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Sixth edition of LLF begins today

Writers from home and abroad will discuss from art to history to literature at two-day festival

By Sheharyar Rizwan

LAHORE: The sixth edition of Lahore Literary Festival (LLF) is all set to take place back at its original venue of Alhambra after being pushed to hold truncated events at luxury hotels in the last two years.

Once again, the festival

organisers have managed to get hold of some popular names from the international media and/or literature worlds with the two-day event this year hosting Emmy Award-winning British actor Riz Ahmed and



Iranian-American author Reza Aslan.

Aslan will be part of two sessions over the two days—'Light at the End of Trumpian Disruption' along with Booker Prize-winning author Ben Okri and British political scientist and author Mark Leonard as well as a one-on-one session 'Beyond Extremism' with Khaled Ahmed.

Riz Ahmed will be sharing the stage with LLF favourite Mohsin Hamid where they will be talking to Shahid Zahid about activism.

Other panel discussions run the gamut from politics, art, social issues to history, entertainment and, of course, litera-

ture comprising Sri Lankan, British, American, Pakistani and Turkish speakers to mention a few. Aitzaz Ahsan, Hina Rabbani Khar, Kishwer Naheed, F.S. Aijazuddin, Asghar Nadeem Syed and Salima Hashmi are some of the permanent LLF fixtures that have retained their spots.

As expected, the festival will hold memorial sessions for the late Asma Jahangir and Munoo Bhai, both of whom we lost this year. The talk on Asma, titled 'Warrior Icon', will feature her children Munizae and Jilani along with her longtime friends I.A. Rehman, Ahmed Rashid and Salima Hashmi, while the discussion on Munoo Bhai will

have I.A. Rehman, Kishwer Naheed, Wajahat Masood and Hussain Naqi.

The keynote address will be delivered by New York-based Pakistani oncologist, Dr Azra Raza with an introduction by Arfa Syeda Zehra.

Book launches, talks on various books, musical performance by Laal the band and Zia Mohyeddin's presentation on 'Why is Shakespeare, Shakespeare' are also part of the festival.

Talking to Dawn.com on Thursday, LLF founder Razi Ahmed had said: "Because there's little that the electronic media is discussing which is healthy. There's a vicious break-

ing cycle momentum that they maintain around the year. So it's important for a festival like this to create room for dialogue, engagement, dissent, for ideas to be channelled and to have a healthy exchange between local and global speakers."

British novelist Esther Freud is also participating in the festival and will be part of a discussion titled 'The Mundane as Incubator' along with Osama Siddique, Irvine Welsh with Hugh Thompson. She is visiting Pakistan for the first time and says she's looking forward to seeing the other panellists, listening to the discussions, and

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Alhambra Arts Center, Mall Road

