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## **AUB to showcase artworks of its alumni in first AUB Alumni Art Expo**

Beirut, Lebanon- 12/02/2013 -The American University of Beirut has graduated thousands of outstanding achievers in a variety of professions all around the world.

To celebrate the achievements of its alumni artists, AUB and the Worldwide Alumni Association of AUB will be holding on campus the first AUB Alumni Art Expo on February 15 and 16, 2013, in West Hall, to showcase the works of over 60 alumni from Lebanon, MENA, Europe and the US.

The artworks featured in the exhibition will include paintings, sculptures, photography, ceramics, and jewelry design.

A welcoming reception on Friday, February 15 will include a keynote address by AUB President Peter Dorman. The exhibit will continue through Saturday, February 16 and will be capped off by a series of talks from ceramist Amal Muraywed (BA `75), collector Ramzi Saidi (BA `59), and artist Nadim Karam (BAR `82).

Exhibitors will include prominent Lebanese artists such as Stelio Skamanga, Huguette Caland, Lena Kelekian, David Kurani, and Camille Zakharia, alongside emerging talents such as installation artist Reem Akl, ceramist Nour Ali (BAA `09), both from London as well as other numerous captivating paintings, photographs, sculptures, jewelry and ceramic pieces created by AUB alumni.

The exhibit is the first of its kind for the AUB alumni community and echoes AUB's recent foray into promoting and preserving the cultural heritage of the arts in Lebanon and the region. This was highlighted during the June 2012 exhibit of the Khalil Saleeby collection, donated to AUB and temporarily exhibited last summer at the AUB Art Gallery. At that time AUB President Peter Dorman noted, "This is part of a long-term plan to create a home for modern and contemporary art on the campus of AUB."

WAAAUB and AUB alumni around the world are helping with this long-term plan by showcasing the talents of their own community at the 2013 AUB Alumni Art Expo. A complete schedule and full list of exhibitors is available on the event website:

<http://www.aub.edu.lb/alumni/calendar/Pages/ArtGallery.aspx>

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**Note to Editors**

**About AUB**

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 600 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,000 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full service 420-bed hospital.

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