

# told untold retold

a guide for  
schools + families



if you could travel through time, would you go to the past or the future? would you change anything? or would you stay here in the present?

This exhibition is like a time machine. It can take you into artists' memories of the past, and their dreams about the future. Or it could tell you a story about the present.

What kinds of stories do they tell? What do these artists want to tell us about our changing world? Choose one of the galleries (**Told, Untold, or Retold**) to begin exploring.

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# told

memories of the past

the house that my father built  
sadik kwaish alfraji



## Before you enter the room:

Think of some words that describe how you feel about your home. What did you come up with?

## When you enter:

A giant black figure stretches up above you. Who is this dark giant? What do you see that makes you think that?

To the left of the giant, there are two photographs placed side by side. Who are the people in the photographs?

A man's clothes are hanging neatly on a hanger, as if it were hanging in a closet. The clothes belong to the artist's father. Why do you think the artist has hung them here?

# untold

dreams of the future

zahra-zoujaj  
younes rahmoun



## Before you enter:

Take off your shoes, and enter the room as quietly as you can. Then, look up at the ceiling.

## When you enter:

Look up and listen quietly. What do you hear? Can you describe the feeling that you get in this room?



# retold

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## the present

jewel  
hassan khan

### **Before you enter:**

Pull the curtains back and listen for the sound of music. What does it remind you of? Is this music joyful or sad? What makes you say that?

### **When you enter:**

Watch the people in this movie carefully. What emotions do you think they are expressing? Do their actions fit with the music? Why or why not?

# after

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# the museum

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**Hassan Khan made his movie without using any words.**

What if you couldn't use words to explain how you felt? How would you express strong emotions like anger, happiness or fear?

With a partner, take turns using only your hands to express an emotion. Can you guess what your partner is feeling?

**Sadik Kwaish Alfraji used ordinary objects to tell a story about his home and family.**

Find an ordinary object that is special to you.

Write or draw about where you feel most at home, and use the object to help tell your story.

**Younes Rahmoun found objects that he thought were beautiful (flowers) and used them to express a feeling.**

Try expressing an emotion by making a found poem.

Gather books, newspapers, magazines, and old notebooks. Look inside them and write down words that are beautiful or interesting. Put those words together to make a piece of found writing. There is no wrong or right way to make this kind of poem.