

## **Italian - Omani joint exhibition *IN THE SHADE IN THE SUN***

### **Press release**

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Today, the Omani Society for Fine Arts presents the first Italian-Omani art exhibition realized in the Sultanate.

It features works by a rising Omani artist, Mohammed Al Maamri, and by a prominent Italian painter, Attilio Forgioli.

The exhibition will be officially opened by H.E. Nasser Bin Mohammed al Busaidi, Chief of Protocol Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at the presence of the Italian Ambassador in Muscat, H.E. Giorgio Visetti.

The exhibition, organized by the Gallery Muscart under the patronage of the Embassy of Italy in Muscat, is meant to represent the experience of a journey, the exploration of a foreign country and the encounter with other people, to share stories of life and fellowship. It is a meeting through Art, the universal language for which a translator is not required. Thus, art becomes a way to translate words, emotions and content. Art unites, inspires and brings people together.

What do two generations raised under two apparently different influences have in common? What can bring two different worlds together? This exhibition tells us that the answer is simple: it is their common intent, their love for beauty and their constant search for it. This is the essence of Art. It is an unending search for a bridge between shade and light, between the earth and the sky, between the tangible world and a world that transcends us.

In the words of the Ambassador of Italy in Muscat, His Excellency Giorgio Visetti "The organization in Muscat of the first Italian-Omani joint exhibition represents an important moment in the artistic cooperation between our two countries, in the framework of the already excellent bilateral relations in all fields. Art brings cultures and countries closer together through a language made of signs, colors and images, promoting new sensory experiences and enriching our lives".