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


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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Pakistan Association of Greater Boston (PAGB) and Lahore Arts Council (Alhamra), with the primary function of promoting greater cultural awareness. According to the MOU, both institutions will collaborate in the fields of art and cultural heritage, particularly in literary, music, visual and performing arts, crafts and other cultural activities. The MOU also encourages the exchange of manuscripts and other publications, works of art, and music programmes, as well as organizing contemporary art exhibitions, seminars, talks and workshops on social attitudes and intellectual themes. Hosting initiatives that promote cultural and artistic exchange, mutual support and sharing of resources would be an integral part of this Agreement. The MOU was signed by Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi, Executive Director of LAC and Mr. Siraj Khan, President of Pakistan Association of Greater Boston. This Agreement will go a long way to enhance, not only the flow of activities between both institutions, but is also expected to build an invisible bridge of art between United States and Pakistan.

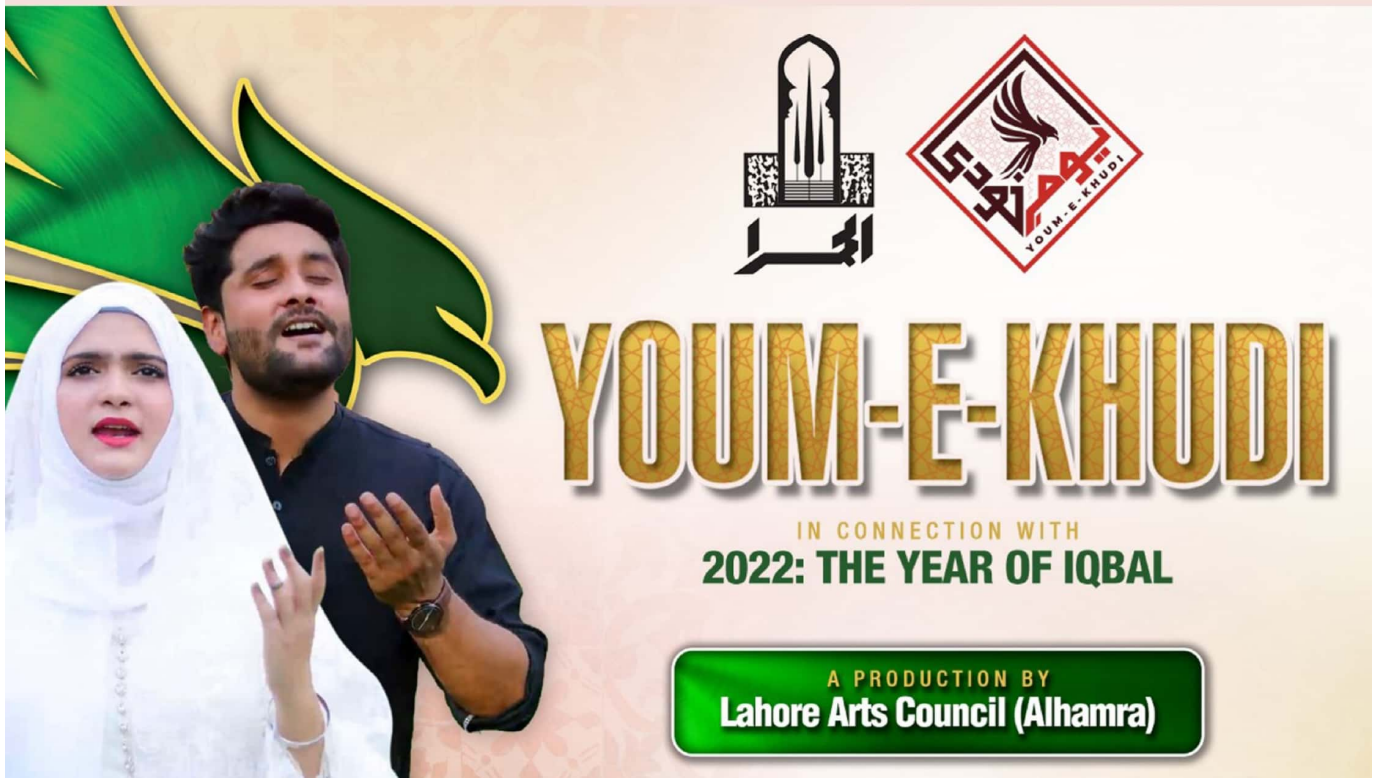


YOUM-E-KHUDI

IN CONNECTION WITH
2022: THE YEAR OF IQBAL

ALHAMRA RELEASES SONG

The Lahore Arts Council released a song titled "YOUM-E-KHUDI" in connection with 2022 as The Year of Iqbal. The song was a Production (Alhamra) sung by Rehan Hashmi and Memoona Sajid.



