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KUWAIT CITY, Jan 1: Boushahri Art Gallery will be holding an art exhibition by Liz Strick titled 'Memories' Jan 13 at 7 pm.

The artist from the Netherlands is known for her expressionist techniques and rich chiaroscuro depictions of a variety of themes. Liz Strick's formative years were spent in Turkey where she apprenticed under Orhan Taylan, whose expressionist techniques influenced her style. Later, while living in London, she worked in the studio of Oliver Bevan for three years. By taking part in his workshops she was able to hone her skills in oil painting and printmaking.

She has been holding solo exhibitions since 1994 and her works embellish many private collections in Australia, Curacao, Canada, Germany, Turkey, Lebanon, The Netherlands, UAE, the UK and the USA.

Her last solo exhibition was the 'Lebanon Series' and it explores from her unique perspective Lebanon after the recent war. Speaking about it she remarked: "The birth of my second grandchild is what brought me back to Beirut. During my stay I visited the South of the country as far as Litani River." Those four days she spent visiting the country had a tremendous impact on her and her art, "and it was especially apparent upon my return when I started to revisit my experiences."

She says she learnt a lot about the Lebanese people and their culture. "Their hospitality and strong personalities have made a long-lasting impression on me."

Witnessing some of the tremendous damages of the war, the pain this has caused and the ongoing political instabilities have all added to my desire to try and put some of my feelings on the canvas. That was the beginning of the Lebanon Series."

It was her tribute to the small great nation.

Open Atelier in 2007, Water paintings in 2004, Louis Coiffure in 2003, Dialog mit der Selee in 2000, Betten Tischler in 1999 and Klavierhaus Claudio Labianca in 1999 are some of her other exhibitions. Her first exhibition was held in Turkey in 1994. It was called Akbank Sanat Galerisi.

Free brush strokes with more emphasis on light and shade and perspectives than color and details are some salient features of her paintings. She has held group exhibitions in

Dubai, London and Hague starting from 1984. Liz Strick was born in 1953

in Bloemendaal in the Netherlands. Before moving to Turkey with her family

she did a foundation course in Northwich (UK). Boushahri Art Gallery is in

Salmiya on Baghdad Street. Call 5621116/9 for more information.

Top and above: some of paintings by Liz Strick who will hold an exhibition titled 'Memories' at the Boushahri Art Gallery from Jan 13.