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**Abstract**

Arts can be seen as a tool to communicate Self-Expression. Artists tend to express themselves through artworks. For this reason, many artworks sparked dialogues and inspirations over various topics. The relationship between arts and the space domain is underestimated. The expansion of human civilization into outer space means that every human aspect will move to space. This includes arts and culture. An independent group from Kuwait started a new initiative called Analog Missions and Arts. In summer 2022, 3 crew members participated in an analog mission in Poland at the Analog Astronauts Training Center (AATC). The aim of the mission was to request from the crew members to draw a painting before the mission. Then, they were requested to draw the same painting during the mission, however, with the freedom to modify any aspects as inspired by the isolation in the habitat. The group from Kuwait also partnered with the Contemporary Arts Platform (CAP), a local platform that promotes arts. This paper presents the results of the mission. Arts before and during the mission will be presented following a discussion and analysis about the elements that were modified. In addition, the paper presents the arrangement of the mission including the first space arts exhibition in Kuwait hosted by CAP.