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JASHAN-E-KHUDI NIGHT

The Lahore Arts Council organized a grand celebration night to pay homage to Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. The celebrations were a joint effort of Alhamra, Bazm-e-Iqbal, and the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs. The Chief Guest of the evening, Secretary Information and Culture Punjab Raja Jahangir Anwar attended the event. The Secretary of Information and Culture of Punjab commended

Executive Director Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi and his entire team for the arrangements. Renowned actor Adeel Hashmi presented Iqbal's poetry Shikwa, Jawab-e-Shikwa in his unique style at the celebration night while famous singer Hina Nasrullah and Sara Raza Khan recited Kalam Iqbal.



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SEMINAR "IQBAL AND KHUDI"

The Lahore Arts Council organized a Seminar titled "Iqbal and Khudi" on the occasion of "Jashan-e-Khudhi" at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi welcomed all the guests in hisre inaugural address. Under the supervision of Secretary Information and Culture, Raja Jahangir Anwar's Alhamra observedthis festival. On this occasion, Justice Nasira Javed, Columnist and writer Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Shami, Dr Waheed Al-Zaman and Dr Baseera Ambereen spoke and shed light on Iqbal's philosophy of Khudi. The event was attended by many people who love Iqbal . Nasir Shirazi moderated the ceremony.



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LIVE PAINTING COMPETITION

To pay tribute to the philosophy of the great poet of the East, Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Alhamra held a Live Painting Competition in which 20 painters from ages twelve to thirty participated from different schools, colleges and universities at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. The contest's theme was the famous verses of Iqbal "Khudi Ko Ker Buland Itna". First, second, and third winners were awarded cash prizes of Rs. 30,000, 20,000 and 10,000 respectively.



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ALHAMRA'S ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS RE-OPENED FOR STUDENTS



The Alhamra's Academy of Performing Arts re-opened after renovations for those who love the art. The academy has been closed for updating as per modern requirements. Secretary Information and Culture Raja Jahangir Anwar inaugurated the academy along with Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi. During the visit of Alhamra Academy Secretary Information and Culture, Raja Jahangir Anwar reviewed Sitar, Guitar, Harmonium, Tabla, Flute, Fiddle and other classes. The inauguration ceremony was also attended by DGPR Saman Rai, Director Majlis Tarqi Adab Mansoor Afaq, and other officers who congratulated Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi on starting the academy with renewed vigour. Alhamra is offering training in 12 different fields of fine arts, and the teachers who are preparing the students are renowned in their respective fields. LAC has also hired famous artists' Ustad Hamid Ali Khan, Taranum Naz and Sara Raza Khan as visiting lecturers for singing and music.





AROUND THE CORNER

18th Young Artists' Exhibition

The opening ceremony of the 18th Annual Young Artist Exhibition 2022, "Around the Corner," was held at Lahore Arts Council Alhamra. Renowned Artist Rashid Rana and Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi inaugurated the exhibition at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. The show's chief guest, Rashid Rana, congratulated all the winners. The winners of the 18th "Young Artists Exhibition" 2022 include Ayesha Naeem, Ayesha Siddique, Afaf Afzal Warraich, Gulzar Ali, Noor-Ul-Huda, Noor-Ul-Huda Tabasum, Riaz Ali, Saba Saleem, Syeda Sheeza Ali, and Tahmina Noor. The best ten winners were awarded Rupees ten thousand each, including shields and certificates. The exhibition featured 600 artworks by 400 artists across the country. This year the selected display, including painting, miniature painting, drawings, printmaking, sculpture, installation, video, ceramic and graphic arts. Renowned artists RM Naeem, Maleeha Azmi Agha, Qudoos Mirza, and Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi participated as jury; after a careful review, they selected the ten best artworks. The young people who participated in the exhibition highly appreciated Alhamra's effort to promote art and the artists.



Calligraphy Exhibition "Spring of Hearts"

Opens at Alhamra

Lahore Arts Council organized a three-day-long calligraphy exhibition titled "Spring of Hearts" at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. Provincial Secretary Information and Culture Raja Jahangir Anwar inaugurated the exhibition along with famous calligrapher Irfan Qureshi from the Calligraphy Association of Pakistan and Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi. The exhibition featured calligraphers from Turkey, Egypt, Tunisia, Iran, Syria, Yemen and Pakistan. Six works of art from Turkey, two from Iran, three from Egypt, one from Tunisia, one from Syria, one from Yemen and nine from Pakistan were displayed. Executive Director LAC Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi presented a souvenir to Secretary Information and Culture Raja Jahangir Anwar. DGPR Saman Rai was also present at the exhibition and appreciated the artists' work.



