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### Dr. Nehal Balbaa

#### Deputy Governor of Beheira Governorate

The Egyptian State pays great concern to all forms of art, recognizing their role in elevating conscience and behavior, and shaping Egyptian society to counter negative influences. Art and culture serve as vital instruments for promoting awareness and refining public taste in alignment with Egypt's Vision

with numerous rare manuscripts. Additionally, a number of other cultural landmarks, such as Damanhour Culture Palace, Damanhur Cultural Campus, Misr Public Library, and the oldest summer cinema in Egypt Delta history. Therefore, Damanhour was selected as the perfect location to revive the Egyptian Caricature art, in order to preserve its history and introduce it to younger generations. Through hosting of the first edition of Damanhour Women's International caricature Festival organized by Mr. Abdallah El-Sawy Foundation for the Preservation of Egypt's caricature Heritage, and supported by the Goethe Institute in Cairo and the French Institute in Egypt. Abdallah El -Sawy Foundation has been keen to hold the festival in March every year. On 8 March, the world celebrates International Women's Day. role has been greatly diminished and almost eroded in recent years - and to emphasize its importance, to introduce the early Egyptian caricature pioneers, and their feathery tournaments that have played a significant and influential role in all national and regional issues. millennial, by professional artists, in order to express their civilized opinions peacefully. After the great success of the festival's first edition, we hope to accomplish more successes for the second edition scheduled for March 2025.



### Mr. Abdallah El-Sawy

A researcher and writer specialized in the history of Egyptian cartoons, and founder and president of the festival

Since I founded my Caricature memory project in Cairo in early 2012, I dream of a major international Caricature event in Beheira governorate. When a program grant was announced outside the capital of the Goethe Institute in Cairo, I finally had the chance to present the first

Damanhour Women's International Caricature Festival, as they say on a gold plate.

Then, in September 2023, I had the opportunity to hold the first free workshop to teach the principles of the art of painting and caricature, through my "Caricature for All" initiative, in cooperation with Misr Public Library in Damanhour, within the activities and events of the 6th Damanhur Book Fair, with the dignified guidance and care of Dr. Nehal Balbaa, Deputy Governor of Beheira Governorate. On the last day of the workshop, before I left Damanhur for Cairo, I received the news that my project had won the grant.

Damanhour International Festival of Women's Caricature is the first such festival in Egypt and the Middle East, organized by Abdallah El-Sawy Foundation for the Preservation of Egypt's Cartoon Heritage, in cooperation with Misr Public Library in Damanhour, primarily concerned with women's cartoons; to identify their image, problems and issues.

From the outset, I and my team had a comprehensive and specific view of all the Festival's activities and events. Our choices were based on pre-established regulations and standards in all impartiality and integrity. France was chosen to be the guest of honor for the Festival at its first edition, and the leading press writer: Monira Thabit to be the character of the festival, and the character of the country's daughter to the late cartoonist: Mohamed Abdelmenim Rakha, to be the theme of the festival, and to choose the famous French cartoonist: Trax, to be the guest honor of the festival, and the young Egyptian cartoonist: Amani Hashim, to be honored for their entire work.

The festival activities began with a press conference held at Misr Public Library in Damanhour on February 15, 2024, followed by three free workshops for five consecutive days to teach the principles of caricature art, running from February 18 to 22, 2024, held at Misr Public Library in Damanhour, the College of Islamic and Arab Studies for Girls in Damanhour, and Talent Development Center at Damanhour Opera House, where the two artists: Amal Samir and Raghdaa Jawad Hegazy lectured.

For the first time in Beheira Governorate, a workshop was held to teach the principles of the art of Marj - Thread (drawing

with scraps of Fabric) at Misr Public Library in Damanhour. The four workshops targeted females at the secondary and University levels. The number of participants in the workshops increased to 100 with the participation of some women and women working at Misr Public Library in Damanhour.

As part of the caricature initiative's concern to discover, support and encourage young talents, the workshops were showcased at the festival's public exhibition, alongside with the drawings of leading Egyptian cartoonists and more than 150 professional cartoonists from 35 countries around the world who participated in the festival exhibition.

The festival program also included an open meeting following the festival's opening ceremony with the French cartoonist Trax, and a trip to visit monuments in Rosetta or Rashid City the day after the opening ceremony. And holding two symposiums, the first of which was hosted by the Faculty of Islamic and Arab Studies for Girls in Damanhour under the title: Caricature Stories... Rakha and the Girl of the Country, and the researcher and writer: Abdallah El-Sawy lectured. and the other hosted by Misr Public Library in Damanhour under the heading "Monira Thabet"... The Dean of Egyptian Women Journalists, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Galal Bassiouny, attended a screening of the film "Josep", winner of the Cesar Award for Best Animated Film, which addresses the life story of the original Spanish painter Josep Bartoli.

