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Arty choice

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The recently-held Dubai Art Fair saw about 60 galleries participating in it with a total display of about 450 art works. Though sales-wise the fair was quite slow, it did have a few interesting contemporary art works. Three art experts from across the world picked one of their favourite works and stated what made the works so interesting.

Kanchi Mehta from India picked Anish Kapoor's marble work.

She says, "Anish's works cross the boundaries of time and space. They have the simplicity of basic forms and blend with the surrounding to hypnotise you."

Born in Mumbai, Kapoor is based in London since the 70's. This work was displayed at the Galleria Continua booth; it is a rectangular block of pink and white marble with a circular cavity.

"There is no texture on the surface apart from the veins of the marble, and the block is smoother than glass. Kapoor has always played with the ideas of notional polarities and reverse concepts like light and dark or presence and absence, that engages the viewer," she reveals.

Russian art expert Anna Tolstova from Russia loved the works of artist Farideh Lashia

Tolstova says, "One of her (Farideh's) huge works is a juxtaposition of painting and a video installation and is very interesting. It takes its inspiration from the tale of the eternal lovers Laila and Majnu and narrates an entire story. I think it is very gripping."

An art critic from Spain, Javier Diaz also selects an untitled work of Anish Kapoor

He says, "I loved this particular big metallic work; I think it was the most attractive work at the Dubai art fair. If you look closely you'll see the metallic plate reflects various shades of different colour and that is the USP of the art work. Every time you look at it, you will find something new. I think you can see yourself in the work too," he ends.

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