



The Passion For Art

ARTDIVANO began in January 2013 as the brainchild of Marion Labani and Afaf Zainalabedin, to further develop the concept of an ART lounge. Bahrain Confidential talks to these entrepreneurs who are truly inspired by Art.

Archival Fine
Art Reproductions
by one of the
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calligraphers
Abbas Yousif.



The concept of ARTDIVANO

ARTDIVANO's concept and philosophy is based on taking artworks by Arab artists and artists who have chosen the Arab world as their home or who are translating the world's heritage and culture into a unique language of colours and materials onto a new level.

The '**DIVAN**' envisions the traditional way of storytelling in the Arab world and ARTDIVANO spreads the story of art by and from the region, carrying the tradition from the past into the present and future.

With the motto of 'The Passion for Art', this gallery is driven by a strong expertise yet deep emotional approach on art and a belief that art without passion is nothing. So, this passion for art brought myself, a German residing in Bahrain and a Bahraini lady, to embark on a professional life in art, with art and for art.

The Idea of ARTDIVANO and Services Provided

ARTDIVANO is primarily an Art consultancy, an Archival Ink Studio and will also soon be an Online Gallery.

We want to establish ourselves apart from the Art consultancy services and would like to be known locally and regional as one of the best art - and art service providers based in the Middle East.

ARTDIVANO was set up to continue with Marion's works in further developing an art consultancy where we could offer beginning to end solutions for client projects, art programs including design, customising, production and installation of artworks whether in hotels or private villas.

In addition we formed ARTDIVANO to introduce to Bahrain and to the region, Archival Pigment Ink Fine Art - and Photography Reproductions. This technique of Art Reproduction is very well known and recognised in Europe and the US. This is to make art more accessible and more affordable to a wider range of art lovers. In case you admire the artwork of one artist very much but you may not be able to afford an original, a reproduction of selected artworks would be exactly what you would have been looking for.

And, maybe a wonderful reproduction would be the first piece of artwork you purchase starting your very own private collection.

ARTDIVANO issues reproductions of originals and originals as well, which are solely in our rights to reproduce as limited editions on Fine Art Paper or Exhibition Canvas, and we issue a certificate along with it to guaranty long lasting colourfastness and genuineness. We launched recently and have been starting to introduce a beautiful calligraphy series in ink on paper by one of the finest calligrapher of Bahrain. His work is amongst others collected by the British Museum in London. The artworks he did for ARTDIVANO are depicting poetry by Khalil Gibran and will be available as originals and Archival Fine Art Reproductions in 2 sizes. The series of poetry will be continued and will be launched at ART BAHRAIN, where we aim to participate.

Photography series by L. Marshall, a South African photographer residing in Bahrain.



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Labani
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Zainalabedin*



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*A painting by
Abbas Yousif
and a sculpture
by Khalid Farhan.*



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