I am pleased to extend my gratitude, along with the Board of Trustees of Abdallah El-Sawy Foundation for Egyptian Caricature Heritage Preservation, to all who contributed to the success of the Festival. Special thanks to the Goethe Institute in Cairo, French Institute in Egypt, Beheira Governorate, Misr Public Library in Damanhour, Faculty of Islamic and Arab Studies for Girls in Damanhour, Talent Development Centre in Damanhour Opera House, Directorate of Education in Beheira, and the following individuals: Ibrahim El-Bridi, Amal Samir, Raghdaa Gawad Hegazy, Iman Ll-Sayed, Monira Morsy, Fatma Enbiwa, Dr. Amira EL Tabey, Artist: Anas BaSuliman the designer of Poster and publications of the festival, and special thanks to Dr. Nehal Balbaa, Deputy Governor of Beheira, for her dignified sponsorship of the festival, and the great interest and support she attaches to the art of caricature.



## Frederike Berje

Head of Arts MENA Goethe-Institut Cairo

The Goethe-Institut Cairo, within the framework of the outside Cairo initiative  $(^{*})$ , was honored to participate in the Damanhour Women's International caricature

Festival in its first edition, whose event was held in the city of Damanhour from February 15 to March 7, 2024, with the participation of France as a guest of honor, and in cooperation with several cultural and educational institutions in Beheira Governorate.

The festival is one of the projects that won the Medium Grant within the scope of Outside Cairo Initiative for the year 2023/2024, founded by researcher and writer: Abdallah El-Sawy, and organized by the Memory of caricature Project, affiliated with the Abdallah El-Sawy Foundation for Egyptian Caricature Heritage Preservation. Within the festival's program, many distinguished artistic activities and events were held: three free workshops to teach the principles of caricature art, and one workshop to teach the principles of the art of marj-thread (drawing with scraps of canvas Fabric) over five consecutive days, in which 100 girls and women participated. The festival was distinguished by offering four free workshops to teach the principles of caricature art, which were held over a week.

In conclusion: We were pleased to participate in supporting the festival, the successes it achieved in its first edition, the support and special interest we witnessed from Beheira Governorate for the festival, and the distinguished artistic level reached by the girls and women participating in the workshops - in a short period of time - in the field of caricature. We wish the festival more successes in the coming sessions.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Outside Cairo is an initiative that includes a training program on cultural management and cultural journalism, as well as a grants program aimed at supporting arts and culture in various governorates of Egypt.



### Mr. Eric Lebas

# Cultural Attache, Department of Cooperation and Cultural Action, French Embassy in Egypt

Within the framework of the close mutual relations between France and Egypt in the cultural field, the French Institute in Egypt supported the first Damanhour Women's International caricature Festival, which was successfully organized by Mr. Abdallah El-Sawy Foundation for Egyptian Caricature Heritage Preservation, running from 15 February to 7 March

in Egypt and Dr. Nehal Balbaa, Deputy Governor of Beheira Governorate. Dr. Nehal was eager to support the festival, not only through sponsorship but also by



### **Artist. Trax**

Famous French cartoonist: Christine Traxler, famous for Trax

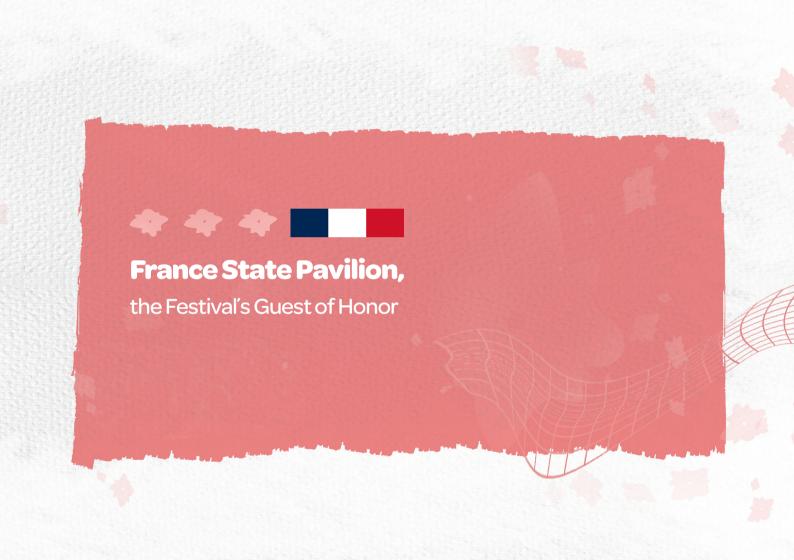
The pyramids, like Venice, Italy, never failed to impress me. I was captivated by The Egyptian Museum in Tahrir Square, as well as the beauty of Delta and the monuments of the city of

