

## **About The Exhibition**

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Barry Iverson's 25-year long career as a photojournalist for Time magazine gave him a window into stories that have shaped politics and social life in Egypt and across the Middle East. Through his lens, he witnessed seismic events such as the assassination of Egypt's President Anwar Sadat but he also trained his photographer's eye on the detail of Cairo life: its people, architecture, culture, and history – all of which culminates in his art.

The Workshop Dubai and Fann A Porter are pleased to present a selection of hand-coloured photographic prints from Iverson's The Tour series. These prints take reference from classic Cairo cinema, antique postcards, and the photographer's extensive archive of imagery. The photographs here cleverly juxtapose old and new so that in one image, the viewer simultaneously views life in the 19th and 20th centuries.

The View from Gawhara Palace, Cairo, 1980/1880s, depicts the rooftop of the palace that stands in the citadel of Cairo commissioned by Muhammed Ali Pasha, the Ottoman ruler of Egypt in 1814. In the image, the smog-heavy orange skies of the Egyptian capital fill the background and two women stand in the centre, dressed in the

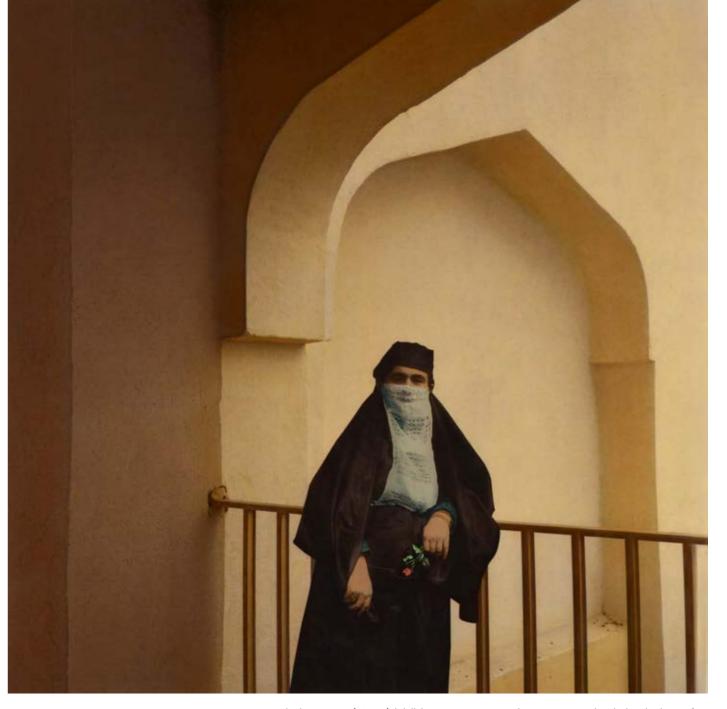
traditional clothing of the farming society of the 19th century - one with an urn on her head and the other carrying a large basket. In one image therefore, the ancient world meets the modern.

Another striking piece (Hypostyle Hall, Karnak, 1999/1930s) is a portrait of an elegant woman dressed in 1930s attire standing amid the towering columns of the Great Hypostyle Hall within the Karnak temple complex, in Luxor, home to many ancient Egyptian treasures. The hand-painted style here forces the viewer to question which is real and which is fictional.

The exhibition also takes viewers outside of Egypt to Damascus, Doha, Baghdad, Aqaba, and even Paris with each image casting the narrative into the past yet retelling it in a contemporary context. The images reveal a tension in the relationship between past and present and the inhabitants of these ancient cities as well as subtly addressing the subject of Orientalism and the Western gaze.

