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## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2012 EVENTS LISTINGS RELEASE

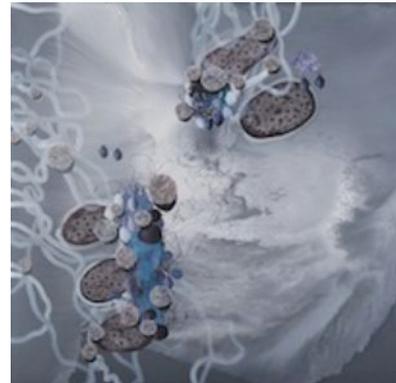
### New exhibition

#### **Abderrahim Yamou: *Working From Life***

28 September – 16 November 2012

The Mosaic Rooms is delighted to present the first public UK solo exhibition by contemporary Moroccan artist Abderrahim Yamou. Yamou is inspired by the natural world, by organic processes, continuity and change, the tensions and instabilities of boundaries and of spaces in between.

11am-6pm Tuesday – Saturday, entrance free.



*Les amas bleus* 2012

#### **A Woman in the Crossfire: Diaries of the Syrian Revolution**

Monday 10th September, 7pm

A haunting insider's account of Syria's bloody revolution and the Assad regime's attempt to maintain its control. The author, Samar Yazbek, was an active and outspoken critic of the regime long before the outbreak of violence. Samar Yazbek will be in conversation with Omar Al-Qattan, followed by a question and answer session.

FREE event, [rsvp@mosaicrooms.org](mailto:rsvp@mosaicrooms.org)



#### **99 WORDS FOR PEACE**

Thursday 20th September, 7pm

Join broadcaster Fergal Keane, Turkey's most widely read novelist Elif Shafak and performance poet Inua Ellams on the eve of Peace Day to reflect on the question: "If you had breath for no more than 99 words, what would they be?"

Hear their answers and more from among the 99 who responded to film-maker Liz Gray's request. This evening of celebration is hosted by Scilla Elworthy.

Tickets £10/ £8. All proceeds to Peace Direct.  
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[rsvp@mosaicrooms.org](mailto:rsvp@mosaicrooms.org)

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**CRIME OF HONOUR, A READING FROM THE PLAY  
WRITTEN BY ETEL ADNAN**

Friday 21st September, 7pm

*Crime of Honour* is a play written by the great Lebanese writer, poet and artist Etel Adnan. Join us at The Mosaic Rooms for a dramatized reading. More details will be available soon.

Email [Info@mosaicrooms.org](mailto:Info@mosaicrooms.org) for more.



Photo by Simone Fattal

**NEW AND RECENT SHORT FILMS FROM KUWAIT**

Wednesday 3rd October, 7pm

The Mosaic Rooms launches its new film programme, with screenings held on the first Wednesday of each month celebrating films from the Middle East and North Africa region. Full film listings and details can be found on our website.

Tickets £5 buy online or on the door.

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**THE MOSAIC ROOMS SUPPER CLUB  
WITH SARAH AL-HAMAD**

Thursday 11th October 2012 6.30-10.30pm

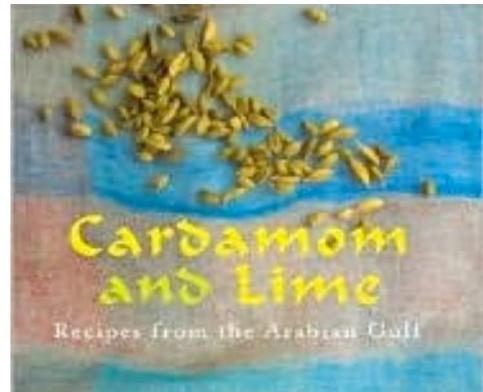
And Sunday 11th November 2012 3-6pm

We launch our Supper Club programme with two intimate events led by Sarah al-Hamad: a 'Cardamom & Lime' themed 3 course dinner, and an 'Arabian High Chai' with special teas, cakes and savoury nibbles. In both events guests will have the opportunity to help prepare several of the recipes, watch Sarah cook and learn about the ingredients typically used in Kuwaiti and Syrian cuisine.

Tickets: £40 (3 course meal with drinks) £25 (high tea).

Book online: [www.wegottickets.com/location/8442](http://www.wegottickets.com/location/8442)

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**SUDANESE POETRY EVENING: AL-SADDIQ AL-RADDI**

Thursday 18 October 2012, 7pm

The Mosaic Rooms and the Poetry Translation Centre present an evening with the acclaimed Sudanese poet Al-Saddiq Al-Raddi, whose work vividly reflects the complexity of his heritage as an African poet writing in Arabic.