Rosetta (Rashid). When I discovered Khan al-Khalili Market and Al-Muizz Ii-Din Allah al-Fatimi Street on Thursday evening thanks to Hani Hanna and Irini Maher, my excellent companions from the French Institute in Egypt - whom I thank for - I told myself that Cairo deserved the name of the city of light as much as Paris.

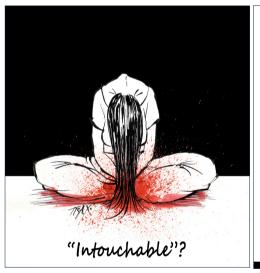
For anyone wishing to explore the beauty of Egypt, I suggest being a special guest at Damanhour Women's International caricature Festival. I will always remember the warm welcome extended to me by Mr. Abdallah El-Sawy, the festival's founder and director. I amgrateful to him and his team for the invitation, the lovely exhibition in my honor, and the festival's inclusive selection.

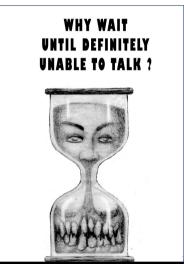
It broadened my perspective and enriched me to interact with female students engaging in art workshops focused on teaching caricature art principles and discussing two challenging topics prevalent in any nation; early marriage and women's issues. Despite the workshops' shortness, the outcomes exceeded those I witnessed in France, in terms of superior painting skills and stronger conceptual ideas. I extend my admiration to both the artists conducting the workshops and the participants.

Finally, I extend my gratitude to Dr. Nehal Balbaa, Deputy Governor of Beheira Governorate, for her dedicated time and attention in reviewing the French gallery and pavilion at the festival's public exhibition during the opening ceremony. Her insightful analysis, inquiries about the cartoons, her cultured perspective, and informed remarks during the festival's closing ceremony, along with her generous sponsorship and support of cartoons, stand as a powerful to students, cartoonists, and citizens, advocating for their freedom of expression. Thank you once more.



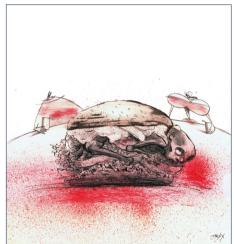




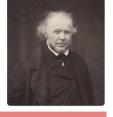




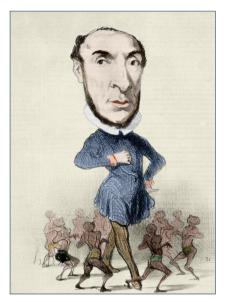








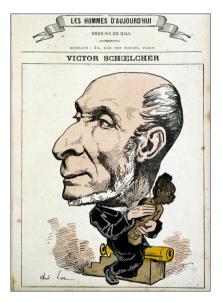








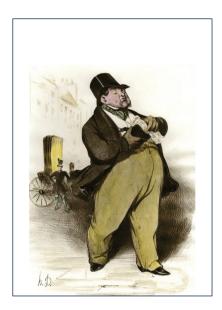












#### l'assiette au beurre

An illustrated French satirical magazine that ran from 190° to 1936. It was published weekly until 1912. After a break, it was published again on a monthly basis from 1921 to 1925, ther declined and disappeared in 1936. In its early period, L'assiette au beurre was innovative in terms of cartooning, especially by coordinating full-page drawings and turning the entire issue into a single theme, or even a single work of art.

The magazine brought together some of Europe's best illustrators at a time when illustrators - because of their political conviction - were abandoning their unique artwork for print; taking advantage of the carte blanche given to them, lassiette au beurre's illustrators criticised militarism, colonialism, clerics, compromise, and working conditions with great freedom. The magazine ceased publication in 1936, after publishing approximately 10000 drawings produced by approximately 200 illustrators, lassiette au beurre is considered one of the most important and famous French cartoon magazines of the modern era. Some of the most important and famous cartoonists who published their work in the magazine include: Félix Vallotton, Kees van Dongen, Kupka, Juan Gris, Jacques Fillon, Steinlein, Bernard Nodin, Karan Dash, Furin, Bulbot, Cabello, Benjamin Rapier, Galanis, Leander, and H.G. Ebels.