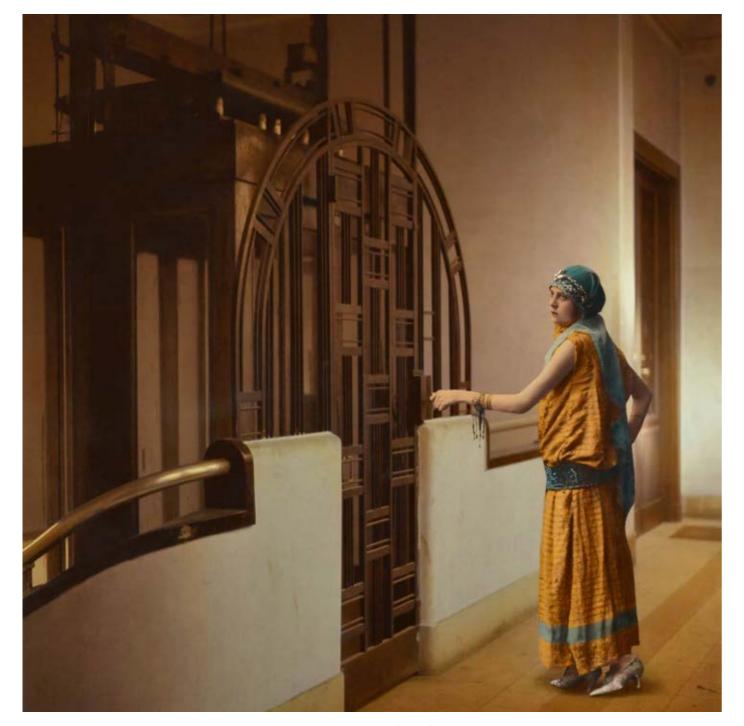
Ghada Kunash, founder of Fann A Porter says: "This work is crucial to understanding the layers of history in the cities of our region. The photography technique takes the viewers into a space of documentary fiction, where we are not sure which parts of the story are real and which are imagined. We are proud to present the work of Barry Iverson, which offers an interesting place for discussion with regards to the way the cities of the Middle East are viewed today and historically."

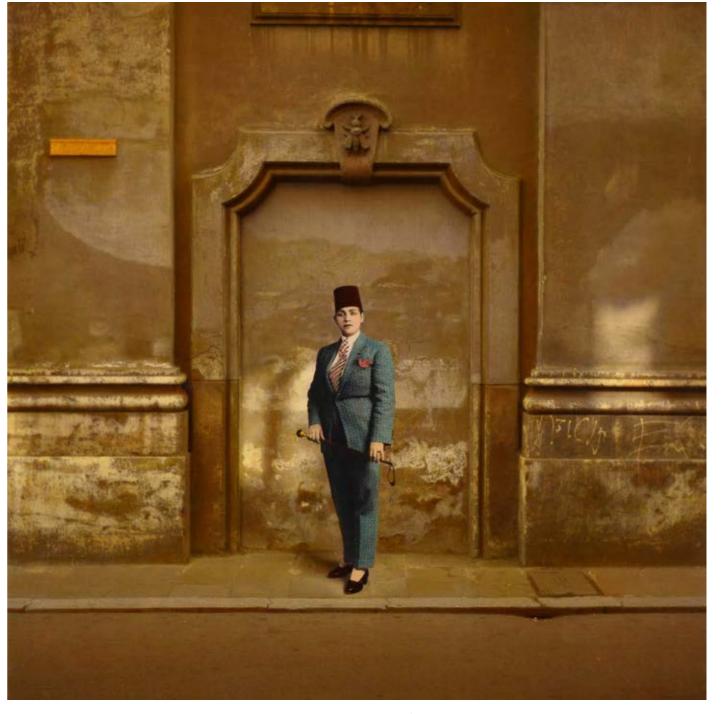




The View from Gawhara Palace, Cairo, 1980/1880s,  $40 \times 50$  cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 10

