

Happy
New Year



THE LAHORE ARTS COUNCIL (ALHAMRA)



ALHAMRA HOST SUFI NIGHT WITH WHIRLING DERVISH'S PERFORMANCE

A "Sufi Night with whirling dervish's performance" was held at Alhamra Art Center, the Mall, in conjunction with the completion of 75 years of Pakistan-Turkey friendship with the support of Lahore Arts Council, organized by the Consulate General of Turkey.

Provincial Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid and Ambassador of Turkey Dr Mehmet Pasha were the special guests. The ceremony started with reciting the Holy Quran and the two countries' national anthems.

Turkish Ambassador Dr Mehmet and Provincial Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid expressed their views on the ceremony. Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi also expressed his pride in hosting the commemorative ceremony on the completion of 75 years of Pakistan-Turkey friendship. Deputy Consul General China Kao Ke, Consul of Turkey Emir Ozbey, senior officials of Yunus Emery Cultural Center, Director General Khana Farhang Iran Jafar Ronas, Member Board of Governors Lahore Arts Council Muhammad Ali Baloch and other high social, cultural, diplomatic, and Celebrities from different walks of life participated and added to the splendour of the event.





ALHAMRA STARTS NEW SESSION " AEHAD SAAZ "

The Lahore Arts Council has organized a monthly talk session, "Aehad Saaz," to enlighten the public, especially the young generation, about the glorious past of Muslims. The primary purpose of Alhamra is to provide the best conceptual and intellectual training for the young generation to compare the past and the present. During the session, the speakers told the audience about famous Muslim personalities' achievements and their services to humanity worldwide. In the first episode, prominent Islamic figure Aburihan Al-Biruni was selected, and the renowned scholar Dr Tariq Sharifzada shed light on the birth, life circumstances, and achievements of Al-Biruni. Sharifzada highlighted that Al-Biruni was one of the most prominent personalities in Islamic mathematics who contributed much to astronomy, physics, medicine, and history. The effort of Alhamra was greatly appreciated by the people who demanded to continue such a series.

"ALHAMRA LIVE"



Alhamra's Music talent hunt, "Alhamra Live," is held every Wednesday and Thursday at Alhamra Arts Center and Alhamra Culture Complex to introduce new voices to the music world. In the latest episode, Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts students showcased their musical talent to the public, which was very much admired by the audience. The show proved productive as students of Alhamra Academy, and other participants had a marvellously blessed voice which was enjoyed by the audience.

AN ART EXHIBITION, "REBEL REBEL", HELD AT ALHAMRA ART GALLERY

The Lahore Arts Council organized a 9-day group show for art lovers titled "Rebel Rebel" at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. The renowned visual artist Imran Qureshi was the chief guest at the event. The group show features fifty artworks of twenty students from Punjab University. This exhibition includes different types of art, including paintings, sculptures, ceramics, and other fine arts.



A NEW "SERIES OF LECTURES"

Alhamra's new program titled "Series of Lectures" was held at the Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. In the first session, well-known historian Assistant Professor Dr Waleed Zaid presented his work on the services of the great lady and Sufi scholar Bibi Sahiba. At the beginning of the session, Chairman Alhamra Razi Ahmed welcomed the attendees. He said this

new Series of Lectures of Alhamra aims to provide people with knowledge, literature, and history. Dr Waleed Zaid is a Professor of Persian Studies in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.





70TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF LAC

The 70th meeting of the Board of Governors of Lahore Arts Council was held at Alhamra Cultural Complex, Gaddafi Stadium. Chairman Board of Governors, Alhamra Razi Ahmed, presided over the meeting, and the Executive Director of Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi, started the Board meeting as Secretary. During the meeting, important decisions were taken to promote and develop language, culture, and values. The meeting decided to use Alhamra Art Museum for exhibitions. It was also agreed that in March 2023, renowned artist Imran Qureshi would exhibit his work at Alhamra Art Museum. According to Chairman Alhamra, Razi Ahmad, New Year is bringing International Literary and Cultural Festivals for which the preparations are in full swing. The board members, including Dr Naela Amir, Salima Hashmi, Qudsia Rahim, Imran Qureshi, Hamra Abbas, Nazish Attaullah, Raza Ali Dada, Muhammad Ali Baloch Shahid Nadeem, Sumaira Jawad, Mian Nauman Kabir, and Additional Secretary Mehboob Alam were part of the meeting.



ALHAMRA SIGNED MOU WITH CIVIL SERVICES ACADEMY

A memorandum of understanding was signed between Lahore Arts Council (Alhamra) and Civil Services Academy. Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi and Director Admin, CSA Ayesha Zareen, signed the MoU. The prime purpose of this agreement is to enhance efficiency through bilateral efforts on issues of mutual interest.

On this occasion, both institutions reiterated their commitment to supporting each other in technical, cultural, technical, and other fields.

Through this MoU, Alhamra and the Civil Services Academy will jointly enhance the beauty and harmony of society. DG CSA Umar Rasool, Deputy Director Muhammad Arif, and Assistant Director Khuram Naveel were also present.



"QUAID DAY"



To pay tribute to the founder of Pakistan, Alhamra held a session on Quaid-e-Azam's birth anniversary, in which renowned Artist Saeed Akhtar, in conversation with Executive Director, Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi, talked about Quaid's life, principal, style and his vision.

NIGHT OF SUFİ MUSIC



The Lahore Arts Council held a dignified concert on Sufiana Kalam at Alhamra Open Air, Cultural Complex Gaddafi Stadium. In the Night of Sufi Music, famous singers Sain Zahoor and Tahseen Sakina presented Sufi songs in their unique styles. At the beginning of the program, the eminent Sufi scholar Sarwat Mohiuddin highlighted the thoughts and ideas of Sufis in this region. The concert was started by the performance of the country's famous singer Tahseen Sukna, who amazingly sang various Sufi Kalams. Then Sain Zahoor, who has a unique place in the world of folk music, started his magic with the great words of Baba Balhe Shah. The attendees thanked the Lahore Arts Council for organizing this event and said Alhamra won our hearts by organizing such a memorable evening on New Year's Eve.



TRIBUTE TO

MADAM NOOR JEHAN

The Lahore Arts Council has honoured the legendary artist Madam Noor Jehan at Alhamra Art Center the Mall.

The evening was held in remembrance of Madam Noor Jehan, who was also given the honourable title of "Malika-e-Tarannum, the Queen of Melody". At the event, the famous singers Taranum Naz, Sara Raza Khan and Mehmoona Sajid performed super-hit songs of Noor Jehan, which were met with immense applause.

Regarding the show Chairman LAC Razi Ahmed and Executive Director Alhamra explained their vision towards cultural activities at Alhamra and said that civilized nations always tend to remember their national heroes and icons. Alhamra's basic aim for organizing the event was to celebrate the legacy of Madam Noor Jehan at Alhamra Arts Council". The show was attended by many people from different walks of life who appreciated Alhamra's efforts to promote art and culture.