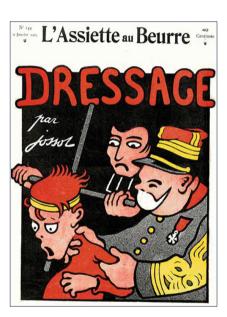




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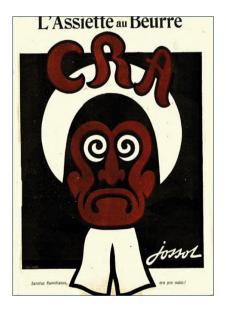


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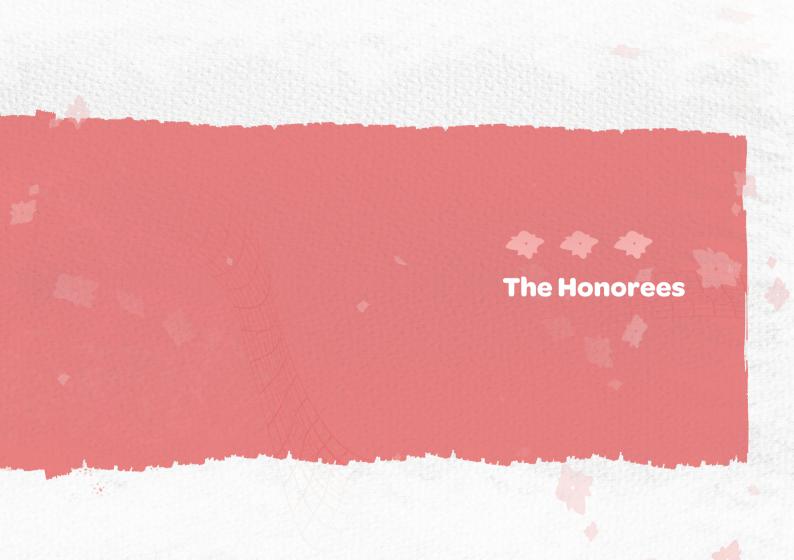












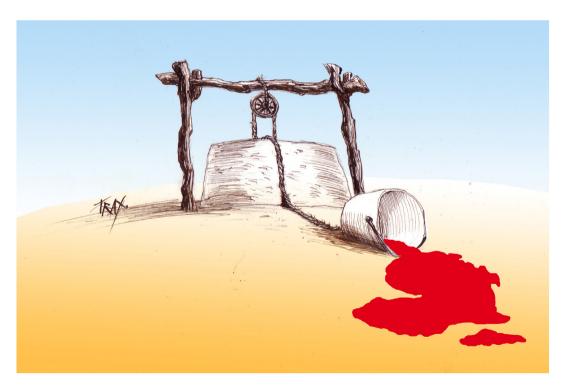


### **French Cartoonist: Trax**

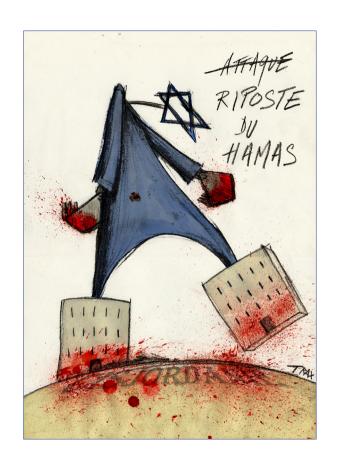
Christine Traxler, nickname: Trax, one of France's most famous cartoonists, was born in France in 1953. She started her career as a lawyer, then left law to pursue a career in cartooning and graphic design. Her cartoons have been published in many French newspapers and magazines including Le Ravi, as well as La Décroissance, Zélium and l'Espoir.

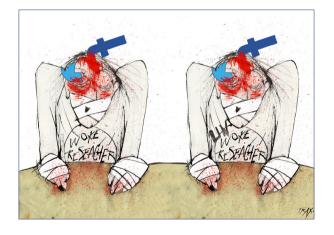
She has given many workshops in middle and high schools, prisons, remand centres and central prisons, participated in campaigns to support imprisoned cartoonists around the world, and regularly participates in cartoon festivals, such as the International Cartoon Press Festival for Caricature and Satire, several travelling group exhibitions for Le Crayon, and the Women's Rights Exhibition 2018.

