

Exhibition of Lebanese artist opens

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JEDDAH, Jan. 15 — An art exhibition of the celebrated Lebanese artist Hrair was inaugurated by Dr. Muhammad Ali Qattan, deputy mayor of Jeddah, at Redec Plaza Gallery here Saturday.

This is his sixth exhibition in the Kingdom.

Hrair's work includes the collection from royal family in the Kingdom, Queen Elizabeth of Britain, King Hussein of Jordan, Princess Grace of Monaco and Jackie Onasis, to name a few.

The artist is the recipient of many gold medals and awards from many international organizations and has organized shows of his paintings in Paris, London, Rome, New York, Los Angeles, Kuwait, Oman, Jordan, Abu Dhabi, Rio de Janeiro and Beirut.

The theme of his paintings centers around horses. "Horses of different types are main subjects of my work, because they represent movement, trend, virility and service to the humanity," Hrair told *Arab News* when asked why all his works had one common theme.

"This time it is slightly different, because there are women and the sun in the paintings as well," he said. "Women represent love and peace and the sun the life as per my philosophy," he commented.



ART EXHIBITION: An exhibition of Lebanese artist Hrair was opened in Jeddah on Saturday. Photo above shows Deputy Mayor Dr. Muhammad Ali Qattan inaugurating the exhibition and, below and right, some of the works of the artist based on horses and women.

(Photos by Giovanni Pasquale)

