



## **ABRAHAM: Out of One, Many**

*A timely artistic exploration on living harmoniously, inspired by Abraham; the common ancestor of three celebrated contemporary Middle Eastern artists from Muslim, Christian and Jewish traditions*

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CARAVAN, an international peacebuilding arts non-profit/NGO, announces the upcoming showing of its new peacebuilding exhibition titled “ABRAHAM: Out of One, Many” in Paris France from 18 June – 28 July 2019 at The American Cathedral in Paris (23, Avenue George V, Paris, IDF, 75008, France).

“ABRAHAM: Out of One, Many” is a creative response to the recent rise of anti-Semitism and increasing anti-Muslim sentiment, and to the general climate of growing prejudice and stereotyping, which is resulting in a new type of “tribalism” in the West.

“ABRAHAM: Out of One, Many” (playing off of the popular Latin motto “E pluribus unum” / “Out of many, one”) focuses on what Jews, Christians and Muslims have in common because of their shared ancestor Abraham, a spiritual figure of distinct significance within the three primary monotheistic faith traditions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The exhibition highlights what we can all learn from Abraham’s example about living together more harmoniously. In these three faith traditions, whose followers are referred to a “children of Abraham,” Abraham is seen as a model of hospitality – of welcoming the “stranger” and embracing the “other.” The exhibition attempts to artistically answer the question, “What can Abraham teach us today about freeing our world from sectarian strife?”

The exhibition involves three celebrated Middle Eastern contemporary artists – Shai Azoulay, Qais Al Sindy and Sinan Hussein - from Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith traditions. Each artist has created five paintings that focus on five specific themes from Abraham's life that can guide our world today in living harmoniously, interpreting these themes for our contemporary context. “ABRAHAM: Out of One, Many” is curated by the president of CARAVAN, Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler.

The exhibition will tour for 24 months to heavily trafficked sacred spaces. It premiered in Rome, Italy at the historic St Paul’s Within the Walls from 3 May-9 June 2019. Following the exhibition’s showcasing in Paris, France, it will be displayed in Edinburgh, Scotland during the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August 2019, before beginning to tour the USA through the middle of 2021.

The opening program and reception in Paris, France will be on 18 June 2019 at 19h00 at The American Cathedral in Paris. It is open to the public. Shai Azoulay, a celebrated Jewish artist participating in the exhibition will be the special guest.

**For information on “ABRAHAM: Out of One, Many” see:** [www.oncaravan.org/abraham](http://www.oncaravan.org/abraham).

**For information about CARAVAN, visit:** [www.oncaravan.org](http://www.oncaravan.org).

**For directions to The American Cathedral in Paris:** [amcathparis.com/prepare-your-visit](http://amcathparis.com/prepare-your-visit)

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