	HALL 1	HALL 2	HALL 3	HALL 4 (IBRAHIM)	HALL 5	HALL 6
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Asma Jahangir: Warrior Icon I.A. Rahman, Ahmed Rashid, Salima Hashmi, Munazza Jahangir, and Jilani Jahangir with BBC's Lyse Doucet	Book Launch: The Islamic Enlightenment: The Modern Struggle Between Faith and Reason Christopher de Bellaigue, Robert Worth, with Ghath Abdul-Ahad	Mixing Media The agenda and authenticity of popular history Mehroon Murtaza, Ayesha Jatoi, and Vail Mahlooji; Moderated by Itikhar Dadi	Ruchi Ram Sahni, Hall, and Lahore's Rettigan Road Nasira Burra, great-granddaughter of reformer Ruchi Ram Sahni (1863-1948), with Sajida Vandal, and Khalid Altub; Moderated by Khalid Ahmed	Afsaney Ke Safar Ali Akbar Nariq and Syed Gulzar Hussain; Moderated by Ali Madsheeh Hashmi	Ideal City: Landscapes and Cultures of Karachi and Lahore Arif Hasan, Nayyar Ali Dada, and Hiba Ali; Moderated by Tanvir Hassan
12:30 - 1:30	Parveen Shakir and the Marsh Marigold Atizzaz Ahsan, Anjad Islam Anjad, and Raluzhanda Nweedd; Moderated by Mujahid Barekvi	Tantalizing the Tooth Exploring gastronomic feats Chef and culinary writer Sumariya Usmani in conversation with Momina Ajezuddin	Ghani Khan, Iconoclast Examining the works of the 20th-century Pakistan poet Sabah Hussain and Imtiaz Ahmad Sahibzada; Moderated by Shandana Khan	Book Launch: Peach Emma Glass with Razia Iqbal Book Launch: Invisible Ties Nadya A. R. with Shobhas De	Women of Myrrh, Women of Sand Lebanese author Hanan al-Shaykh with Aamer Hussein	Screening and discussion: Treasures of the Indus Introduction by Sona Datta and Hugh Thompson; Moderated by Matt Vaughan
2:30 - 3:30	Outside the American Prism European Council on Foreign Relations director Mark Leonard with Hina Rabibani Khur and Zahid Hussain; Moderated by Lyse Doucet	Mazahmati Shairi Kishwar Naheed and Dr. Azra Raza	A Pilgrimage with Ceramics Sheherezade Alam with Sona Datta	Wadiye Mehran ke Adab ka Husn Attiya Dawood and Noor ul Huda Shah; Moderated by Amar Sindhu	Book Launch: Muslims Ali Mahmood with Oazi Shaukat Fareed	Book Launch: Love and Its Seasons Aamer Hussein and Hanan al-Shaykh; Moderated by Framji Mirwala
3:45 - 4:45	Baghdad Blues Ghath Abdul-Ahad and Sinan Antoon; Moderated by Razia Iqbal	Khaab Saraab Lucknow-based critic and writer Anis Ashfaq and Masood Asher with Nasir Abbas Nayyar	Pakistan's Protest Artist Activist and painter Mian Ijaz ul Hassan with Atizzaz Ahsan and Qudus Mirza	Writings from Today's Turkey Ciler Ihan and Thomas Rousseau with Christopher de Bellaigue	Time Present, Time Past Audrey Truschke and Osama Siddique; Moderated by Sona Datta	Spotlight, Lahore Tanvir Hassan and Atiq Uddin Ahmed
5 - 6	Beyond Extremism Rizza Aalan with Khalid Ahmed	Book Launch: Seventy ... And to Hell With It! Shobhas De with Sabyn Javeri	Poetry Slam! Ben Okri, Sinan Antoon, and Salman T. Kureishi with Shakista Sirajuddin	Fariduddin Masood de Jewan Te Kaen Asma Qadri		
6:30 - 7:40	Performers Laal celebrates rights activist Asma Jahangir with new Urdu and Punjabi poetry and music from their upcoming album, Rang	Why is Shakespeare Shakespeare? An evening with Zia Mohyeddin				

The abovementioned program for Day Two of the two-day, sixth annual Lahore Literary Festival (LLF 2018) may be subject to change. This is an open-to-public and free-of-charge event with seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. For updates, please visit lahorelifest.com





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Literary festival begins

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The sixth edition Lahore Literary Festival (LLF) will start today at the Alhamra on The Mall. The two-day event is free for all. The surprise package of the literary festival is Emmy award winner Riz Ahmed, who will be joining a panel with famous author Mohsin Hamid. According to the LLF schedule, the panel will be moderated by Shahid Zahid.

Talking to this scribe, Alhamra Executive Director Atta Muhammad Khan said: "LLF is all about celebrating the intellectual and creative vitality of this city. It has always been a treat for the people of Lahore to come and attend such a festival and get awareness about the rich culture of Pakistan," he said.

Some of this year's speakers include journalist and novelist David Ignatius, historian Audrey Truschke, Booker-winner Ben Okri, activist and urban theorist Arif Hasan; British-Pakistani food writer Sumayya Usmani, Iranian artist and curator Vali Malhouji, Urdu poet and scholar Iftikhar Husain, feminist poet Kishwar Naheed, Somali-British novelist Nadifa Mohamed, short-story writer and critic Aamer Hussein, award-winning Iraqi poet and novelist Sinan Antoon.

LLF 2018 will feature a keynote address from Dr. Azra Raza, Chan Soon-Shiong Professor of Medicine and Director of Myelodysplastic Syndrome Center at Columbia University. Raza coauthored Ghalib: Epistemologies of Elegance with author and Yale professor Sara Suleri.

Other LLF speakers in Lahore have included Tariq Ali, Vikram Seth, Tehmina Durrani, Joe Sacco, Abdullah Hussein, Kamila Shamsie, Hari Kunzru, Intizar Hussain, Sana Mir, Romila Thapar, Asma Jahangir, Michael Palin, Mira Nair, Teju Cole, Steve Coll, Ayesha Jalal, Margaret MacMillan, Rasheed Araeen, William Dalrymple, Peter Frankopan.





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