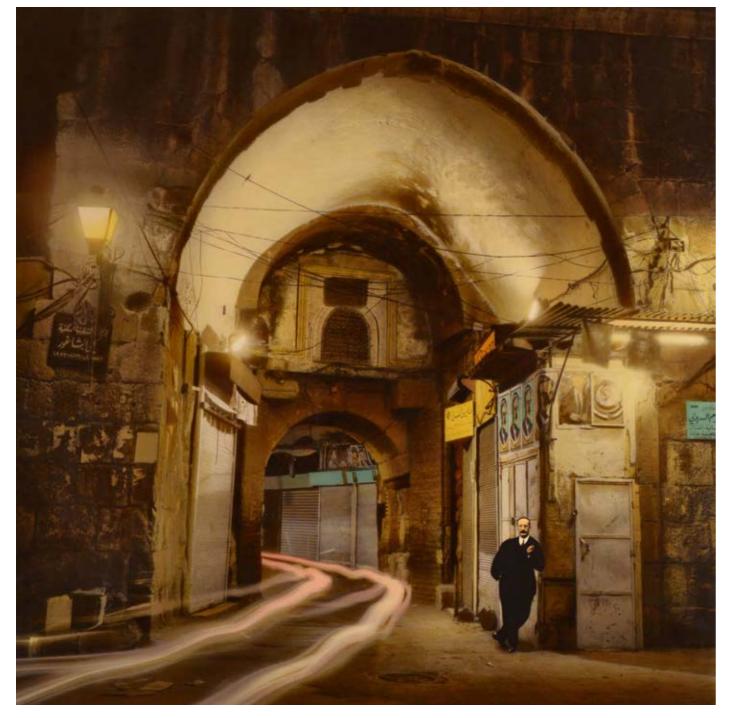
St. Georges Hotel, Algiers, 1991/1880s/Abdullah Freres,  $40 \times 50$  cm, chromogenic print handcolored, edition of 10 AED 6,430 (not including 5% VAT)

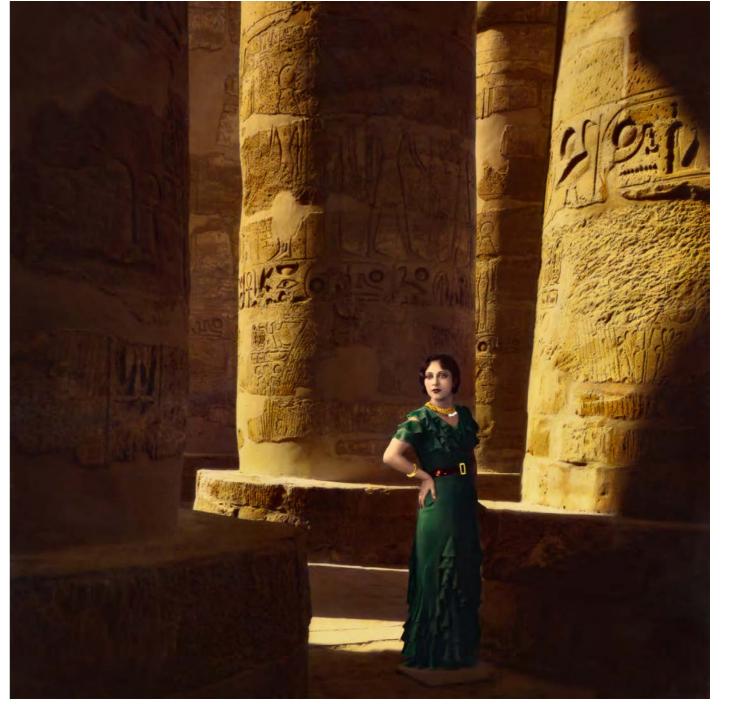




Antikhana Street Lift, Cairo, 1980/1920s/Nadir, 40 x 50 cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 10

