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**Leila Heller Gallery and JAMM Announce Joint Exhibition at
The Armory Show
March 8 – 11, 2012
New York City, Pier 94, Booth 740**



Reza Derakshani, *They Hunt the Pink!*, 2012, Mixed media on canvas, 60 x 192 in / 152.4 x 487.7 cm

Leila Heller Gallery, New York, and JAMM, London and Kuwait, are pleased to announce their joint participation at The Armory Show, March 8-11, 2012, at Pier 94, Booth 740. We will be exhibiting video installations by internationally renowned visual artist Farideh Lashai, and new paintings and works on paper by Texas-based artist Reza Derakshani.

On view will be three video installations by Farideh Lashai from the artist's *Rabbit in Wonderland*, 2010, series. Lashai, one of the leading women artists of our time, creates work of thoughtfully considered technical versatility, possessing an ability to capture both figurative representation and motion. The artist's subjects are lyrical and sometimes even fantastically evocative. The result is one that effectively brings to light contemporary socio-political issues and concerns. In *Rabbit in Wonderland*, the artist casts animated video projections onto painted landscapes to create a fantasy world inspired by real life events. Referencing Lewis Carroll's *Alice and Wonderland*, Lashai tells the story of the little white rabbit's journey down the rabbit hole, but through the lens of Iran's turbulent and uncertain recent history.

Lashai's work can be found at major public and private collections including Commerz Bank, Germany; Liu-Haisu Art Museum, Shanghai, The Farjam Collection, Dubai; The National Museum of Fine Arts, La Valletta; and The Demenga Galleries, Basel.

Also on view will be paintings and works on paper by Reza Derakshani. Derakshani's work as a painter, performance artist, and musician is internationally known for its diversity and

originality, and has gained recognition for its fearless exploration of form and style. His works are known for their monumental scale, and embodiment of poetry, lyricism and beauty. Derakshani's work is influenced by the unique identity of landscape and poetry. He often paints hunting scenes, as well as roses and nightingales, which are referenced in poetry and literature. He employs contemporary stylistic techniques with materials that include oil, gold and silver leaf, enamel, and glitter.

The centerpiece of Derakshani's presentation at The Armory Show will be the 16-foot long diptych entitled, *They Hunt the Pink!*, 2012. This stunningly powerful hunting scene is reminiscent of miniatures in vibrant pinks, golds and silvers. Two other paintings *Morning Melody*, 2012 (96 x 72 in) and *Suddenly Snow Flakes at the King's Garden Party*, 2012 (72 x 120 in) in addition to five black and white works on paper exquisitely layered with sand and soil will also be presented.

Derakshani currently resides in Austin, TX. His work has been widely exhibited at a number of institutions including: The Brooklyn Museum, New York; The Chelsea Art Museum, New York; The Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.; and Palais de la Nation, Geneva.

The Armory Show will be held at Piers 92 & 94 (12th Avenue at West 55th Street) and will run from 12-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 8 through Saturday, March 10, and from 12-7 p.m. on Sunday, March 11. Please visit www.thearmoryshow.com.

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