

Press Review

'Mehdi Ghadyanloo: Project Space', Art Limited, November 2020

Mehdi Ghadyanloo Project Space

Almine Rech (Paris), Paris, France

Thursday 5 November 2020 - Saturday 28 November 2020

Fin dans 21 jours 12h

Mehdi Ghadyanloo, who began his career making public art, is considered one of the leading artists in the Middle East. Known in particular for his monumental trompe-l'oeil murals in downtown Tehran, Ghadyanloo also creates works on canvas with surrealist and minimalist themes, like waking dreams, evoking René Magritte or Giorgio de Chirico.



In recent work shown in Almine Rech's project space in Paris, Ghadyanloo has created a mysterious series of closed spaces, playgrounds, geometrical cubes, spiral staircases, and architectural environments.

These dioramas are expertly inscribed on the canvas, and they function as intriguing narratives. The lines are meticulously detailed, as Ghadyanloo approaches these works as illustrations. Through his mastery of shadow and his use of the empty/full dichotomy, the artist transforms a flat surface into a veritable labyrinth. Ghadyanloo plays with the depth of his canvases in a subtle way: a master at manipulating light, he uses angular elements and shadows to tone down his approach, creating a subdued atmosphere while hollowing out space within it.

While playfulness is foregrounded in this series of dizzying slides, the materials are industrial, impressive, almost intimidating. An optimistic spirit is felt in the essence of his art, but is immediately shadowed by the sometimes dark and melancholy content of Ghadyanloo's work. "I want to create an atmosphere at a specific moment in time where everything is suspended like the calm before the looming storm", the artist says.

Color plays an essential role and immediately affects the reception of pieces such as *The State of Light* or *The Last Soldier*. The artist fills these memories with exuberant color (as in *The Lost Paradise*), as if to contrast with their confined, airless quality. Ghadyanloo's art evokes his memories of life in small square rooms with dim lighting, where his family sought refuge during the Iran-Iraq War.

The space closes in on the viewer even more in *Goodmorning, Midnight*, which is from the series *The Fence*, where a fence unequivocally demarcates the space and its sphere of freedom.

Although any openings seem unreachable, like *Hope Monument* and its multiple ladders, the artist seems to offer an alternative to this captivity: Ghadyanloo is dedicated to offering vanishing points in all his spaces: a zenithal abyss of varying width is found in each of his paintings, a strong symbol of hope that runs throughout his work.

Ghadyanloo's aesthetic evokes landscapes from a different world, and his spiral-shaped spaces become the reflection of the distant recesses of our psyche, adopting the minimalistic lines of 20th-century modernist architecture represented by Le Corbusier. However, Ghadyanloo's paintings offer an example of hope unearthed in the darkest places.

Milena Oldfield



✎ ECRIRE UN COMMENTAIRE

Votre prénom, nom, pseudo, ...

Lieu où vous écrivez

Adresse e-mail, facultative, si réponse souhaitée

Ecrivez votre commentaire

Pублиer le message

✎ TAGS

- aesthetics
- artistic
- arts
- artwork
- author
- brush
- catalogue
- concept
- contemporary
- creation
- creative
- creativity
- event
- exhibit
- exhibition
- format
- frame
- image
- modern
- paint
- painter
- painting
- picture
- style
- view

✎ SOCIAL MESSAGE

Mehdi Ghadyanloo, Project Space #Exhibition #Painting #Paris @AlmineRech

✎ LIEU DE L'ÉVÈNEMENT

Almine Rech (Paris)
 64 rue de Turenne
 75003 Paris
 France
 T + 33 (0)1 45 83 71 90
 Site <https://www.alminerech.com>



Mélanie Goussard
ARTIST

Tommaso Pedon... Tommaso Pedone ITALIE DESIGN 103 30 5 10K	Festin D'alice Paulina Okurowska FRANCE ARTISANAT 174 44 6 9K	Rond Carré Edi... Véronique Marchal FRANCE DESSIN / VECTORIEL 45 15 2 5K	Tower 2 Vaida Varnagiene IRLANDE GRAVURE 192 46 3 11K	Dark Lies Philomena Famulok PHOTOGRAPHIE / NUM 353 93 17 3K	20174 Marcela Ramirez-az COLOMBIE PEINTURE / TECHNIQU 134 35 4 2K	BELLA MACCHI... Don Dougan ÉTATS-UNIS SCULPTURE 60 14 1 3K

Rejoignez la communauté

S'abonner à la newsletter

Votre adresse e-mail

Art Limited

Meilleure plate-forme d'art contemporain et moderne présentant des oeuvres d'artistes internationaux. Exposez, vendez, achetez, créez et découvrez une incroyable créativité en peinture, illustration, design, sculpture, dessin, 3d, photographie, mode et plus encore.

A propos du site

Concept de la plate-forme

Pour les acheteurs

Acheter une oeuvre d'art

Photographies en éditions limitées

Photographies tirages d'art

Peintures d'art

Tirages originaux

Oeuvres originales

Pour les artistes

Inscription au site

Exposer mon travail

Vendre mon travail

Types d'abonnements

Tarififications

Peintures

Acheter une peinture

Peinture de paysage

Peinture de portrait

Peinture à l'huile

Peinture d'art moderne

Meilleures peintures

Photographie

Sélection de photographies

Photographie d'art

Photographie de paysage

Photographie de portrait

Photographie noir et blanc

Photographie nature

Dessins

Dessins à vendre

Sélection de de

Dessins original

Dessin abstrait

Dessin de portr

Dessin d'art

© Art Limited, Bordeaux, France - v23.2.0 - Tous droits réservés 2005-2020

Participez aux Artists Awards 2020

Serez-vous l'artiste de l'année ?

