

NEWSLETTER

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Inauguration of Alhamra Digital Library & Archives

With the aim to provide an easy access to the general public, Lahore Arts Council has digitalized 4000 library books and over 660 rare drama scripts written by renowned drama scriptwriters including Athar Shah Khan, Munir Raj, Imtiaz Ali Taj, Subhani Bayunus, Kamal Ahmed Rizvi and several others. After completing 2 successful phases of digitalization, in the third and last phase, all archived materials including books, scripts, press clippings, and research articles will be made available online.



Pictorial Exhibition to Celebrate Quaid Day

To honour the founding father Quaid-e-Azam on his 144th birth anniversary, Lahore Arts Council a pictorial exhibition at Alhamra Art Gallery, The Mall. The exhibition featured a variety of rare and paintings of Quaid-e-Azam by prominent artists such as Colin David, Saeed Akhtar, Mehmood Butt, and Zulfiqar Ali Zulf. Secretary for Information and Culture Mr. Raja Jahangir Anwar was the chief guest of the event.



Art Exhibition “Special Frame of Mind in the Special Frame of Colours

An expressive art exhibition titled, “Special Frame of Mind in the Special Frame of Colors” featuring the artworks of children with special needs organized by Deaf Welfare Awareness Foundation in collaboration with the Lahore Arts Council was held at Alhamra Art Gallery, The Mall. The exhibition was inaugurated by Provincial Minister for Information, Mr. Fayyaz-Ul-Hassan Chohan along with Executive Director, Lahore Arts Council and President Deaf Welfare Awareness Foundation, Dr. Farhat.



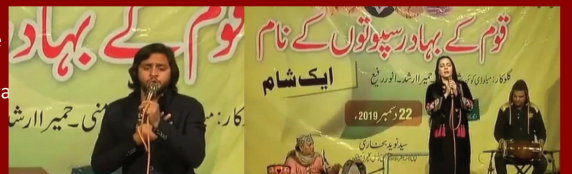
Children Drawing Workshop

Lahore Arts Council held a 2-day “Children Drawing Workshop” in which children aged between 7 to 15 years learned basic techniques of drawing from expert teachers. LAC aims to utilize different strategies to teach children to enhance their interest in learning and make them think more creatively. At the closing ceremony of the workshop Executive Director, Lahore Arts Council along with Honorary Consul General of Norwegian Embassy & Member of BOG Lahore Arts Council, Naveen Farid distributed certificates among the participants.



Qaum Key Bahadur Saputon Key Naam

An enthusiastic musical evening titled “In the Name of Brave Sons of the Nation” to commemorate the sacrifices of the Armed Forces of Pakistan organized by the Lahore Arts Council was held at Cultural Complex Qaddafi Stadium, Lahore. The evening featured patriotic songs performances by renowned singers i.e. Shahida Mini, Humaira Arshad, and Anwar Rafi. The audience enjoyed the lovely music and appreciated the efforts of LAC for organizing this musical event to rediscover the sacrifices of the armed forces of Pakistan.



Musical Evening with “Ustad Shafqat Ali & Shahbaz Ali

Alhamra held a musical evening titled “Aik Sham Fankaron Ke Naam” in which LAC celebrated the legacy of “Shaam Churasi Gharana” at Alhamra. The evening featured impressive performances by Ustad Shafqat Ali and Ustad Shahbaz Ali Khan along with their fellow tabla players, Faizan Ali Khan, Nadir Ali Khan, and Ali Dani who entertained the invited audience.



Ghazal Festival

To encourage the youth in the field of music, Lahore Arts Council held another classical music competition titled “Ghazal Festival” in which students from different colleges and universities took part in the audition and twelve singers were selected for the final round that showcased their musical skills in the finale and earned huge appreciation from the audience.