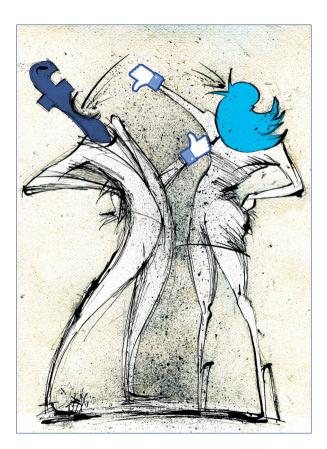
Trax has received numerous awards and honours including: Jury Prize at the ISTAC International Comics Festival 2019, the Excellence Award at the World Humour Festival 2020, whose theme was 'Water as a source of health', and actively campaigns for the right to housing and against advertising aggression. She has written several books in various fields and has participated in many local and international festivals, competitions and juries. Trax is a member of several cartoonists' organizations and human rights organizations such as France Cartoons and United Sketches for Freedom.



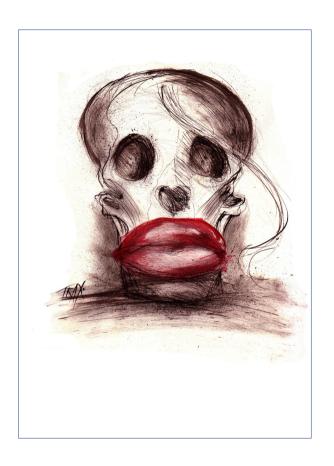




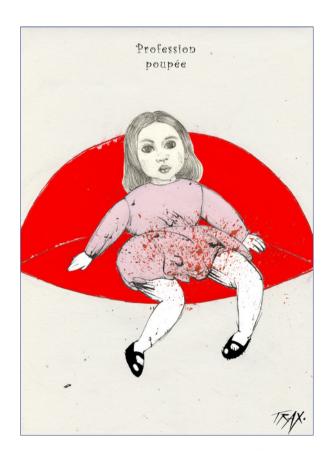














# Egyptian Cartoonist: Amany Hashem

She holds a Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting Department, Ain Shams University.

She holds a liberal studies degree at the Faculty of Fine Arts, Helwan University, Department of Painting.

She participated in many exhibitions of fine arts and caricature arts from 2010 until now, including: the "Whispers and Breezes" exhibition at the Faculty of Fine Arts in 2010, the "sweet half" exhibition at El Sawy culture wheel in Cairo, and the "World Day of Social Justice" exhibition at Goethe Institute.

She also lead many workshops in the field of teaching caricature at the Greek Campus, the Egyptian Opera House and the Center for the Development of Education for Expatriate and Foreign Students at Al-Azhar Al-Sharif.

Her works have been published in many newspapers and magazines inside and outside Egypt, including: Daily news newspaper, Sabah El-Khair Magazine, Rosal-Yusuf Magazine, newspaper, and website. She also drew many cartoons for children in Samir Magazine, Qatar El-Nada Magazine, El-Fardous Magazine for Children affiliated with the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, and Sanabel Arabic Series affiliated with the General Book Authority. She received many awards and honors, including: first place in the Creativity Award in Cartoons presented by the Rosal-Yusuf Foundation for the year 2014, and the Artist Mohamed Abla Award in the Crisis Caricature

























# : Leading journalist **Monira Thabit, Dean of Egyptian Female Journalists**

She was born in 1906, and obtained a high school diploma in 1924. She enrolled the French Law School, which was operating at that time in Cairo and awarded her degrees from Paris, also she obtained a Bachelor of Laws. She was the first Egyptian girl to obtain this degree, and was registered in the roster of lawyers due to the mixed courts as the first woman lawyer in Egypt.

Monira was not the first Egyptian woman to write in newspapers, nor was she the first Egyptian to publish a magazine or newspaper. However, she was the first woman to belong to journalist Syndicate, the first female political writer, and the first female editor-in-chief of a political newspaper. That's why she was called the Dean of Egyptian female journalists. She left us in September 1967 after a life full of generosity.

In appreciation of what Monira Thabit contributed to the press and the Egyptian women's movement, she was chosen as the character of Damanhour Women's International caricature Festival in its first edition. The Cartoon Memory Project also invited a number of cartoonist portrait artists around the world to learn about the biography and path of Monira Thabit and draw a caricature portrait. The invitation received a wide response, as more than 80 painters from 35 countries around the world participated in drawing a caricature of the Dean of Egyptian female journalists: Monira Thabit. They were displayed in the main exhibition of the festival.



