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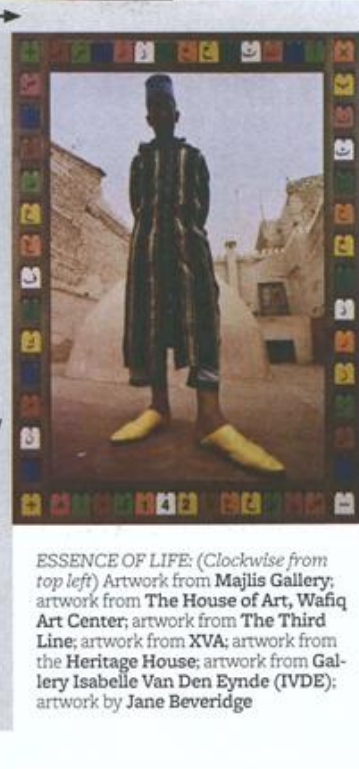
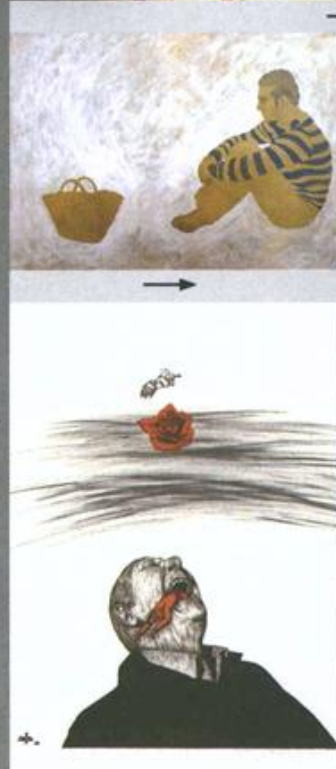
The programme of events includes daily exhibitions, movie screenings, book readings, performance art, installations and a series of brunch talks.

As BAF 2010 gets ready to roll out, here is a peek into what lies ahead. There is something to satiate everyone's artistic sensibilities.



ART OF THE MATTER:
(Clockwise from top)
Artwork from **Running Horse Contemporary Art Space**, artwork curated by **Rose Issa**; artwork by **William Gerges**; artwork from **Meem Gallery**

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ESSENCE OF LIFE: (Clockwise from top left) Artwork from Majlis Gallery; artwork from The House of Art, Wafiq Art Center; artwork from The Third Line; artwork from XVA; artwork from the Heritage House; artwork from Gallery Isabelle Van Den Eynde (IVDE); artwork by Jane Beveridge

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