



RADICAL LOVE

#FEMALELUST

FEMALE ARAB POETS LONG AGO
INSPIRING 48 FEMALE ARTISTS NOW
VALENTINE'S DAY- 5TH MARCH 2017
THE CRYPT GALLERY. NW1 2BA

Frustrated with the burial of female voices across history, we found inspiration in those that rang out loud and proud across the Arab world over a thousand years ago. With some pre-Islam and most between the 7th-12th centuries, the words of these poets challenge preconceptions of faith, of class, of the female experience long ago; they capture what it is to relish life and living.

'Female Lust' showcases 24 of these breathtaking poems full of longing and lust, pride and defiance, all sublime in their intensity.

**"ALL LOVERS WEAR MY CASTOFF CLOTHES AND JEWELS
AND GULP DOWN MY OVERSPILT DRINK.
I HAVE RACED WITH LOVERS AT LOVE'S RACETRACK
AND BEATEN THEM ALL AT MY OWN PACE." ***

Women all over the world, half from Arab and Muslim cultures, have each received a poem and are responding to this expression of female sexuality and vitality with art.

Our show features a mix of emerging and acclaimed female artists from Palestine to Peru, Libya to Lebanon- young Spanish, Egyptian, Latvian, Saudi Arabian and Turkish photographers, painters from Syria, USA, China, British African poets, British Asian illustrators and sculptors from Japan, Egypt and Ireland among many more.

**RADICAL LOVE: FEMALE LUST BURNS AT THE CRYPT GALLERY, ST PANCRAS,
WATCHED OVER BY THE CARYATIDS PROTECTING THIS OLD BURIAL GROUND.**

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