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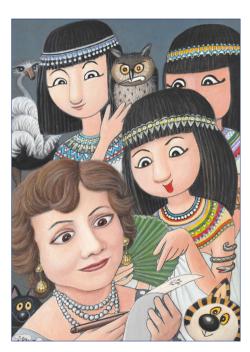
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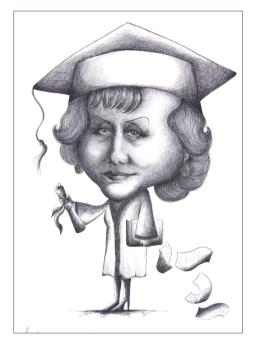
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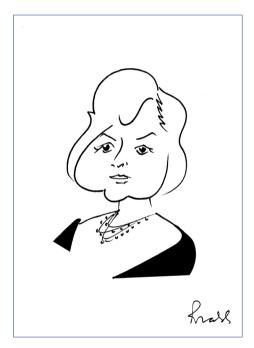
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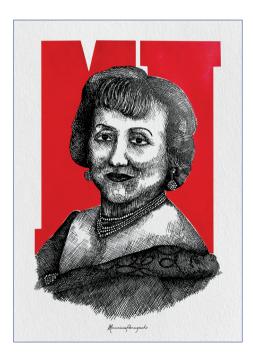
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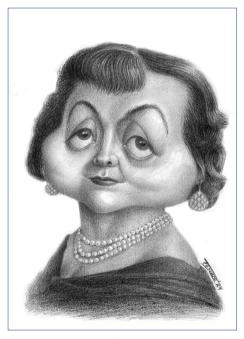
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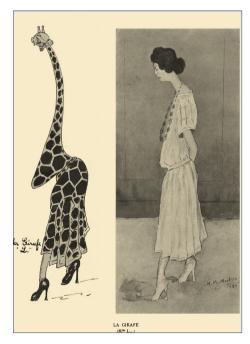


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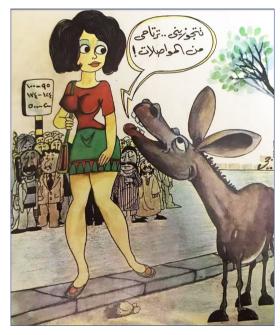
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#### Women are sketched by several pioneers of Egyptian caricature art





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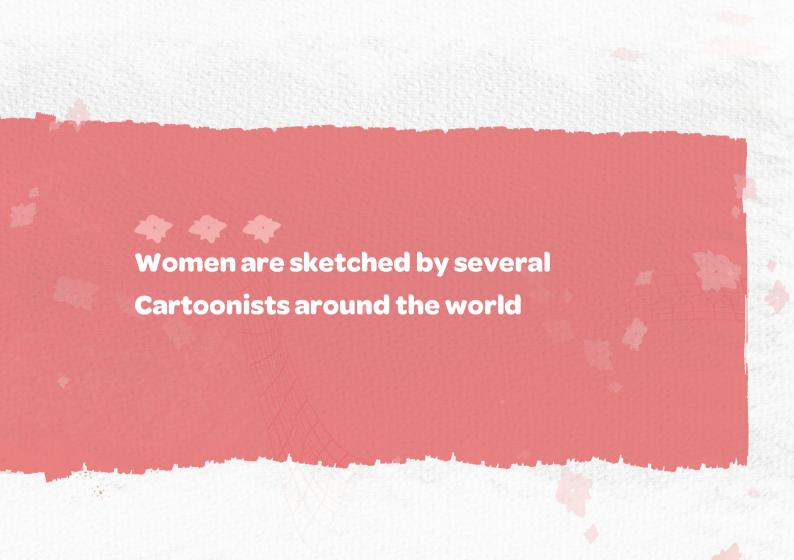


