

## **Take the Bassa with Sababa**

### **A debut showcase of Israeli comics and graphic novel artists in London**

'Taking the bassa with sababa': to take the bad with a pinch of salt, to stay positive, to see the bigger picture and not let the momentarily depressing grind one down.

This purposely confounding English title, adapting daily Jewish Israeli slang based on Arabic Israeli words, is indeed an attempt to encompass the range and complexity of an emerging, dynamic scene of young Israeli art, showcased in London for the first time and exclusively.

Working within the harshness of daily Israeli reality yet constantly balancing the local and political with the personal on one end, and the cosmopolitan/universal on the other, this group of comics and graphic novel artists demonstrate an immediacy and poignancy unparalleled in forms of art that are either too high brow or too market-oriented to be able to truly reflect the lives, ideas and desires of a generation suspended between a 100-year-old conflict and the shopping malls erected around it.

Therefore, this exhibition targets both fans of comics and graphic novels seeking independent frontiers and approaches within the medium, and people who are curious about contemporary Israel and are willing to face a range of artistic expression that defies expectation and refuses easy captions. That can be critically realistic or psychedelically elusive - often both at the same time.

Participating Artists:

[Michal Baruch](#)

[Ifat Cohen-Gabai](#)

[Roni Fahima](#)

[Amitai Sandy](#)

[Koren Shadmi](#)

[Meirav Shaul](#)

[Assia Vilenkin](#)

[Dula Yavne](#)

[Gilad Seliktar](#)

Where: **Spiro Ark Gallery**, 25-26 Enford Street, London W1H 1DW

Nearest tube / rail: Marylebone / Baker Street

When: 17 Feb 2008 - 16 March 2008

Website: <http://www.israelicomics.co.uk>