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What To Do in Dubai This month? The July 2024 Edit

From culinary workshops and embroidery lessons, to new art exhibitions and stunning rooftop pools to try, these are the best things to do in Dubai this month

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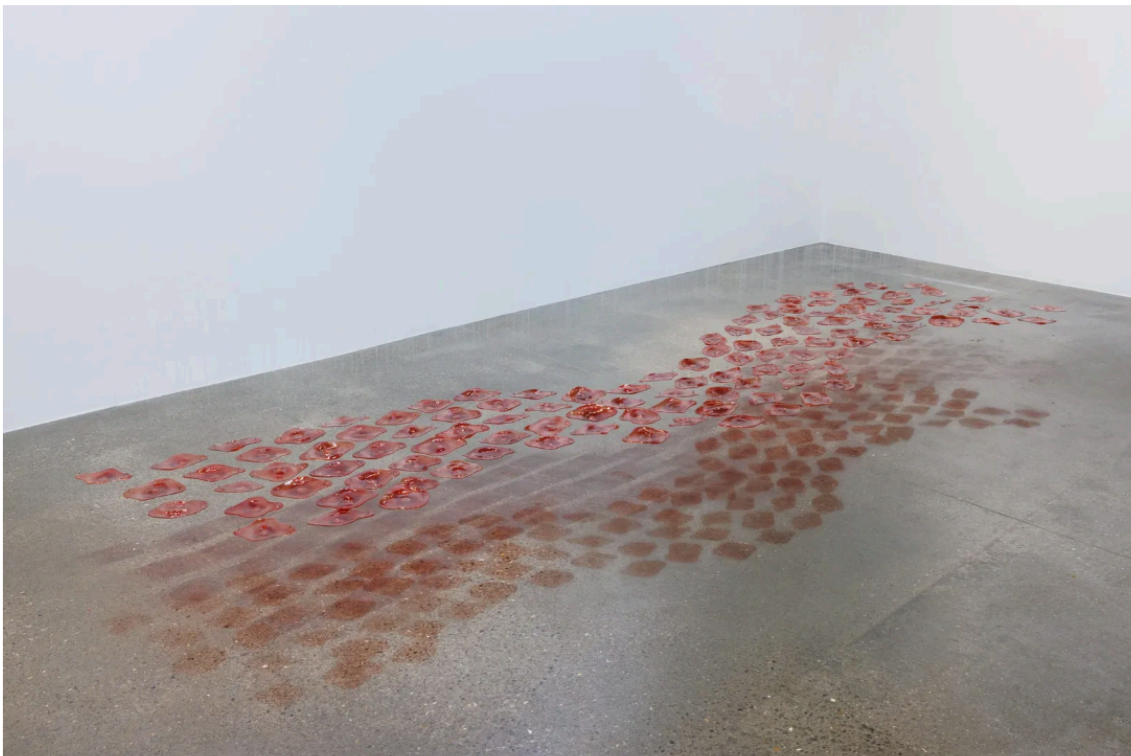
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Dima Srouji at Lawrie Shabibi

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In Alserkal Avenue, the acclaimed Lawrie Shabibi Gallery is hosting a conceptual art exhibition of <u>Palestinian artist</u>, architect and researcher <u>Dima Srouji</u>. Running until July 6, the show entitled Charts for a Resurrection, spotlights Srouji experiments with archival imagery, video art and handblown glass, which was <u>historically integral to Palestinian craftsmanship</u>. Paying tribute to her homeland's heritage, the artist has divided the show into two parts, where she "intertwines historical artefacts with imaginary archaeological sites," according to a written statement.

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In the large space of the gallery, she has, for instance, installed a wall-mounted work where glass vessels emerge from the soil, akin to an excavation site. Next to it is a display of 20th-century images, printed on raw aluminium, revealing Palestinian women who worked the land to extract later-displaced, valuable items. Another visually intriguing and delicate work comes in the form of hanging pieces of red glass, meant to emulate Palestine's polluted Belus River. The other part of the show takes place inside a dark chapel, solemnly displaying bright blue glass vessels. They were reportedly used as "gifts to the dead for their afterlives." This intimate and contemplative space is meant to serve the purpose of mourning – and finding peace in that process; a particularly poignant detail given the current tragedy unfolding in Gaza. *Exhibition dates:* **May 7 – July 6, 2024.** *lawrieshabibi.com*

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