His recent residency at The Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology has led to a series of poems in response to its collection of ancient Sudanese objects. He will be joined by PTC Director, Sarah Maguire, who will read her translations of Saddiq's poems; and by Joanna Oyediran, who will



discuss Saddiq's poetry in the context of Sudanese culture and politics.  
Free, RSVP: [rsvp@mosaicrooms.org](mailto:rsvp@mosaicrooms.org)

**ART & BOTANY: ABDERRAHIM YAMOU IN CONVERSATION WITH DR WOLFGANG STUPPY**  
Saturday 20 October 2012, 12pm

Abderrahim Yamou will discuss his paintings with the internationally reputed Dr Wolfgang Stuppy from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Yamou's work is inspired by the natural world, and this talk will give a unique insight into the relationship between Art & Botany in contemporary art practices, and reveal the inspiration behind the works in his exhibition at The Mosaic Rooms.

Free, RSVP: [rsvp@mosaicrooms.org](mailto:rsvp@mosaicrooms.org)

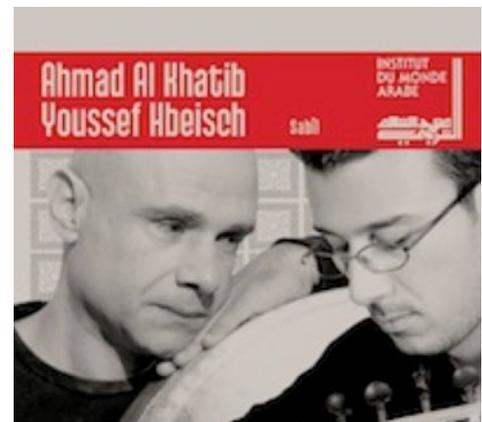


**YOUSSEF HBEISCH & AHMAD AL KHATIB IN CONCERT WITH JOHN WILIAMS**

Tuesday 23 October 2012, 7.30pm  
Cadogan Hall, 5 Sloane Terrace, London SW1X 9DQ

A concert by Youssef Hbeisch and Ahmad Al Khatib with John Williams in support of the Gaza Music School and the Beit Almusiqa (Shafa'amr) programme. Organised by the A. M. Qattan Foundation, Beit Almusiqa, Edward Said National Conservatory of Music.

Booking contact info: 020 7370 9990 / [rsvp@mosaicrooms.org](mailto:rsvp@mosaicrooms.org)



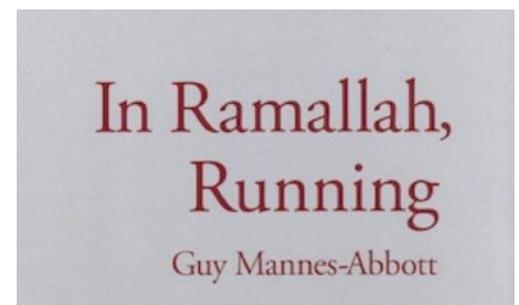
**IN RAMALLAH, RUNNING**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012, 7pm

To celebrate the recent launch of *In Ramallah, Running* The Mosaic Rooms is pleased to present a discussion lead by the author Guy Mannes-Abbott.

Guy will be joined by a panel of special guests to discuss and explore further the issues, thoughts and experiences raised through the book. He will also give a short reading from the book.

Free, RSVP: [rsvp@mosaicrooms.org](mailto:rsvp@mosaicrooms.org)



**THE MOSAIC ROOMS SUPPER CLUB WITH LAMEES IBRAHIM**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2012 11am-3pm  
and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012 6.30-10.30pm

The Mosaic Rooms launches a new programme celebrating Middle Eastern cooking and the stories and traditions that surround it. We launch the programme with two intimate events led by celebrated Iraqi cook Lamees Ibrahim. With stories, discussions and demonstrations, guests will have the opportunity to try their hand at several recipes and enjoy a three course meal.



Tickets £40 (three course meal with special drinks).

[Buy online](#). RSVP: [rsvp@mosaicrooms.org](mailto:rsvp@mosaicrooms.org)

**Notes to Editors**

- Abderrahim Yamou is available for interview via The Mosaic Rooms.
- Contact Rachael or Danielle, Tel: 020 7370 9990 or email: [press@mosaicrooms.org](mailto:press@mosaicrooms.org)
- Images from the exhibition are available via The Mosaic Rooms
- Entry to the exhibition is free. The Mosaic Rooms are open from 11am – 6pm Tuesday to Saturday.
- The Mosaic Rooms, a leading independent arts space in west London, deliver a high quality, contemporary and progressive cultural programme from the Arab world and internationally. They are managed by the A.M. Qattan Foundation, a UK charity dedicated to the support of culture and education in Palestine and the Arab world. The Foundation's London office, headed by one of its trustees, Omar Al-Qattan, is responsible for the Mosaic Rooms' programme. The Rooms are part of the Culture and Arts Programme of the A.M. Qattan Foundation.
- The Mosaic Rooms is situated on the corner of the Cromwell Road and Earl's Court Road in Kensington, London, a short walk from Earl's Court Underground Station and Exhibition Centre.
- For information about The Mosaic Rooms and the A.M. Qattan Foundation visit [www.mosaicrooms.org](http://www.mosaicrooms.org)