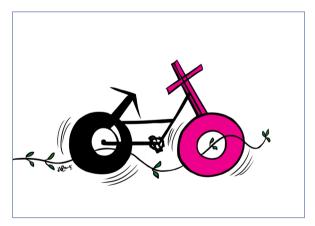




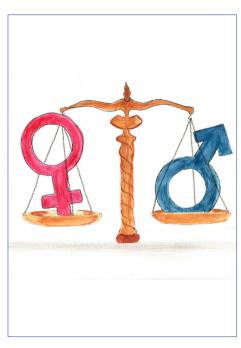
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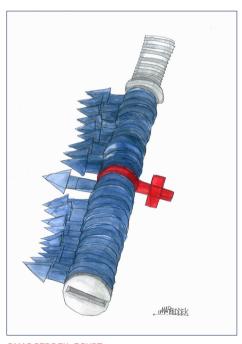
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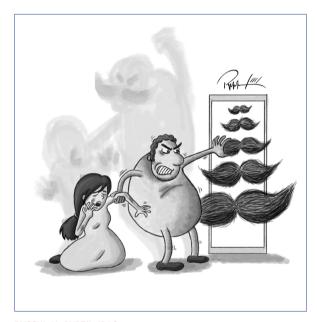
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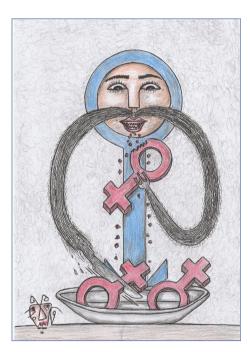
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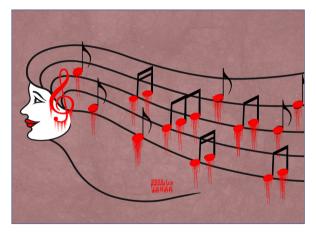
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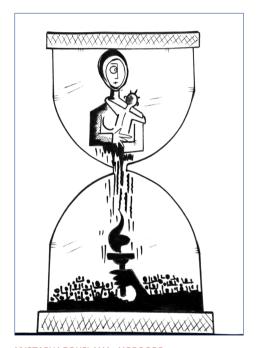
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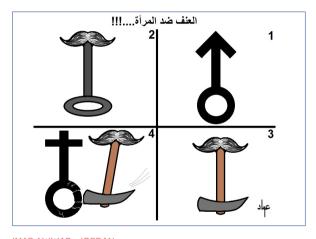
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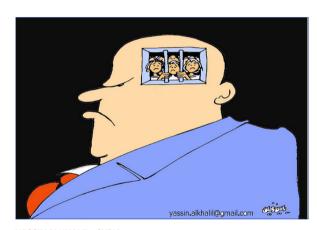
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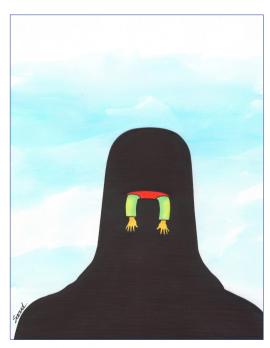
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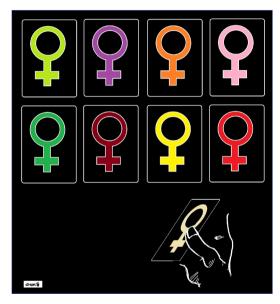
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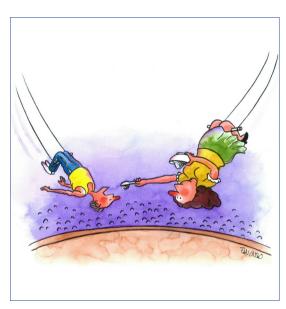
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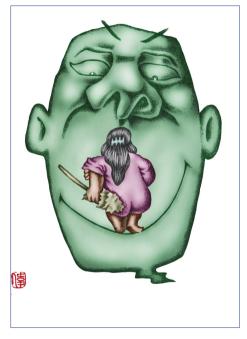
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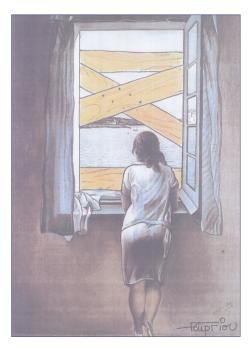
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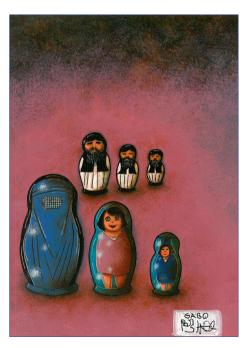
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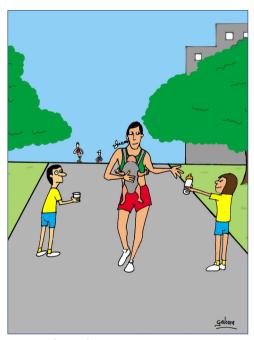
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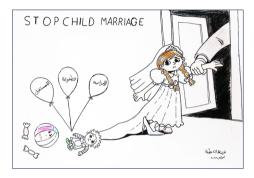


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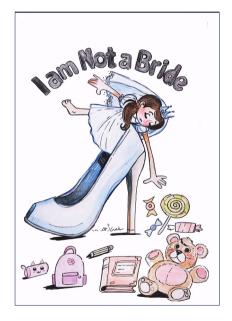




