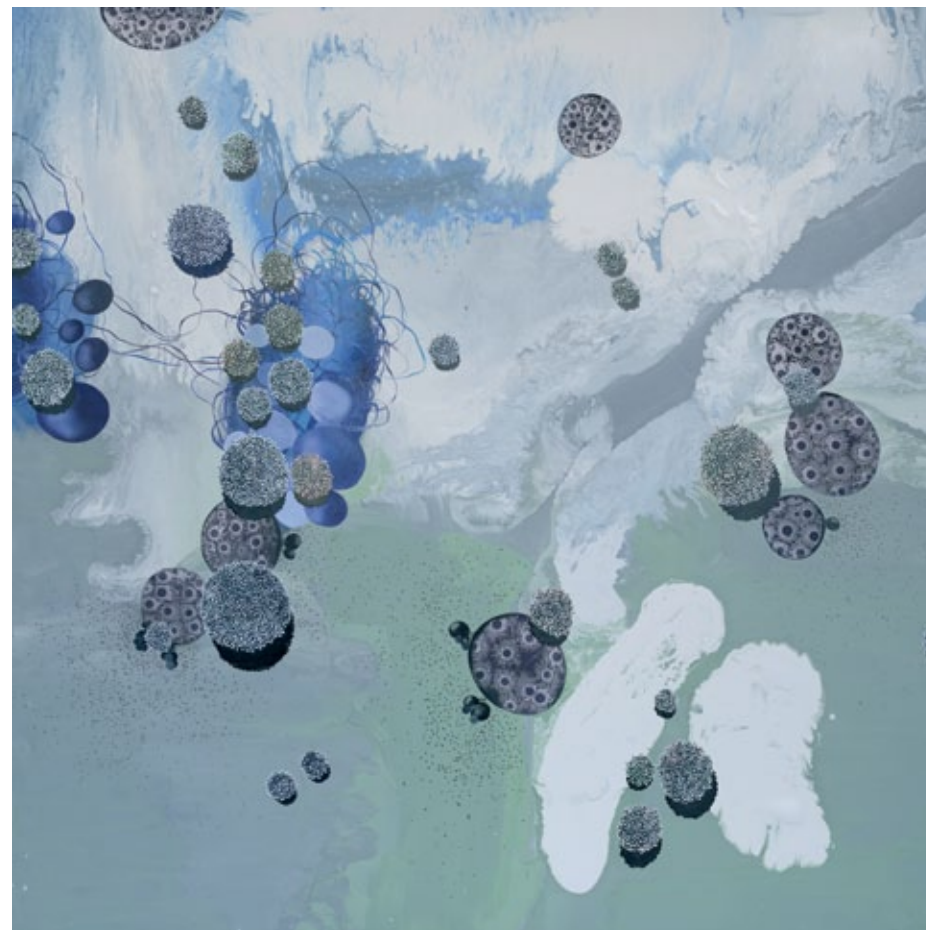
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The Mosaic Rooms is delighted to present *Working From Life*, an exhibition by one of the leading contemporary Moroccan artists Abderrahim Yamou. This exhibition will feature new and recent paintings from the *Inside* and *Gène Bleu* series.

Yamou's paintings are inspired by the organic processes of the natural world, by continuity and change, and by the tensions and instabilities between these two states. Beneath the surface of his exquisite paintings, produced in both large and small scale, there is also an underlying sense of disquiet.

'In my work', writes the artist, 'the obvious formal reference to biology or to botany is the sign of a constant will to probe the living and to paint the energy necessary for the creation of life itself. The world of plants — an endless source of new forms — is a fertile metaphor of our human interactions and aspirations.'

In these paintings Yamou appears to capture a frozen moment, yet he also manages to suggest potential forms and spaces, which grow, move, evolve and mutate.



Cover ***Le Bouquet de la Mariée 2 (detail)***, 2012
Oil on canvas, 156 x 114cm

Left ***Les Amas Jaunes***, 2012
Oil on canvas, 200 x 200cm

Above ***Respiration Cellulaire 3***, 2012
Oil on canvas, 200 x 200cm

Autumn Events at The Mosaic Rooms

VISUAL ARTS

Art and Botany: Abderrahim Yamou in conversation with Dr Wolfgang Stuppy
Saturday 20 October, 12pm
FREE rsvp@mosaicrooms.org

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Book Launch: The Far Right in Britain and the USA
Thursday 13 September, 7pm
FREE rsvp@mosaicrooms.org

BOOKS

99 Words for Peace
Thursday 20 September, 7pm
Tickets £10/£8, all proceeds to Peace Direct, rsvp@mosaicrooms.org

Crime of Honour: A reading from a play by Etel Adnan
Friday 21 September, 7pm
Tickets £10, rsvp@mosaicrooms.org

Sudanese poetry evening: Al-Saddiq Al-Raddi
Thursday 18 October, 7pm
FREE rsvp@mosaicrooms.org

Guy Mannes-Abbott: In Ramallah, Running
Thursday 25 October, 7pm
FREE rsvp@mosaicrooms.org

Poetry reading by Ghassan Zaqtan, with Fadi Joudah
Thursday 1 November, 7pm
FREE rsvp@mosaicrooms.org

Ibrahim Nasrallah: Time of White Horses
Tuesday 13 November, 7pm
FREE rsvp@mosaicrooms.org

FILM

New and recent short films from Kuwait
Wednesday 3 October, 7pm
Tickets £5, buy online or on the door

Part II of Naguib Mahfouz Film Season
Wednesday 7—Friday 9 November, 7pm
Tickets £5, buy online or on the door

MUSIC

Music Stage Contemporary Arabic Classical Music Recital
Saturday 6 October, 7pm

FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Youssef Hbeisch and Ahmad Al Khatib in concert with John Williams
Tuesday 23 October, 7.30pm
In aid of Gaza Music School & Beit Almusica, tickets £35/£25/£20 available from www.cadoganhall.com

Live Iranian Hyperelectrosonix Recital
Friday 16 November, 7pm
Tickets £7, buy online or on the door

FOOD

The Mosaic Rooms Supper Club with Sarah al-Hamad
Thursday 11 October, 6.30–10.30pm
Tickets £40 for three course meal with wine, buy online

The Mosaic Rooms Supper Club with Lamees Ibrahim
Saturday 27 October 11am–3pm
Tickets £40 for three course meal with special drinks, buy online

All online tickets can be purchased at www.wegotickets.com/themosaicrooms

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VISIT

The Mosaic Rooms
226 Cromwell Road
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www.mosaicrooms.org

Nearest Underground station: Earl's Court, Earl's Court Road exit

Buses: 74, 328, C1, C3

Parking: One disabled parking space is available by prior arrangement; parking meters are available in Lexham Gardens behind the building.

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