

Kifah Mahmoud Al Reefi

Born in al Zubair District / Al Basra – Iraq in the year 1962. He graduated from the Baghdad collage of Fine Arts Academy in the year 1985. Worked as a teacher of Fine Arts in the Fine Arts Institute / Al Basra in the year 1988.

Started working in Iraqi Newspapers and Magazines in the year 1983, where he worked in: Alif-Baa Magazine, Woman Magazine, Waii Al Umal Magazine, Al Jumhuriyah Newspaper, Alqadisiyah Newspaper, Al Iraq Newspaper

Left to Jordan in the year 1991 and worked in Jordanian Newspapers: Al Dustour Newspaper, Shihan Newspaper and Al Ahali Newspaper. He also concurrently worked with Al Muharrir French Newspaper, and then migrated to Netherlands in the year 1994, where he worked in local Newspapers and Magazines: Inzet Magazine, and Post Nederland Vluchtelingen Newspaper.

Afterwards he worked for London based Al Zaman Newspaper and Al Zaman Al Jadeed Magazine. Then he moved to work in Iraqi Al Sabah Al Jadeed Newspaper 2007, Kuwaiti Al Jareeda Newspaper 2007

Relocated to Kuwait in the year 2007 and worked in Awan Kuwaiti Newspaper, and finally worked in Kuwaiti Al Qabas Daily Newspaper in the year 2011

Currently he works and lives in the Netherlands

Invented The Hamdan Character and presented him within a weekly column in the name of Hamdan Weekly in the year 1983

Exhibitions:

Several Personal Exhibitions

- Personal Caricature Exhibition in The Public Library / Amsterdam 2002
- Personal Book Covers Exhibition in The Public Library / Amsterdam 2003
- Personal Caricature Exhibition in The Public Library / Amsterdam 2004
- Personal Caricature Exhibition in Art Empire Gallery / Leiden 2004
- Personal Caricature Exhibition in The Public Library / North Amsterdam 2004

He also participated in over 40 Arabic and International Exhibitions, few are listed below:

- The 15th Cartoon Festival - Italy 1997
- Binali Tehran Caricature Art 1997
- International Black Humour Festival - Romania 1998
- The 8th Seoul Int'l Cartoon Festival - Korea 1999
- International Cartoon Exhibition, Turkey 2001
- Trojan Harvest Festival – Greece 2007
- Paarsjes Art Festival 2007
- 1st International Cartoon Competition, El Gouna - Red Sea, Egypt 2010
- Comics Annual Festival – Haarlem / Netherlands 2012
- Den Haag, Holland 2013
- First International Cultural Children Convention, Netherlands 2013
- The 5th International Cartoon Gathering, Cairo, Egypt 2018
- The 6th International Cartoon Gathering, Cairo, Egypt 2019
- Der Alla 6th International Gathering (Virtual Gathering), Jordan 2020

Juries

- Jury Member at Haarlem comics festival – Netherlands 2012
- Jury Member of the 8th International Cartoon Contest "SYRIA" - Syria 2013

Prizes and Achievements

- 3rd Prize Ninth Daejeon Int'l Cartoon Contest – Korea 2000
- Diploma for Performance, The international Festival for Cartoon - Romania 2001
- Best Cartoon Prize at the 12th Seoul Daejeon Int'l Cartoon Festival – Korea 2003
- Special Prize at the 13th Seoul Int'l Daejeon Cartoon Festival – Korea 2004
- Guest of honour in Professional Political Cartoonists Festival – Netherlands 2013
- Guest of honour in Arab Spring Festival organized by The Netherlands Press Museum – Netherlands 2013
- Certificate of Appreciation, Sutoor Magazine, Iraq – 2013
- Honourable Mention, the 14th International Cartoon Contest, Syria – 2018
- Honourable Prize, the 15th International Cartoon Contest, Syria – 2019
- The 1st International Kurds Cartoon Forum 2019
- Certificate of Appreciation, Peace Wings and Democracy International Organization in Canada, Ottawa, Canada - 2020