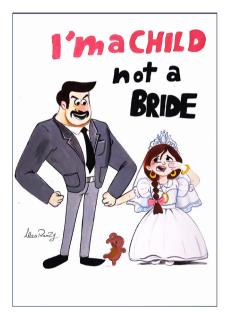








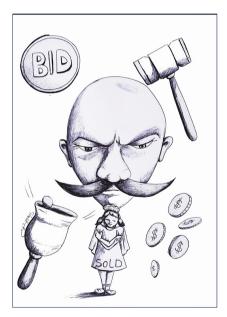




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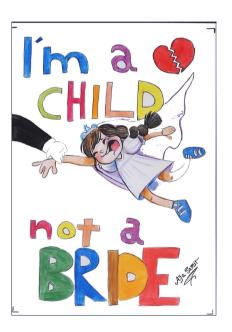












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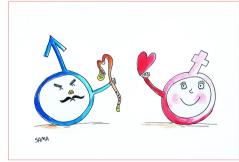






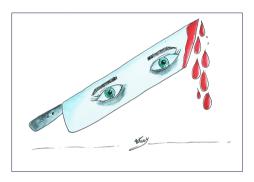


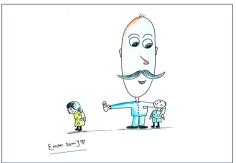


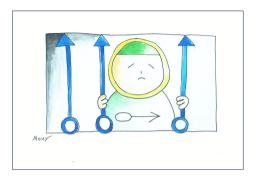






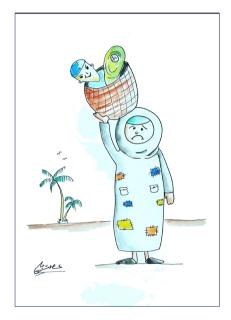










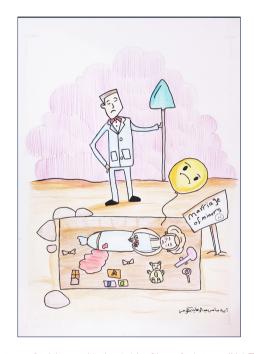






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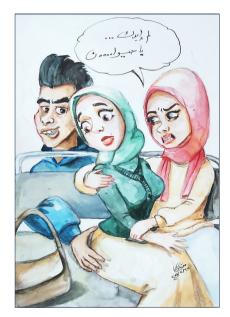


















## Talents Development Center workshop at Damanhour Opera House, lecturer and artist: Amal Samir





















































































































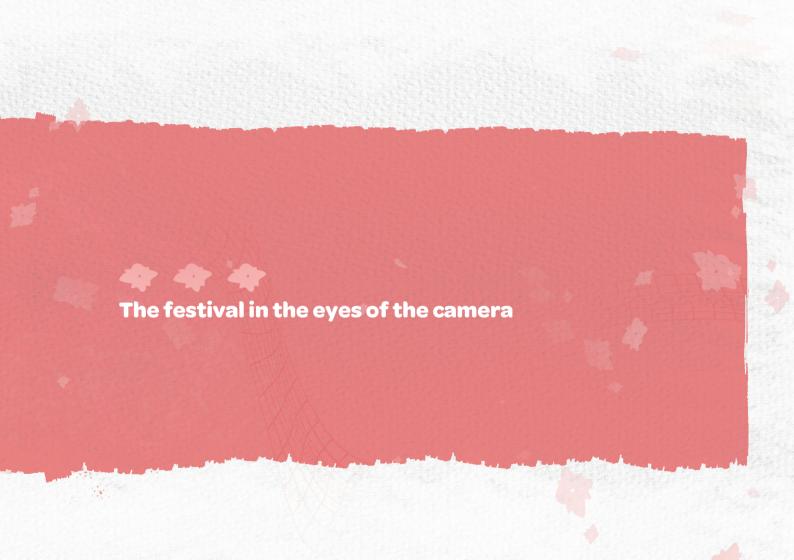






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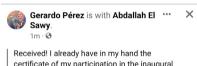
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Received! I already have in my hand the certificate of my participation in the inaugural sample of the Damanhour International Women Caricature Festival, at the Public Library of the city of Damenhoor, Egypt.

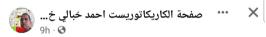
Thank you very much Abdallah El Sawy, for the invitation!

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شكر خاص لصديقي مؤسس ورئيس المهرجان :Abdallah el sawy

شكرا لكل من ساهم في انجاح هذه المبادرة العظيمة . شكرا لمن يدعمنا بالكلام الطيب وما توفيقى الابالله







My caricature of Monira Thabet appears in an Egyptian newspaper, as part of the first session of the Damanhour International Cartoon Festival, and a special and distinguished coverage by the distinguished journalist: Amal Sarour, on the second page of the Al-Ahram newspaper, edition of the Saturday March 9.











## The Participating Entities in the Damanhour International Women,s Caricature Festival















