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Figure 1: Haya Mohammad, "Area P" (2022)

New exhibition highlighting Palestinian artists features discussion Thursday

June 14, 2022 — *Amid* **عائد**, an art exhibit featuring queer and women artists from the West Bank and the Palestinian diaspora on display now at Wave Pool Gallery, will feature a discussion on Thursday.

The *Amid* **عائد** exhibition works toward a decolonization of art spaces by highlighting Palestinian artists at different points of their careers. It inspires viewers to redefine critical joy and take part in conversations around displacement, resistance, roots, and the ongoing challenges Palestinian artists face in the 74th year under occupation.

Amid عامد is led by Wave Pool Gallery's curators in residence Iman Jabra and Noel Maghathe and funded by ArtsWave's Black and Brown Artist Program through a grant received by Jabra in 2022. The grant program supports projects by BIPOC artists that explore the theme of "truth and reconciliation." The program culminates with a showcase that will be held later this summer.

Jabra and Maghathe will join several artists in discussion of the *Amid* عامد exhibition on June 16, part of Wave Pool's "Third Thirsty Thursday Art Salon" series. The event is free and open to the public.



Figure 2: Amena Sheikh, "Rummani" (2022)

IF YOU GO:

What: Third Thirsty Thursday Art Salon

When: 6 p.m. Thursday, June 16

Where: The Welcome Project (by Wave Pool)

Admission: Free

Amid **عامد** runs through June 18, 2022. More information may be found here:

[Linktr.ee/Amid_Exhibition](https://linktr.ee/Amid_Exhibition)

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About Wave Pool Gallery:

Wave Pool is a socially-engaged art center that acts as a conduit for community change through artist opportunities and support. Pairing communities' knowledge of their needs with artists' sense of possibility, Wave Pool provides a structure whereby contemporary art and artists can be integral contributors to the fabric and success of our city, country, and beyond, by helping us build relationships and collective knowledge around complex issues, centering the insights and experience of those most intimately affected. Wave Pool is located at 2940 Colerain Ave and is open Wednesday-Saturday from 12-5 p.m. Special event listings can be found at www.wavepoolgallery.com. For more information please contact Maria Seda-Reeder at maria@wavepoolgallery.org

About ArtsWave:

ArtsWave, a nonprofit serving the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Region, is the engine for the arts. Strong funding for the arts has allowed Cincinnati's arts and culture scene to become a national draw and regional asset, creating a wave of economic and community benefits. Each year, ArtsWave supports the work of over 150 arts organizations, school outreach programs, festivals, community centers, neighborhoods and various collaborations through impact-based grants. In 2022, ArtsWave awarded 22 Black and Brown Artist Grants to projects like this one that explore the themes of "truth and reconciliation." Funding comes from ArtsWave in partnership with the City of Cincinnati, Duke Energy, Macy's, Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Fifth Third Bank and Hard Rock Casino. You can support efforts like these by making a gift to ArtsWave at artswave.org/give.