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SHERIF AOUN

is one of Beirut's up-and-coming architects.

He is known for his installation, Conquest of Spain.



What makes you feel free?

I am lucky enough to work on these housing developments where we are our own clients so I am free to express myself.

What worries you?

To lose my creativity like an athlete [can] break a leg. At the end of the day, everything in my life revolves [around] creativity.

Favorite film?

Little Miss Sunshine. It really affected me. I think it is a lesson of life.

Favorite musician, group, song/album...or combination thereof?

To be honest I have no favorite band. My relationship with music is very superficial. It is background music for me. I can listen to anything just as long as it is easy listening.

What is your drug of choice?

Wine. It's an alcohol that soothes.

What inspires you right now?

My journeys, every trip I make is a source of inspiration. I discover new materials, new combinations, a new way to integrate my architecture. It allows me to have hindsight.

What do you think is your purpose on earth?

To be perfectly honest and selfish, it is to accomplish myself. To use my work and everything that surrounds me to accomplish myself as a being. And not to repeat myself, but to keep pushing the limits and keep on creating new things, keep on exploring.

What do you love/hate about Beirut?

I love its sun and its proximity to the sea. Beirut's geographical situation helps its identity. I like the wild lawlessness, where there is a tree in the middle of the street. What I hate is its lack of aesthetics, which is a bit contradictory. There is this huge gray mass of buildings that don't make you want to walk around. You have to look for those charming corners, there is a lack of green spaces and we really need them.

What would you like to come back as in your next life?

Reincarnation for me turns right away into an animal: a wild bird. The search for freedom of movement is what attracts me.

A quote to live by or personal motto?

"We are eternally unsatisfied."

What is Soul?

Everybody has an unconcealed part and a concealed part, which is the core of the energy we put out there.