



DUBAI OPERA

DUBAI OPERA UNVEILS THE ‘DHOW SAIL’ SCULPTURE BY BETH CULLEN-KERRIDGE

Dubai - UAE; 9th November 2016: Last night Dubai Opera hosted the unveiling of the ‘*Dhow Sail*’ sculpture by British sculptor, Beth Cullen-Kerridge. Guests gathered on the stunning opera plaza for the eagerly anticipated unveiling of the magnificent 16-foot marble creation that replicates the ethos of the Dubai Opera architecture.

Commissioned by London-based West Contemporary Gallery, Cullen-Kerridge worked with the L’Atelier Corsanini Studio in Italy to create the impressive ‘Dhow Sail’ sculpture for the recently opened multi-format performing arts theatre. Crafted to replicate a traditional Emirati Dhow Sail, whilst embodying the boat-like style structure of the Dubai Opera building, the ‘Dhow Sail’ sculpture is not only aesthetically pleasing but also acts as a functioning seat. The work of art has been designed to offer a seating place for visitors to rest upon and a cooling place from the Dubai heat - due to the shadow made by the shape of the curved sail.

Iconic British chef, Tom Kerridge added to the excitement of the special evening as tailor made canapes by the Michelin starred chef were passed around while guests reveled at the sculpture and absorbed the electric atmosphere.

Chief Executive of Dubai Opera Jasper Hope comments, *“It is with great pleasure we unveil the ‘Dhow Sail’ to the people of Dubai. Representing so many important aspects of the Emirati culture as well as the life and soul of the Dubai Opera building, it is a perfect addition to the cultural hub of the city”.*

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Note to Editors

About Dubai Opera:

Dubai Opera is a truly unique venue and the city’s first purpose built multi-format performing arts theatre, situated in the heart of Downtown Dubai. With an iconic dhow shaped design rooted in Emirati heritage, Dubai Opera offers the ultimate flexibility of a proscenium arch theatre, an acoustic concert hall and a 2000m2 flat floor event space, and is the definitive destination for quality entertainment productions and performances. Dubai Opera's stage will host an incredible array of world-class talent, with opera, ballet and classical music concerts and productions at the core, Dubai

Opera will also stage musical theatre, fashion shows, jazz, comedy, family shows and a full range of live entertainment.

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