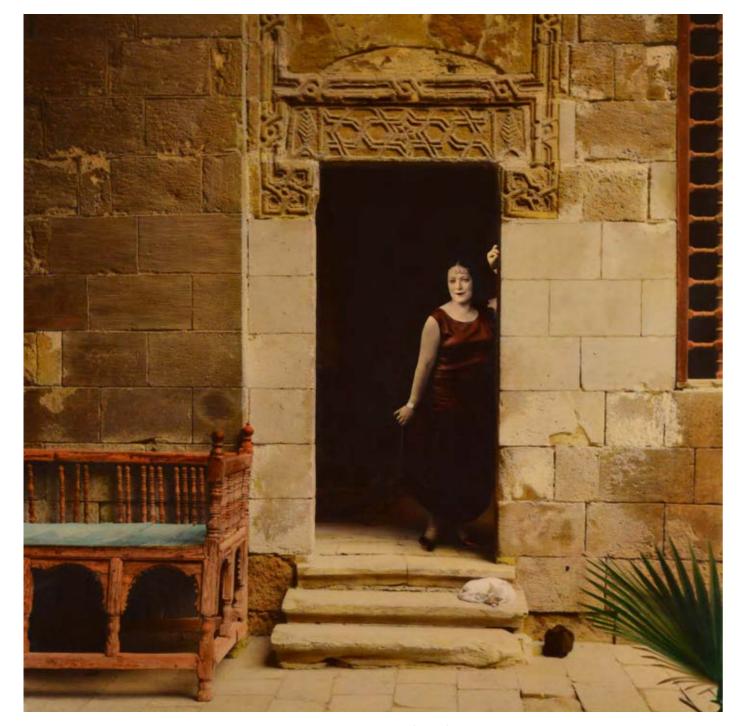
Via Bocca Di Leone, Rome, 1987/1930s,  $40 \times 50$  cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 10 AED 5,500 (not including 5% VAT)





Bab Al Jabiya, Damascus, 1996-1920s, 50 x 60 cm, chromogenic print hand colored, edition of 5  $\,$ 

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Beit Suheimy, Cairo, 1990/1930s/Basma, 50 x 60 cm, chromogenic print handcolored, edition of 5

An Afternoon Read, Cairo, 1981/1920s,  $40 \times 50$  cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 10 AED 5,500 (not including 5% VAT)



Morning on the Balcony, Cairo, 1997/1880s/Abdullah Freres, 30 x 40 cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 10

Al Suweiqa Street, Damascus, 1996/1930s, 30 x 40 cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 10

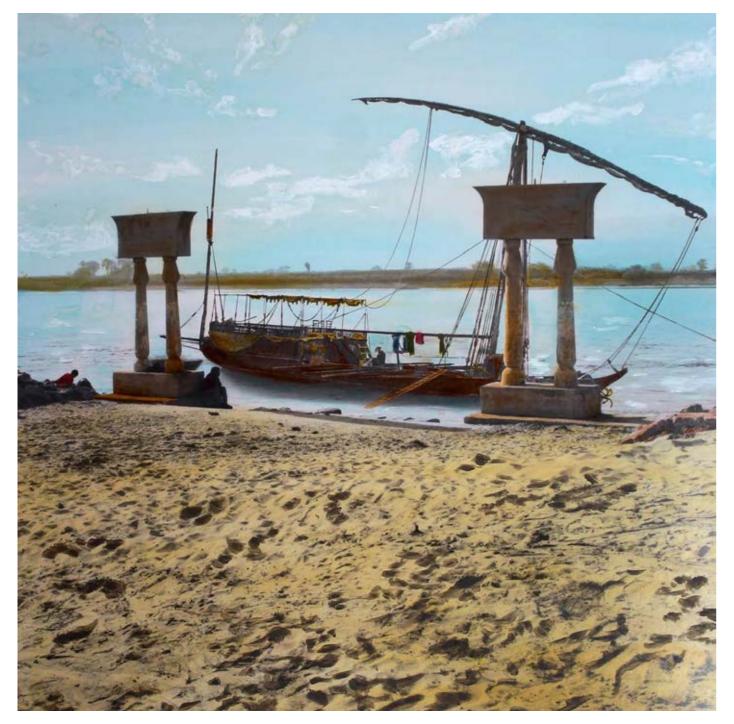
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Suq Waqif, Doha, 2012/1880s/Sebah, 30 x 40 cm, chromogenic print handcolored, edition of 10

The Fountain, Damascus, 1996/1930s/Chakra,  $30 \times 40$  cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 10 AED 4,600 (not including 5% VAT)



