

Darwish's Mural in *Eldokan*

On the night of 5th October 2008, Gudran Association for Art and Development organized a reading of the great late poet Mahmoud Darwish's "Aljidareya/The Mural" in Eldokan; a space for Art and Society. This reading was a respond to the appeal of the International Literature Festival Berlin (ilb) to all associations and groups that are interested in literature to devote this day for reading and honoring Darwish.



The event began at 8.30 p.m. and ended at 10.00 p.m. The stanzas of the long poem were divided among four readers with chosen pauses when songs written by Darwish and music composed by his mate Marcel Khalifa were played back on a CD. The readers were the writer, dramatist and actress "Noura Amin", the Syrian poet "Khalaf Ali Elkhalaf", the poet "Montaser Abdelmawgoud" and the poet and translator "Samy Ismail".



Although the audience of such literary activities are few and usually known to each other, but the publication on the internet and the very nature of Eldokan (the shop) as an open place to the street succeeded in attracting some of Darwish's fans as well as people of the street and passers-by.

The reasonable success of the event, as the third literary reading in Eldokan during a month, has consolidated the importance of looking for new places and shapes of introducing and discussing literature.