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## The Art of Resistance in Palestine

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Art is not a mirror to hold up to society, but a *hammer* with which to shape it, so the quote often attribute to Bertold Brecht goes. The place in which this often can be seen most clearly is in relation to resistance art. In Palestine, cultural resistance to settler-colonialism, imperialism, ethnic cleansing, occupation and apartheid has always been part of the Palestinian struggle for self-determination and justice. In the 1920s and 1930s, Palestinian poets and musicians wrote poetry and songs depicting the struggle in opposition to British imperialism and Zionist settler colonialism revealing that writers, musicians, poets and song writers and other cultural artists have always played a role in the national liberation struggle.

In the last 6 decades since the Palestinian Nakba, some of the best known resistance artists have include Ghassan Kanafani (writer and political activist) , Mahmoud Darwish (poet and political activist) and Naji – al- Ali (political cartoonist and writer). However, Palestinian cultural and art resistance is everywhere in Palestine – it can be found not only in the form of traditional plays and dance (dabke) performances, but also at Israel's checkpoints, on the apartheid wall, on the music of Palestinian youth and in the villages and towns of Palestine. It can be found in murals, paintings, poetry, creative art displays, songs, visual art and much more. Here is just a small sample of some of the art of resistance today by Palestinian artists and activists.

[A Masterpiece of Resistance – The Artists of Palestine](#) by LAYLA QURAN

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Welcome! My name is Kim and Red Butterfly Effect is an outlet for me to ramble and rant about politics and/or pop culture.

Hopefully there will be frequent ramblings, musings and rants not only about politics, pop culture, music, media, books, tv, movies, society, revolution, socialism and everyday life but also pretty much anything else I find interesting. The broader aim of this blog will be to explore, dissect and discuss the intersection of politics and pop culture and in general these ramblings, musing and rants will be informed by a materialist and dialectical understanding of the society we live in.

Some posts will offer a more substantial political analysis about current political happenings, social phenomenon, pop culture or whatever else takes my interest, however, other posts will not be as substantial and might just be about taking the piss, having a laugh and sharing things I love and enjoy, warts and all.

### My Other Blog

While Red Butterfly Effect is a new endeavour for me, I have been a blogger for the last 13 years and have been blogging politically for 10 years at Live from Occupied Palestine - a blog dedicated to Palestine solidarity activism. You can check out Live from Occupied Palestine via the blogroll section on this blog.

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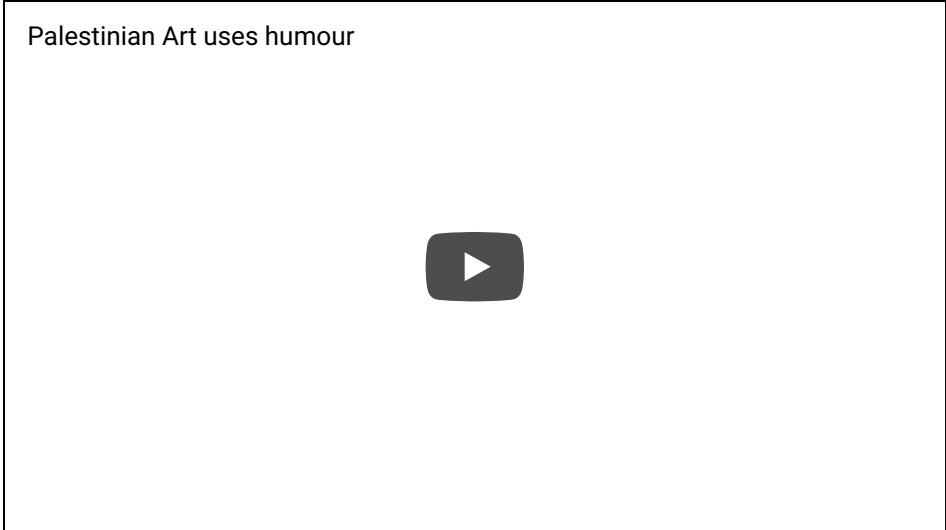


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### Palestine Wall Art



Wall art video by PalestinelIsraelLove



Palestinian art uses humour to resist – SBS News report



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