90 Helmy El Gawash Street, Cairo, 2008/1940s, 40 x 50 cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 10  $^{\circ}$ 

 $Leavitt\ Hunt\ \&\ Nathan\ Baker\ at\ Port\ Luxor,\ Luxor,\ 2000/1851,\ 50\ x\ 60\ cm,\ archival\ pigment\ print\ hand colored,\ edition\ of\ 50\ cm,\ archival\ pigment\ print\ hand colored,\ edition\ of\ 50\ cm,\ archival\ pigment\ print\ hand colored,\ edition\ of\ 50\ cm,\ archival\ pigment\ print\ hand colored,\ edition\ of\ 50\ cm,\ archival\ pigment\ print\ hand colored,\ edition\ of\ 50\ cm,\ archival\ pigment\ print\ hand\ colored,\ edition\ of\ 50\ cm,\ archival\ pigment\ print\ hand\ colored,\ edition\ of\ 50\ cm,\ archival\ pigment\ print\ hand\ colored,\ edition\ of\ 50\ cm,\ archival\ pigment\ print\ hand\ colored,\ edition\ of\ 50\ cm,\ archival\ pigment\ print\ hand\ colored,\ edition\ of\ 50\ cm,\ archival\ pigment\ print\ hand\ colored,\ edition\ pigment\ print\ pigment\ print\ pigment\ print\ pigment\ print\ pigment\ print\ pigment\ print\ print\ pigment\ print\ print\ pigment\ print\ pigment\ print\ pigment\ print\ p$ 

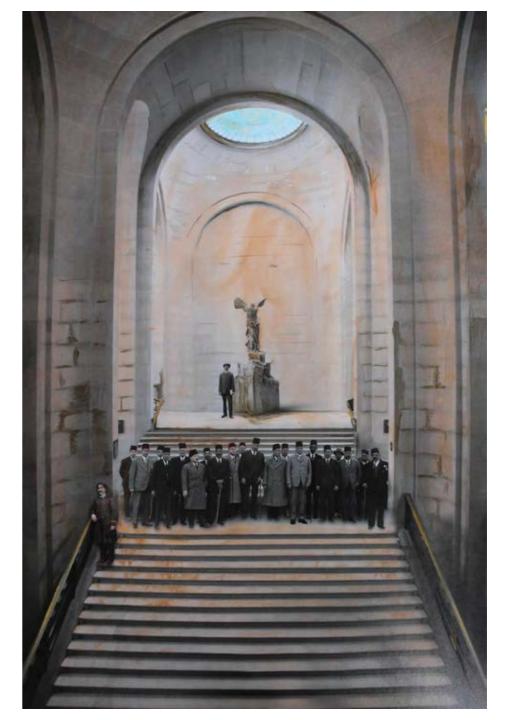
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Karkh III, Baghdad, 1994/1880s/Sebah, 50 x 60 cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 5

A Museum Visit, Cairo, 2005/1920s/Star, 50  $\times$  60 cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 5 AED 6,430 (not including 5% VAT)





The Egyptian Mission at the Louvre, Paris, 2009/1860s/James, 50 x 60 cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 5

