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Sursock Museum, Lebanon (1962-2001)

THE MISSION, THE ROLE, THE COLLECTION

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The Nicolas Ibrahim Sursock Museum, often described as the modern art museum of Lebanon - it is in fact - has a mission that goes much beyond.

Bequeathed to the city of Beirut by a "patrician" of the golden age after whom it was called, this museum was assigned an ambitious mission in the doner's will which has the value of a charter:

"As I love fine arts and long for their expansion, particulary in my homeland, Lebanon, "As I wish this country would receive a substantial part of fine arts, and my fellow citizens would appreciate art and develop an artistic instinct, for this

purpose that I pursue and that I can only be beneficial and contribute to Lebanon's development, I wish there would exist in Beirut, capital of the Republic of Lebanon, museums and exhibition rooms open to everyone, where master-pieces and antiques would be preserved and displayed. I therefor set up in the form of waqf (mortmain) all of the real estate and it's contents form a museum for arts, ancient and modern, coming from the territory of the Republic of Lebanon, the other Arab countries or elsewhere, as well as a room where the Lebanese artists' works shall be exhibited, It being understood that this museum shall remain eternally and perpetually(...)" **Nicolas Sursock**

With works by Khalil Zogheib, Hassan Jouni, Stelio Scamanga, Amine el Bacha, Paul Guiragossian, Flavia Codsì, Nadia Saikaly, Aref el Rayess, Shafic Abboud, Rana Raouda, Elie Kenaan, Jean Khalifeh, Seta Manoukian, Rima Amyuni, Harout Torossian, Samar Mogharbel, Joseph Harb, Theo Mansour, Halim Jurdak, Hussein Madi, Rafic Charaf, Saloua Raouda Choucair, Adel el Saghir, George Guv, Levon Moumjian, Farid Aouad, Munir Najm, Anita Toutikian, Jhon Hadidian, Greta Nau-fal and Youssef Aoun.

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ARTIST

Amine el Bacha

LEBANON 1932. LIVES AND WORKS BETWEEN BEIRUT AND PARIS.

ARTIST

Paul Guiragossian

PALESTINE 1925-LEBANON 1993.

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