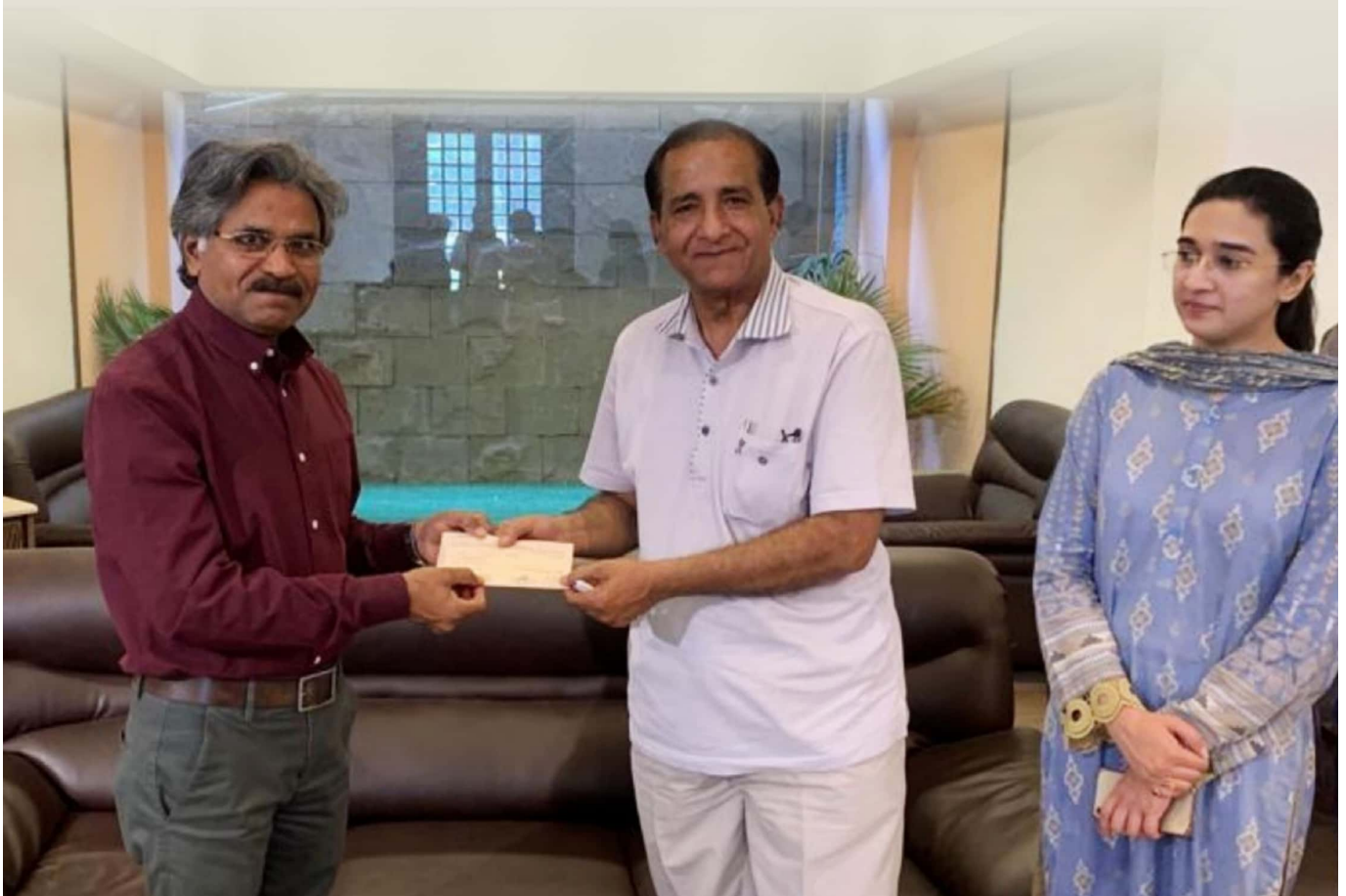
"Cityscape of Lahore": Awards Distribution Ceremony

The closing ceremony of painting competition titled "Cityscape of Lahore" was held at Alhamra Art Museum, Cultural Complex Gaddafi Stadium. Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi and Deputy Director Cultural Complex Naveed Ul Hassan Bukhari distributed prizes among the competition winners. Around eighty-five artists from across the country took part in the painting competition. All the paintings featured beautiful work in every medium and size (oil, acrylics, watercolour, mixed medium, pen and iron art). Judges Dr Prof. Sumaira Jawad and RM Naeem selected the top five paintings. Huzaila Zahid won the first prize of 20,000, 15,000 to Hafiz Mohammad Imran for the second position, 10,000 to Anwar Khan for third, 7,000 to Shabana Anwar for the fourth and 5000 to Hafsa, who secured the fifth position, Certificates were given to all participants.



Cheque Distribution among Deserving Artists

Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi distributed cheques among 30 deserving artists under the Punjab Govt Artist Support Programme at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. Cheques was distributed under the Punjab Government's Artist Support Fund program. Secretary of Information and Culture Raja Jahangir Anwar directed his team to support the artist's community on all levels to make their life stress-free.



Mehfil-e-Ramadan Held at Alhamra

The Lahore Arts Council has initiated different programs in the blessed month of Ramadan, which continued throughout the month. The first program, titled "Mehfil Ramadan," was held at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall in which Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts teachers and students performed, Hamd-o-Sana, Naat, Qawwali, Qasida Burda Sharif with great love and zeal. All the programs were broadcast live on Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts Facebook page and watched and liked by people around the world.