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By Mouna Rebeiz

Puzzled

The word “puzzle” not only denotes a game but can also refer to the mysteries of life. Rebeiz searches for the meaning of life and her latest series gives shape to this quest. Like the child who questions what seems obvious, Rebeiz is not easily taken in. Totems, symbols of power and unity, have only the ephemeral stability which the men who built them were willing to grant them. Put to the test by the artist’s fundamental questions, these erect monuments are seen for what they are: a body of fragile beliefs.

A murmur of doubt, on a nationwide scale or within a couple’s intimate relationship, suffices to sever the silken thread of trust. The artist is confronted by this disturbing fragility: the monumental totem crumbles into scattered fragments.

Our world is volatile, and there is a great temptation to avoid loss of tranquility.

Rebeiz reminds us that the seemingly perfect arrangement of things and men is subject to chance. Empires suddenly collapse; the Colossus of Rhodes fell to the ground, as did Manhattan’s Twin Towers, and our illusions of omnipotence can be dashed to pieces.

The artist’s doubts thus awaken ours, yet Rebeiz also has hope. She reminds us that each part, albeit isolated, symbolizes a whole. The piece of the puzzle towards understanding the stones of a temple destroyed thousands of years ago; the relic keenly contested, safeguarded and sanctified. This tiny little bit of almost nothing retains the original principle of a great work that no longer exists; the DNA from which it could be reborn.

When the pieces of the puzzle are reassembled, landscapes reappear in all their splendor, as if by magic. The faces take shape again, the genre scenes come alive once more, as in Flemish paintings.

Life begins anew.



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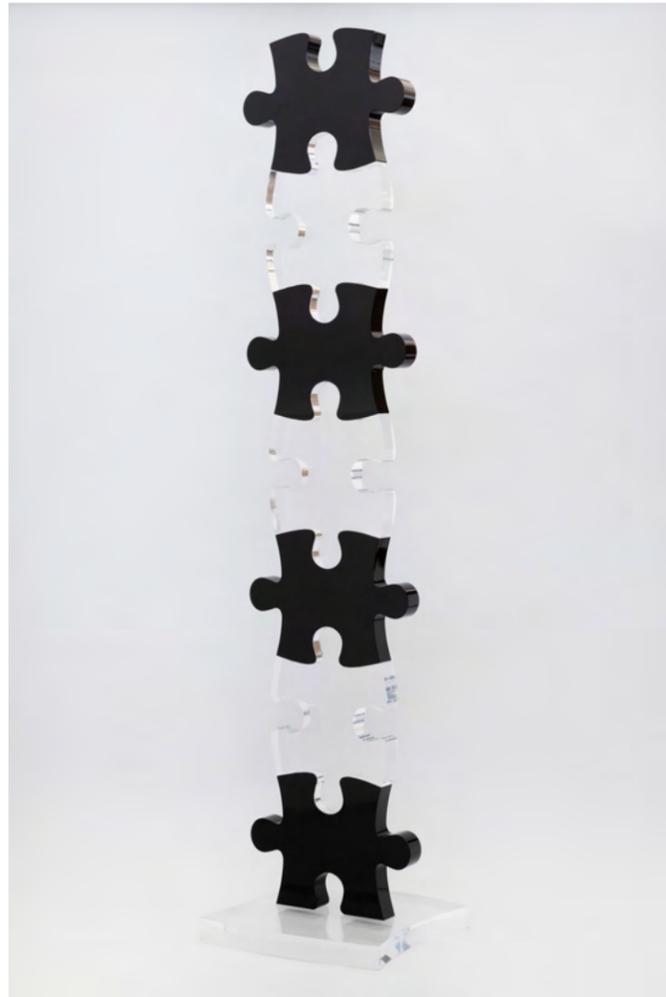
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BIOGRAPHY

Mouna Rebeiz is a Lebanese-Canadian painter based in London. She grew up surrounded by musicians, painters and poets, who influenced her painting. Fascinated by the multiple facets of the human being and the human psyche, she studied psychology at the Sorbonne and at Saint Joseph University in Beirut. She traveled extensively, and then in 1995 met Alix de la Source, a lecturer at the Louvre specializing in 18th-century painting, who taught her about the techniques of the great masters. She perfected her mastery of patinas in the Renaissance courses, and studied with Abraham Pincas, a painter and teacher at ENSBA Paris, and with Mohamed El Rawas, a Lebanese painter and engraver teaching at the fine arts school in Beirut. In her works, both figurative and abstract, Mouna Rebeiz captures the energy of life itself, and the life of woman, expressed at its simplest, as a universal crucible of emotions. Her great sculptures, like revisited totems, are set to the rhythms of present time in the playfulness of space. Mouna has had numerous solo and group shows in the United States, Paris, London, Lebanon, and major European capitals. She took part in "Artistes à la une togeth' Her" at the Monnaie de Paris (France). Her latest work was made for the Fondation Bic (France).

SELECTED SOLO SHOWS

- 2022 *The Soothsayer*, 59th Venice Biennale for The Republic of San Marino, Venice, Italy
- 2022 *Colour Power*, Leila Heller Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2019 The Lebanese Embassy with the British Lebanese Association, London, England
- 2019 The Chelsea Arts Club, London, England
- 2018 *The Trash-ic*, Saatchi Gallery, London, England
- 2017 *La voie de l'opéra*, Galerie Pierre Alain Challier, Paris, France
- 2015 *Le Tarbouche*, Saatchi Gallery, London, England
- 2013 *The Betty Boop Collection "A-Part-Être"*, Galerie Hubert Konrad, Paris, France
- 2012 *The Betty Boop Collection "L'Être et le paraître"*, Galerie Pierre Alain Challier, Paris, France
- 2008 *Hymne à la vie*, Galerie Daniel Besseiche, Paris, France

SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

- 2022 Abu Dhabi Art, Leila Heller Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2022 *A Harmony of Different Voices*, DIFC Sculpture Park, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2022 Contemporary Istanbul, Leila Heller Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2021 Abu Dhabi Art, Leila Heller Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2021 Art Dubai, Leila Heller Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2020 *Togeth'Her*, Monnaie de Paris, Paris, France
- 2020 *Oeil de Bic*, Fondation Bic, Paris, France
- 2013 *Le Rouge et le Noir*, Art 13, Meshkati Fine Art, London, England
- 2012 *She views herself*, Fondation Paul Ricard, Paris, France
- 2012 *She views herself*, Banque ODDO, Paris, France
- 2007 *Art Capital*, Grand Palais, Paris, France
- 2006 *Salon des Indépendants*, Grand Palais, Paris France



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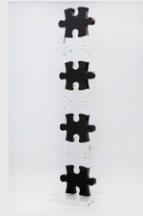
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