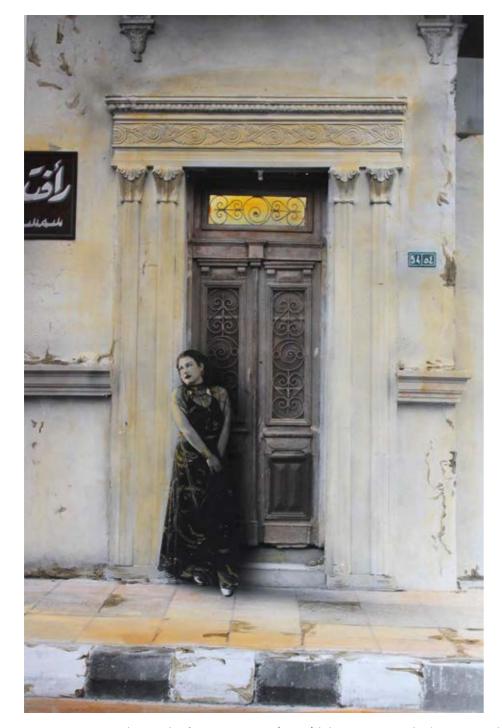
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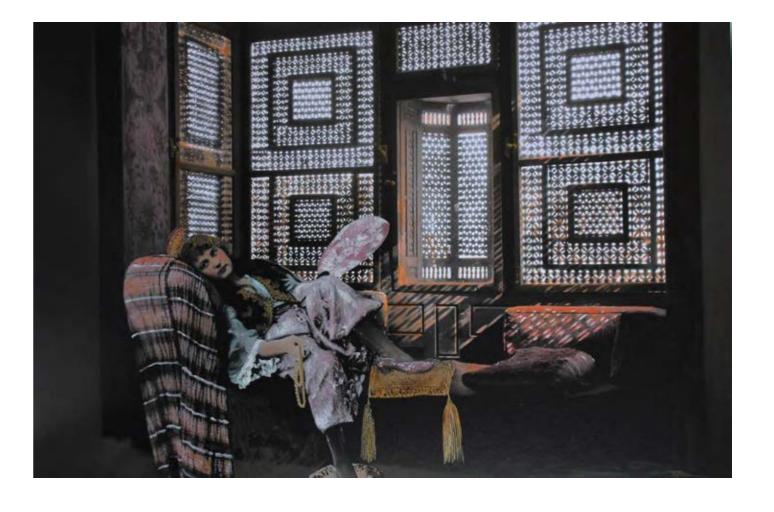




Rez de Chausee, Cairo, 2008/1930s, 50 x 60 cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 5  $\,$ 

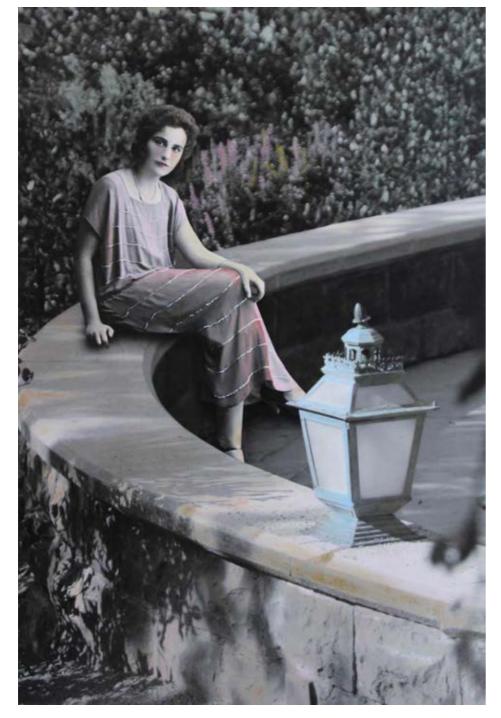
Resting at Rebecca & Ali's, Fayoum, 2008/1920s,  $50 \times 60$  cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 5 AED 6,530 (not including 5% VAT)

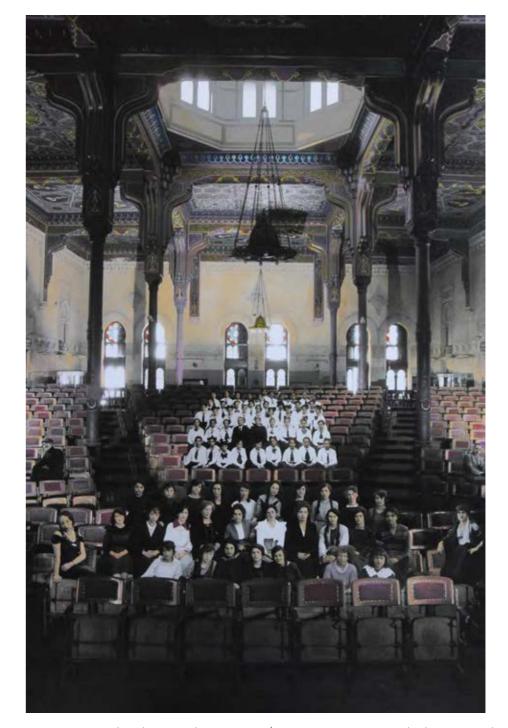












 $Matinee\ Break, Paris, 2009/1940s/Nadir, 40\ x\ 50\ cm, archival\ pigment\ print\ hand colored,\ edition\ of\ 10$ 

