

Tayseer Barakat
Untitled, 2005

Branded wood, prisoners' letters, embedded in glass blocks
18 x 18 x 16 inches

\$12,000



The object consists of eight sealed glass boxes (4 pieces, 2 blocks high, placed in a 2'x2' square) containing scraps of torn letters from prisoners and blocks of wood decorated with burnt designs. A pedestal is required for proper installation.

Barakat, a Palestinian, was born in the Jabalya refugee camp in Gaza and currently resides in Ramallah in the West Bank. Barakat creates images using burned materials that suggest the cataclysmic expulsion of his family from their homeland. Like the Dalai Lama, who has lived in exile from Tibet since 1959, Barakat struggles with issues of displacement.