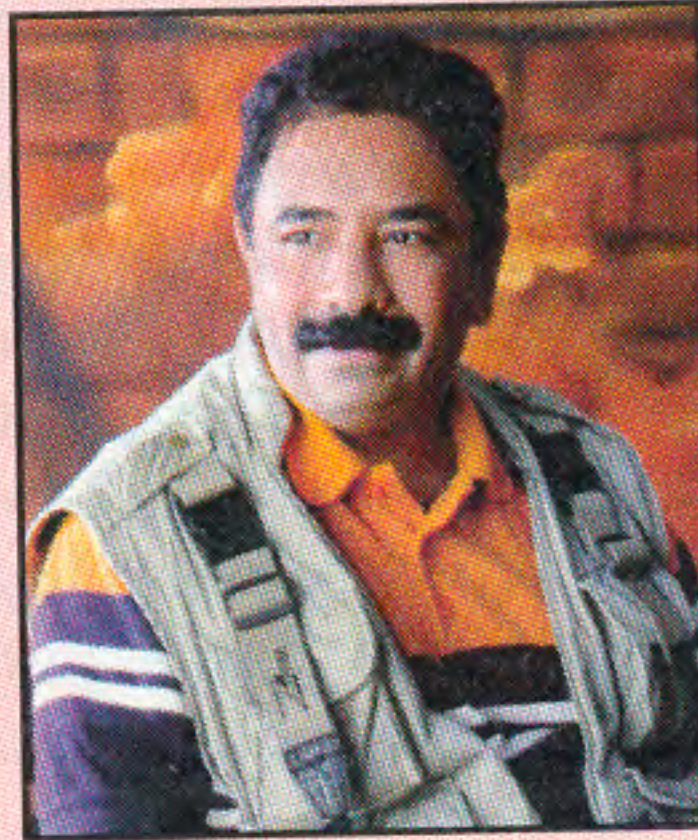


Ali Al Koofy – photographer

CONSTANTLY on the lookout for a new angle and an original shot, Ali Al Koofy, Bahrain's award winning photographer, practises art photography from his office at the Bahrain Art Centre in Budaiya.



Ali believes that with the advancement of technology everyone is a photographer. He said: "You can take a picture on the camera, mobile or even the computer. Even if you have the knowhow on the technical aspects such as colour repair, shutter speed and light ... the difference is in capturing the right image with the right colours at the right time. I believe in taking that one shot that can tell a story about life, love, happiness and togetherness."

Among his favourite subjects are portraits, flowers, depiction of Bahrain's

countryside and people including farmers and fishermen.

Ali likes to experiment with his images and does not always believe in producing a clear straight shot. While he presents some with colour he adds tones, special effects and at times distorts the images to create an abstract image to

make the photograph similar to a painting.

A photographer who believes that art is in his heart, Ali said: "I like to develop curiosity in the images that I present and I like showing the beautiful and nice side of life. I am still learning and am constantly developing my style."

Ali, 49, from Naim, will present around 30 photographs at the Artlounge 2. It will include his latest work of photographs that are printed on canvas and worked upon with charcoal. He has exhibited his works



in Amsterdam in Netherlands, Manila in Philippines, Sydney in Australia, Muscat in Oman, Beijing in China, Cairo in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Barato in Italy, Budapest in Hungary and Bahrain.

Ali has been a recipient of the kingdom's national photography competition organised by the Bahrain Arts Society and Bapco Club and has won the Medal of Excellence and Three Highly Commended Works at the 24th FIAP (International Federation of Photographic Art) Congress held in Beijing, China.

