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sohrab 5, 2014

ink, acrylic, and paper with printed and handwritten farsi text from the poem 'dar golestaneh' ('in the garden')

12.5 x 18.75 in / 31.7 x 47.6 cm

image courtesy of leila heller gallery

for the 9th edition of [art dubai](#) — the leading international art fair in the middle east and south asia — new york-based [leila heller gallery](#) presents the intricate paper works of iranian creative [hadieh shafie](#). by marrying traditional persian manuscript culture with the modernist color field, shafie creates distinct visual poetics that speak to

various social and political circumstances. her low-relief paper sculptures are reminiscent of ancient middle eastern art, with hidden hand-written and printed farsi text painted within the folds of elaborate paper spirals.

at first glance, the works seem to be a burst of color, but from an angle, viewers can realize impossibly refined words inscribed onto tightly-packed scrolls, so adeptly applied that they become barely legible. **for art dubai, shafie has created several new works including 'block' and new diptych pieces, which juxtapose flat scrolls with stacked paper.** in these two pieces, text is directly applied to the surface edges, deriving their form from an interplay between what is hidden and revealed.



detail of rolled paper for 'sohrab 5'
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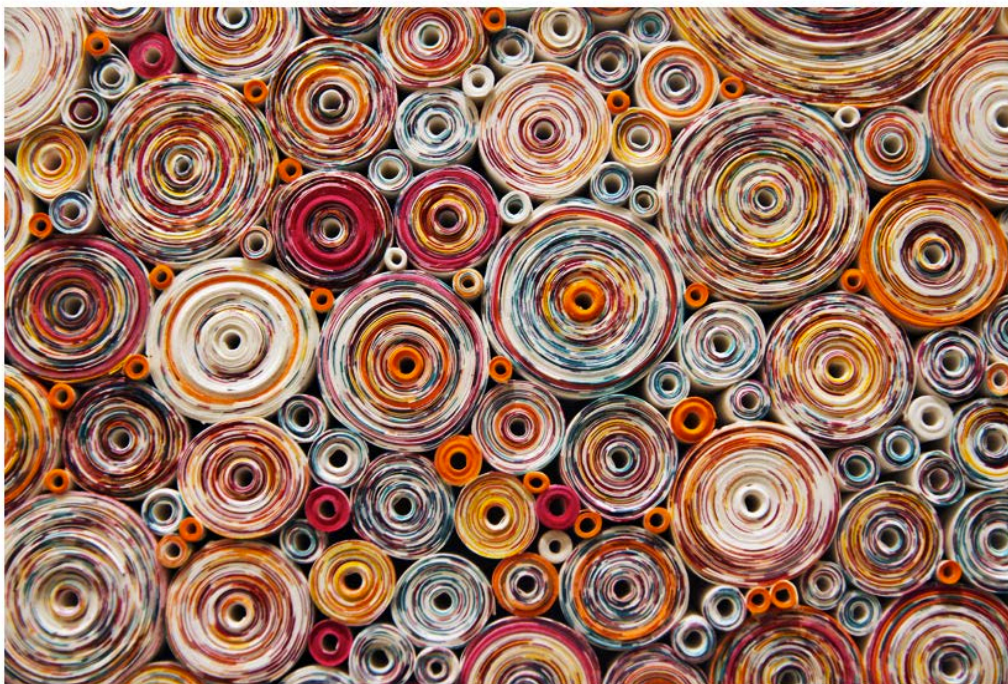


forugh 7, 2014

ink, acrylic, and paper with printed and handwritten farsi text from the poem 'tavalodi digar' ('another birth')

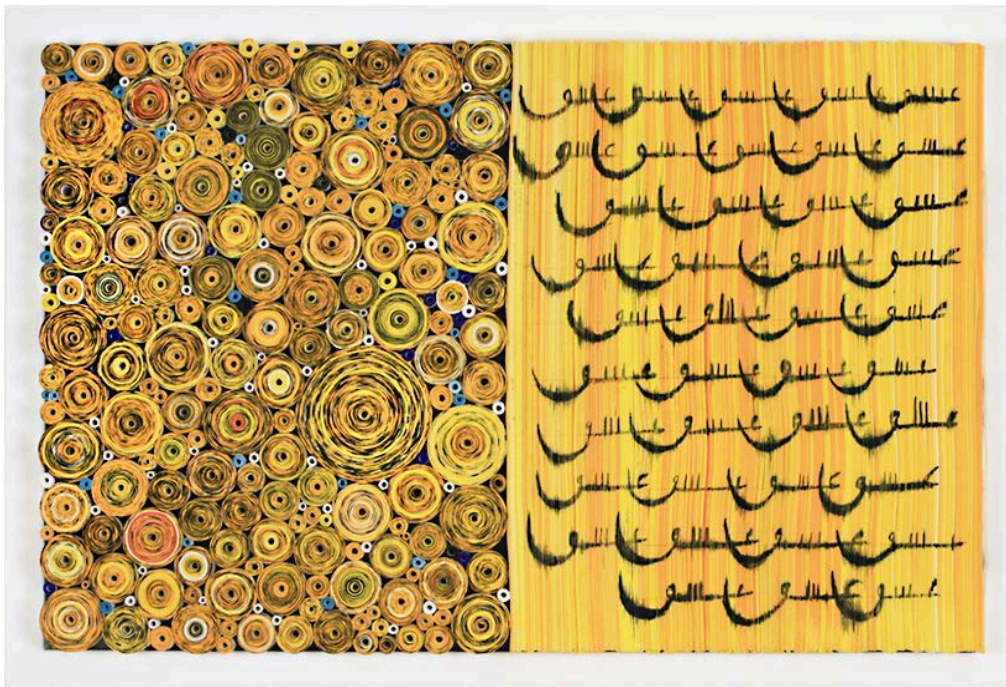
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detail of 'forugh 7'

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fragments II, 2014
 ink, acrylic and paper with printed and handwritten farsi text 'eshgh' ('love/passion')
 12.5×18.75×3.5 inches / 31.7×47.6×8.8cm
 image © hadieh shafie



stripe, 2014
 ink, acrylic and paper with printed and handwritten farsi text 'eshgh' ('love/passion')
 12.25 x 96 in / 31.1 x 243.8 cm
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