

***A day in the life***  
**by Photographer Fikry Botros at Archway Gallery**  
***Participating in the FotoFest 2012 Biennial***

**Exhibition** March 3 – April 5, 2012

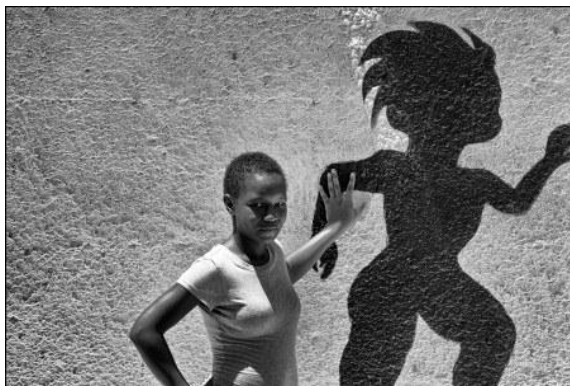
**Opening Reception**

**DATE:** Saturday, March 3, 2012  
**TIME:** 5 – 8 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Archway Gallery, 2305 Dunlavy, Houston, TX 77006  
*Light refreshments will be served*

**Houston, Texas** (January 17, 2012) – Archway Gallery presents *A day in the life*, featuring photography by Fikry Botros. The exhibition, part of the city-wide celebration of the FotoFest 2012 Biennial, will be on view March 3 – April 5, 2012. Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, Fotofest is the United States’ largest and longest-running international photography festival.

The artist will be on hand to visit with guests during the exhibition opening reception on Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 5 – 8 pm at the gallery.

The photographs in the exhibit are candid moments of the ordinary lives of people from around the world - contemplating, celebrating, discovering, working and playing.



***Evening Shadows by Fikry Botros***

Definitions of happiness and beauty are varied and are inevitably colored by life experiences. Botros suggests that happiness and beauty exist everywhere, often under conditions not normally associated with either. “The pace of life is getting faster and faster,” he said, “the result it that we are losing our ability to appreciate all that life offers us.” Botros hopes his photographs will inspire people to take the time to notice the fantastic range of beauty in the most mundane things around us.

“I am fascinated by the inexhaustible variety of opportunities everyday life offers me as a photographer.” explains Botros. “My approach is to look for these unique and expressive moments where they exist without any need to create or modify them. I use photography to slow life down so I can savor its offerings. This becomes a self fulfilling prophecy; the more you search, the more you find. I am drawn to the ability of black and white photographs to convey complex emotions with much less information than color photographs.”



***Leader of the Pack by Fikry Botros***

Botros is an engineer by education and profession. Since graduating from Columbia University, he has worked in the oil and gas industry in Houston, with a number of overseas assignments throughout his career. Photography has been his passion ever since he was young boy in Egypt. Throughout the years, film gave way to using a digital process and his content emphasis which began with landscape and architecture images gave way to street photography.

Botros has been a member of the Archway Gallery in Houston for two years and has had a number of exhibits throughout the Houston area. A collection of his black and white photographs is available at his website ([www.fbotros.com](http://www.fbotros.com)).

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