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# Beyond the Art Fairs, Here Are the UAE Exhibitions Worth Seeing

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November is shaping up to be a busy month for the UAE's art crowd. Between Frieze Abu Dhabi and NOMAD Abu Dhabi, there's already plenty to keep collectors, enthusiasts, and anyone who enjoys looking at things they can't afford occupied. But if that's still not enough to satisfy your appetite for art, you're in luck. Galleries and cultural spaces across the Emirates have a packed calendar of exhibitions this month, spanning everything from contemporary painting and sculpture to immersive installations and experimental design. Whether you're looking to discover emerging regional talent, revisit the work of established artists, or simply spend an afternoon doing something other than sitting in a café, we've rounded up the art exhibitions in the UAE worth adding to your calendar this November.

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For his second solo exhibition at Carbon 12, Malik Thomas Jalil Kydd trades the larger-than-life figures and mythological landscapes of his earlier work for something considerably more intimate. Titled As I Bask in Your Light, it Seeps to My Soul, the exhibition features lovers embracing, solitary figures, and familiar faces that appear again and again. Working with charcoal, oil, and pastel on hand-dyed silk, Kydd explores the blurry lines between romantic and platonic intimacy, as well as the traces people leave behind in our memories. A recurring sitter appears throughout the exhibition, sometimes alongside the artist's own reflection, blurring the line between observer and subject. The result is a series of deeply personal paintings examining desire, devotion, and the ways our relationships shape us.