

## Mai Al Mezaina

A young emerging national photographer with a keen eye, Mai Al Mezaina, is a graduate from Zayed University, with a Bachelor of Science in Communication & Media. She has taken serious interest in photography since 2002. Her work gained immediate recognition from professors and professionals alike. In 2006, Mai won four Noor Ali Rashid Awards in a photography competition across the UAE. She has been granted two outstanding photographer awards by Zayed University for her continued dedication to photography. When not behind the lens, Mai is a graphic designer that works within marketing & advertising. She has worked on brands including Emaar, Du, and Showtime.

Interested in presenting the local identity and preserving tradition, as well as documenting the present state of the land and its people. The rapidly changing environment and its dynamics inspire Al Mezaina, especially in a city like Dubai, it drives her to capture every fleeting moment and detail while it lasts. Simply due to the things we are able to witness today might not be around tomorrow. Therefore, she always feels the need to capture the significant aspects of her present moment. Throughout the years, Al Mezaina had built a comprehensive collection documenting life in the U.A.E. Emirati culture and heritage is very much represented in her work. The fear of losing elements of their identity in the middle of globalization and intercultural exchange; urges her to focus on things that make her country unique, seen through its architecture, people, and properties of light.



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