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chidiac had to make do with unedible oil paintings at [abu dhabi](#) event

Abu Dhabi Known around the world as the Chocolate Artist, Sid Chidiac -- who is Australian-born, of Lebanese origin -- creates pieces that inspire disbelief and sugar comas whenever he exhibits the 100 per cent edible artwork.

"Why not chocolate? It's a unique medium to use and plus, I can lick the paint brush to clean it when I work," he says.

"But the downside is that it became such a habit that once I licked a paint brush that had oils on it ... not pleasant," he said, chuckling.

However, while it would have been a treat for visitors and exhibitioners alike to gaze at his confectionary creations, concerns over temperature conditions, among others, prevented Chidiac from showcasing his signature pieces at his stand at the eighth annual Abu Dhabi Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition (Adihex). Instead, he decided to display his oil paintings.

"This is the first time I exhibit in Abu Dhabi, but I've visited the capital many times before. Everyone here is so friendly and [hospitable](#)...soon after I first came, I fell in love with it here," Chidiac said.

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"In fact, I'm in the process of finalising talks with the Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage to hold an exhibition of my work within the next few months, which is going to be [amazing](#)," he added.

Chidiac couldn't help but express concern about whether he would have to stop visitors from nibbling at his chocolate pieces.

Eating the art

"One of the hazards of working with chocolate is that everyone wants to demolish your work! Everywhere I go, people are constantly breaking chunks or swiping their fingers on the pieces to get a taste...I remember at an exhibition in Paris -- I thought that for once people would just observe my pieces because the French are very respectful of art. Instead, they were also touching and tasting because they couldn't believe that I had created everything from chocolate." Chidiac said.

Interview with Sid Chidiac, artist at Adihex

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A sweet pursuit

Artist Sid Chidiac at his exhibition stand at Adihex. He intends to bring a chocolate sculpture exhibition to the UAE soon.

To learn more about Sid and his work, please visit www.sidchidiac.com

The artist

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