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New exhibition for Georges Daoud Corm to open at AUB Art Gallery

Beirut, Lebanon- 15/11/2013 - The American University of Beirut Art Gallery's new exhibition "Georges Daoud Corm 1896-1971: Lebanese Painterly Humanism," will open on November 21, 2013, at 6:00 pm, in AUB Art Gallery.

A private press preview is scheduled from 10 am to 12 noon, on November 21, ahead of the evening public opening.

The exhibition, which will display the works of Lebanese painter, writer and cultural activist Georges Daoud Corm, will run until April 19, 2014.

Rather than mount a show of Corm's numerous paintings and drawings, the AUB Art Gallery will exhibit his works in accordance with one motive: a reflection upon Corm's aesthetic position, expressed in his art and also in his writings. His "Essai sur l'art et la civilisation de ce temps" (written in two stages during the 1960s), and republished in this exhibit, can be called a manifesto of painterly humanism. In it, Corm clearly enunciates his aesthetic and intellectual position, which can be broadly defined as a European humanism firmly anchored in Christian ethics. Thanks to the generosity and foresight of Dr. Georges G. Corm—the painter's son, who has taken care of the collection in times of war and peace, and who has actively promoted the work of his father through numerous exhibitions and publications—the exhibit could be realized.

In addition to his artistic and aesthetic values, Corm also possessed a cultural activism based in humanist and spiritual values. Thanks to his tireless efforts and contributions, Lebanon has today such cultural institutions as l'Ecole des Beaux-Arts, l'Ecole Nationale de Musique, the Musée de la Ville de Beyrouth, the Société des Amis de l'Art as well as many other political and cultural initiatives devoted to the promotion of a Lebanese identity and culture.

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