Watching the Puppet Show, Cairo, 2007/1930s, 40 x 50cm category, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 10





Life on the Balcony, Cairo, 2009/1940s,  $40 \times 50$  cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 10

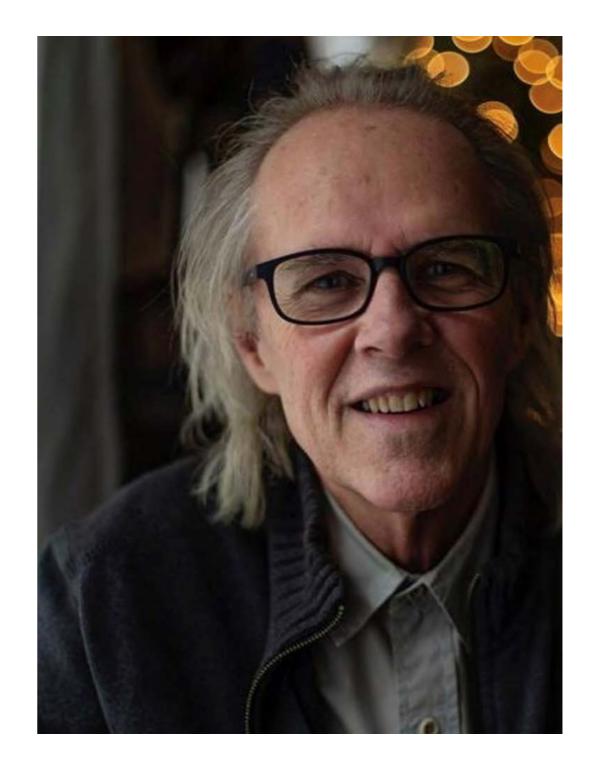


Queen Farida at Gayer Anderson House, Cairo, 2012/1940s, 40 x 50 cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 10

At the Beach, Aqaba, 1997/1920s,  $40 \times 50$  cm, archival pigment print handcolored, edition of 10

# Barry Iverson, (b.1956, America)

Barry Iverson, (b.1956, America), has been living and working in Egypt for more than forty years. Using film and a large format camera for much of his work and printing in a traditional wet darkroom, Iverson's photographs, rich in detail and tone, revisit the earlier days of the medium. He has long explored issues of memory and its historical context and the desert landscape has been of particular interest to him for many years. Iverson played an important role in rescuing the archive of Master Photographer Van Leo and in reviving the hand-colored process made famous in the first half of the 20th century, a tradition that harks back to historical picture postcards. A recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship in 1985 to research the history of photography in Egypt, Iverson's influence by his predecessors in the region such as Frith, Green, Du Camp, and Hunt & Baker is evident in much of his work as is the documentary work of Walker Evans. Iverson is represented in several private and public collections including Harvard University and the American University in Cairo. In 1994 Iverson published the much sought after Comparative Views of Egypt, Cairo: One Hundred Years Later (Zeitouna). He is a former TIME Magazine photographer and continues to work on editorial as well as commercial commissions.



## **Fann A Porter**

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The Dubai gallery is based at The Workshop, a unique inter-disciplinary community space consisting of a cafe, art gallery, sustainable store and design space, providing visitors with a diversified artistic and cultural experience. Bathed in natural sunlight with its garden, The Workshop is located in the heart of Jumeirah in Dubai.

Fann A Porter Amman is located at Manara Arts & Culture, a creative hub and social space in the heart of Jabal Al Lweibdeh.

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