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By juxtaposing images of social and political hypocrisies against backdrops of man-made catastrophes, I hope to jolt that mood from careless obliviousness to action.

Kuwait Times: You've been collaborating with other galleries outside Kuwait since the shutdown, in places where freedom of expression is respected. Tell us about the difference between exhibiting your work in Kuwait and other countries.

Amin: Thanks to my representative gallery, Ayyam Gallery, and thanks to the support of wonderful people who believe in me, like Omar Donia (of Contemporary Practices), and others like the great curator Martina Corgnati (who is curating this show), I have been fortunate enough to exhibit in Dubai and London, and became the first Kuwaiti female artist to exhibit at the Venice Biennale. My work was also auctioned at Christie's twice so far, making me the first Kuwaiti female artist to be sold at Christie's.

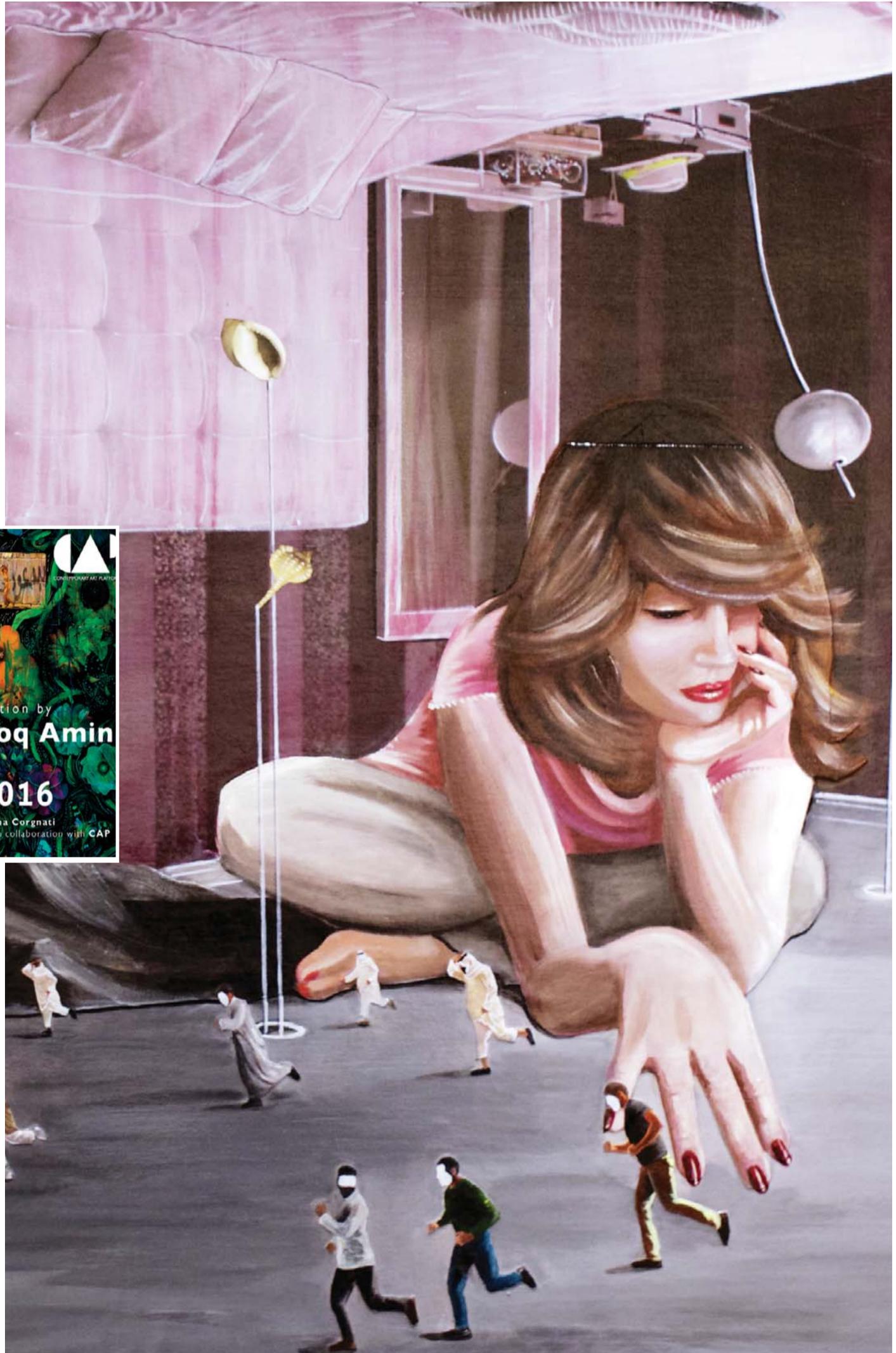


These are all honors and dreams come true for me, and I will forever be grateful to those who helped me in my career.

The difference between exhibiting abroad and exhibiting here in Kuwait is that my work has been taken very seriously internationally and my voice has been allowed to be heard uncensored. I have been allowed complete freedom of expression and I have never abused it. I say what needs to be said and I paint what needs to be addressed. I love my country and hope that this time my work will be viewed as it should be and not looked at from a "forbidden" perspective. I hope people get the message that I am trying to send. I hope it makes them think and talk, discuss and argue, hate it or love it. Whatever they feel is okay with me as long as it awakens them.

Shurooq Amin's solo exhibition "It's A Mad World" will open on April 10 and run till May 21, 2016 at CAP at the Life Centre complex in Shuwaikh.

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Shurooq Amin speaks about her upcoming exhibition in Kuwait