

Tube Culture Hall is very pleased to present **Booth**, a pop up, nomadic project that intends to exhibit its initiatives in different locations. Special projects related to young artists selected by Tube will be presented from different cities and locations.

For the second exhibition, **Booth** presents "*Divining The Darkness*" by Zayn Qahtani (1997), a London based Barahin artist on view from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January in Isola district, via L.P. Lambertenghi 6, Milan.

Zayn will take us on an intimate journey of seven-works in the psychological landscape of the darkness through magical and ritualistic practises. Working across drawing, painting and sculpture she challenge and meditate on the secretive, intense feelings that overtake the human psyche when in the dark. Through personal, physiological acts of divination - such as crying, sleeping, praying and physical touch - the artist then uses the findings as a catalyst for reflection, grief and healing, ultimately in the pursuit of glimmers of light.

Zayn's body of work is a diligent effort at archiving a personal, synesthetic archeological practise. Works feel discovered rather than created, alluding to a life beyond the maker. This becomes apparent in Zayn's use of materiality: papers crafted from Bahraini date palm trees, bioplastics made from sugarcane, and pigments borne from plants, crystals, metals and earth all intermingle to form animistic objects of encrypted divination and illusory storytelling.

Zayn has graduated with an MA in Sculpture at The Royal College of Art (UK). She has completed The Drawing Intensive at The Royal Drawing School (UK), and holds a BA Fashion Design from The Royal University for Women (BH).

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS: New Now - Guts Gallery, London, UK, 2024; Angels in Purgatory - Vitrine, London, UK, 2023; Unannounced - The Other Voice of Silence, Lampo, Milan, IT, 2023; Hall of Mirrors - PLOP Residency, London, UK, 2023; Art Athina - Arusha Gallery, Athens, Greece, 2023; Hawthorn and the Feast of Julian - Arusha Gallery, New York, USA, 2023; Chorus - Arusha Gallery, Edinburgh, UK, 2022; She Curates x CloverMill Open Call Exhibition - Wilder Gallery, London, UK, 2021

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