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Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation and Gulf Capital Announces Call for Entries to Award Outstanding Artistic Achievement at the Abu Dhabi Festival 2019

Winning entries of The Gulf Capital – ADMAF Creativity Award and The Gulf Capital – Abu Dhabi Festival Visual Arts Award stand a chance to receive a cash prize of AED10,000, with winning artworks being unveiled at Emirates Palace

Deadline to submit applications for The Gulf Capital – ADMAF Creativity Award is 31st January 2019

(Abu Dhabi, UAE: 20 January 2019): Encouraging opportunities within the country’s growing creative and cultural industries, the Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation (ADMAF) invites Emirati artists and visual arts practitioners to submit their entries for **The Gulf Capital – Abu Dhabi Festival Visual Arts Award** and **The Gulf Capital – ADMAF Creativity Award** as part of the Abu Dhabi Festival 2019. The prestigious awards aim to shine a light on the country’s creative young talent by awarding the winners with AED10,000 and exhibiting their work at this and next year’s Abu Dhabi Festival.

Dr. Karim El Solh, Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Capital, said: “Gulf Capital is proud to be supporting Emirati talent through our long-term partnership with ADMAF. Every year, the Gulf Capital – Abu Dhabi Festival Visual Arts Award and the Gulf Capital – ADMAF Creativity Award attract exceptional entries from young and talented Emiratis. The awards recognise and celebrate the most gifted Emirati artists in the country.”

The Gulf Capital – Abu Dhabi Festival Visual Arts Award 2019 is an opportunity for Emirati visual arts students and emerging arts practitioners (undergraduates, postgraduates and recent graduates) to respond to the significant works in this year’s landmark Abu Dhabi Festival exhibition, *Distant Prospects*, presenting the history of European landscape paintings from the world-renowned LIECHTENSTEIN. The Princely Collections. This will include permanent loans from The Hohenbuchau Collection and other private collections, exhibited for the first time in the Middle East. The exhibition will run from 26 February – 25 March 2019 at Manarat Al Saadiyat, Gallery S. Applicants are invited to create a visual artwork, across any medium, that is inspired by the artworks in this exhibition.

Meanwhile, **The Gulf Capital – ADMAF Creativity Award 2019** invites young creativity in literature – the genres are poetry, drama, prose, non-fiction and media. Open to Emirati nationals



aged 18 to 35 years old, the award’s criteria are based on artistic merit, evidence of original and creative thinking and personal application of technical skills. Applicants are invited to submit their entries by 31st January 2019 via abudhabifestival.ae.

For further information on schedules, venues and performances please visit the Festival website www.abudhabifestival.ae. Abu Dhabi Festival can also be followed on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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Abu Dhabi Festival 2019 Ticket Information

Tickets will be available to purchase at: <https://www.800tickets.com/abudhabifestival>

Students receive 50% discount by using the code STU50 (ID required).

TICKETED PERFORMANCES	TICKET PRICES
Joyce DiDonato with Orchestra il pomo d’oro (24 January 2019)	Diamond (AED 350); Gold (AED 250); Silver (AED 175)
Korean National Ballet (07 March 2019)	Diamond (AED 350); Gold (AED 250); Silver (AED 175)
Korean Symphony Orchestra (08 March 2019)	Diamond (AED 350); Gold (AED 250); Silver (AED 175)
Justin Kauflin (11 March 2018) (at NYUAD Arts Centre)	General Admission AED 100
Tosca (15 March 2019)	Diamond (AED 350); Gold (AED 250); Silver (AED 175)
Sara Baras (21 March 2019)	Diamond (AED 350); Gold (AED 250); Silver (AED 175)
The Paris Opera Ballet (29 & 30 March 2019)	Diamond (AED 350); Gold (AED 250); Silver (AED 175)

About Abu Dhabi Festival

Patron: H.E. Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan, UAE Minister for Tolerance

Founded in 2004, the Abu Dhabi Festival was held initially under the patronage of the then Minister of Information and Culture (and now Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation) H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan. This was followed from 2007 to 2011 with the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. Today, the Festival is held under the patronage of H.E. Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan, UAE Minister for Tolerance.

The Abu Dhabi Festival is now acknowledged to be among the world’s best, successfully positioning Abu Dhabi as a cultural destination and the region’s leading celebration of creativity and the arts. Reflecting the vision of the UAE capital as an international cultural crossroads, the Abu Dhabi Festival is rooted in the principles of the country’s founding father, the late Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan: tolerance, respect and enlightenment. As a thriving metropolis that places art, education and culture to the fore, the Festival plays an intrinsic role by further expanding the boundaries of creativity and innovation through the arts. Through its Headline Programme as well as youth platforms and community initiatives, it permeates the farthest reaches of the UAE, engaging children, young people and adults while providing memorable and meaningful experiences that unite visitors, residents and citizens alike. Strengthened by a growing network of 30 international partners, each year, the Festival brings audiences together to enjoy unique experiences that testify to our common humanity and the deep bonds we share. Always growing, always innovating, it brings the best of the world to Abu Dhabi and takes the very best of Abu Dhabi to the world.



For more information please visit our website at: www.abudhabifestival.ae

About the Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation

Patron: H.E. Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan, UAE Minister for Tolerance

Founded in 1996, ADMAF is one of the oldest, not-for-profit cultural organisations in the Arabian Gulf. Pioneering new artistic practices, it seeks to deepen global cross-cultural dialogue and inspire a renewed interest in the creativity of the UAE and Arab world. Often in partnership with leading national and international institutions, it delivers multidisciplinary initiatives for people of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities through the Abu Dhabi Festival, year-round youth platforms and community programmes.

For more information, please visit www.admaf.org

About Gulf Capital

Gulf Capital is one of the leading alternative asset management firms in the Middle East, investing across several asset classes including Private Equity, Private Debt and Real Estate. The firm currently manages AED 12 billion (US\$3.3 billion) of assets across eight funds and investment vehicles. Gulf Capital's mission is to grow capital and build value with world-class expertise and best practices to generate sustainable superior performance for all stakeholders. It invests its own capital alongside its fund investors' capital in all of the funds it launches. With its private equity, private debt and real estate initiatives, Gulf Capital is today one of the largest and most diversified alternative asset managers in the Middle East. The firm has received numerous Middle Eastern and international awards, including "Best Private Equity Firm", "Best Private Debt Provider" and "Best Alternative Asset Management Firm" in the Middle East.