Play “Deewana Bakar E Khaish Hoshiyar

Rafi Peer Theatre in collaboration with Lahore Arts Council presented a three-day-long play titled “Deewana Bakar Khaish Hoshiyar”. The play was originally written by eminent playwright Rafi Peer in Urdu I after the partition, and it was aired from Radio Pakistan. Later Imran Pirzada translated the play in Punjabi. It features a story of a society that has double-faced people who are good at deceiving people.



Visit of Honorary Consul of Republic of Belarus

Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Belarus, Mr. Walid Mushtaq, along with his team members visited Lahore Arts Council. The team was welcomed and briefed by Chairperson, Board of Governors Moneeza Hashmi and Executive Director, Lahore Arts Council Ather Ali Khan about different cultural activities being held at Alhamra Art Council. The honorable guests appreciated the positive efforts of the Alhamra Arts Council for the promotion of Art & Culture.



First Session of “Roshan Sitaray

Lahore Arts Council’s new initiative titled “Roshan Sitaray” is to promote the efforts and challenges faced by our youth. The first episode of “Roshan Sitaray” featured Ms. Khadija Siddiqui (A victim of a knife attacked by her fellow student) in which she shared her life journey after the knife attack. During the session, Ms. Siddiqui explained how this attack did not make her weak but gave her the courage to stand up for her rights and motivated her to move ahead in life.



Gosha-e-Gayan

The 40th sitting of Gosha-e-Gayan, a series of intellectual discussions was held at Adbi Bethak, Alhamra Arts Centre, The Mall. The session featured a lecture by Dr. Tariq Sharifzada elaborating on the life of the father of the nation Muhammad Ali Jinnah on the eve of his 144th birth anniversary. Addressing the ceremony, Dr. Sharifzada discussed how Muhammad Ali Jinnah became Quaid-e-Azam and dedicated his life and entire energy with the sole purpose to get a separate homeland for the Muslims of the Sub-Continent. Executive Director Alhamra Ather Ali Khan along with Commissioner for Social Security Punjab Mr. Tanveer Iqbal attended the event.



Kuch Yaadein, Kuch Baatein

The fifth session of "Kuch Yaadein Kuch Batain" was held at the Alhamra Arts Centre, the Mall. Noted writer and poet Amjad Islam Amjad graced the sitting as guest speaker of the 5th episode of “KYKB” . Amjad shared his life experiences about his poetic and artistic journey which were enjoyed by the audience with the enormous interest.



Afkar-e-Taza” “Think Fest 2020

The 4th edition of “Afkar-e-Taza” “Think Fest” was held at Alhamra Arts Centre. The festival comprised of thought-provoking discussions and interesting sessions. This year “Think Fest” featured many national and international speakers such as Sir Mark Lyall Grant, Ali Usman Qasmi, Mosharraf Zaidi, Baela Jamil, Shafqat Mehmood, Carl Erns, Aliya Iqbal Naqvi, Khalid Banuri, Kaisar Tufail, Kaleem Saadat, Aasiya Riaz, Hamid Khan, Afrasiab Khattak, Farhatullah Babar, Mustafa Kamal, Shehzad Arbab, Mani Shankar Aiyar, Ahmed Bilal Mehboob, Javed Jabbar, Sherry Rehman, Ali Raza, Andrew Whitehead, Sadanand Dhume, Christian Lequesne, Kim Wagner, Bruno Macaes, Barnet Richard Rubin, Simon Wolfgang Fuchs, Ziauddin Sardar, Janaki Bakhle and Sir Venki Ramakrishnan. A good number of audiences ensured their presence during the two-day of the festival



Upcoming events at Lahore Arts Council

- Play on Kashmir “Taleem” (2nd February 2020)
- Talk on current Kashmir Issue (3rd February 2020)
- Seminar on Kashmir (4th February 2020)
- Exhibition on Kashmir “Blood in the Valley” (5th February 2020)
- Kashmir Solidarity Walk (5th February 2020)
- Play on Kashmir “Rang Laye Ga Lahoo” (5th February 2020)