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IN MEMORIAM: FARIDEH LASHAI

After a long battle with cancer, celebrated Iranian artist Farideh Lashai passed away on 24 February at the age of 68. With a degree in German literature, Lashai pursued studies at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna and then worked as a crystal designer in Austria and Germany. Painting had always been an enduring passion and practice for Lashai, who, in her over five-decade-long career, held solo and group exhibitions all over the world and participated in biennials and museum shows. Themes dominating the artist's *oeuvre* include issues of identity, politics, nature, the self and her native Iran, which she translated into media such as painting, video, sound and multimedia installations. A large-scale video work, *Between the Motion/And the Act/Falls the Shadow* (acquired by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and shown at the Saatchi Gallery last October) will be on display at Art Dubai through the fair's *Projects* section, which has been dedicated to her memory. In addition, work by Lashai will be presented through Leila Heller Gallery (A39), which hosts an exhibition of her works in April, alongside another solo at New York's Edward Tyler Nahem Fine Art Gallery. [↗](#)



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