



**Etemad Gallery Dubai - Solo show | Nastaran Safaei**

**Private View: 17 March 2014, 7-9pm**

Exhibition dates: 18 March – 22 April 2014



Nastaran Safaei, *March of the Exhausted*, 2013, Aluminium, 40 x 40 x 75 cm ea, edition of 30

**Etemad Dubai** is pleased to announce a solo exhibition of new works by Iranian artist, Nastaran Safaei to coincide with the gallery's participation in Art Dubai 2014.

Nastaran Safaei's practice centres on femininity and womanhood, interplaying between objects that embody these notions, or what society ascribes as 'the feminine'. Objects such as kitchenware, high heels, handbags, cosmetics are super imposed with body parts and ephemera such hair, lips, eyes, feet are incorporated in her largely sculpture based practice.

For her Dubai solo, she takes a denature from her usual feminist concerns and presents an installation *Simurgh* (2014), based on *Conference of the Birds* by Farid al-Din Attar titled. *Simurgh* is an installation inspired by the famed mythical Iranian bird of the same name. This installation plays on

the word Simurgh, which can also be read as a blend of two Farsi words, 'si' and 'murgh', meaning thirty birds. The installation consists of a dinner table with thirty dishes with a bird on each dish, each bird representing a year of her life for her thirtieth year.

Born in Tehran, Iran where she presently lives and works, Nastaran Safaei studied for an Associate Degree in Graphic Design from Sooreh University, Iran in 2004 and in 2001 received a Diploma in Graphic Design from Naghshe Kowsar Art School, Iran. She is a member of The Association of Iranian sculptures and has exhibited extensively in Iran as well as participated in Slick Art Fair Paris and Christies Middle Eastern Auction, Dubai in 2010 and 2011 respectively.

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