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AUB to inaugurate Byblos Bank Art Gallery for contemporary art
Opening exhibition focuses on the labor that goes into art-making

Beirut, Lebanon- 14/05/2012 - The American University of Beirut (AUB) will inaugurate on May 20, 2013 the AUB Byblos Bank Art Gallery, with a special exhibition on the relation between art and labor over history.

Located in a prime location on campus, the new AUB Byblos Bank Art Gallery will be dedicated to hosting temporary exhibitions and programs relating mostly to contemporary art.

The art gallery's inaugural exhibit, "Art in Labor: Skill, De-skilling, Re-skilling," will run until July 27, 2013, displaying the works of Georges Daoud Corm, Saliba Douaihy, John Carswell, Ghassan El Hajj, Khalid Hamza, Haitham Hassan, Lawrence Abu Hamdan, Mahmoud Khaled, Mohammad El Rawas, Gregory Sholette, Hito Steyerl, Rachid Wehbi, Vera Yeramian.

More than 20 paintings, drawings, mixed media works, audio installations, and minimalist art objects by artists from the region, Europe and the United States will be showcased in this exhibition, which will reveal both the artisanal aspects of art and the more intellectual, thought-provoking political commentary that certain works evoke.

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Note to Editors

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