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Classical Festival 2022

"Yaad-e-Salamat"

Alhamra has played countless roles in classical Art's survival, protection, and promotion. In this regard, the Lahore Arts Council organized a two-day-long musical event, "Classical Festival 2022", titled "Yaad-e-Salamat," from 15 to 16 July at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. The purpose of arranging this festival is to pay tribute to our classical legend singers. During the two-day-long fest, leading singers Ustad Ghulam Ali Khan and Dr. Ghazala Irfan were awarded their services. At the same time, Ustad Shafqat Ali Khan, Ustad Ghulam Abbas, Ustad Hussain Bakhsh Gullu, and Ustad Shair Miandad graced the festival. Ustad Javed, Babar Niazi, Ustad Nadeem Salamat Khan, Ustad Ali Raza, Sattar Faheem, and others also performed.





The Lahore Arts Council (Alhamra)
presents

CLASSICAL FESTIVAL YAAD-E-SALAMAT

2022



Shaam-e-Ghazal

with Ustad Hamid Ali Khan

To entertain the Lahories, the Lahore Arts Council held a musical event titled "Sham-e-Ghazal with Ustad Hamid Ali Khan" at Alhamra Cultural Complex with famous singer Ustad Hamid Ali Khan. Besides many attendees, Executive Director Alhamra Farhat Jabeen specially participated in Shaam-e-Ghazal. The musical evening was organized for people who love Ghazal. Many Ustad Hamid Ali Khan fans praised Alhamra Arts Council for always keeping this Art alive. Ustad Hamid Ali Khan started his singing with "Chamki Kiran" he captivated the hearts of the audience by singing the famous Ghazal, including "Huntoon Pe UN Ke Mera Naam," "Ap Ki Yaad Ati Rahi Raat Bhar," and others.



25th ALHAMRA THEATRE FESTIVAL

Alhamra's 25th eight-day-long theatre festival was held at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. The fest was started with the drama "Book of Love" by Mass Foundation, written by Hasan Raza and directed by Aamir Nawaz. All the groups presented their best drams as Art is more important to artists than anything else. Through this eight-day festival, Alhamra wanted to create a new life and enthusiasm among the artists." Alhamra's prime goal is to provide quality entertainment to the people of Lahore without spending any money. The 25th theatre festival of Alhamra concluded with Ajoka Theatre's play Suicide Point Toba Tek Singh on 29 July 2022.







CALLIGRAPHY & PAINTING WORKSHOP

A three-day calligraphy and painting workshop organized by Lahore Arts Council at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. On the three days of the workshop, the famous calligrapher Muhammad Amjad Alvi made the workshop participants aware of the new dimensions of calligraphy with great effort. Alvi taught the participants about the technical skills of calligraphy. On the last day of the workshop, Muhammad Amjad Alvi and Deputy Director Alhamra Syed Naveed Ul Hasan Bukhari distributed certificates among the participants.



Alhamra Started Story-telling session for children

The story-telling session for children in Alhamra, "Bachoon Ki Baithak," started at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. The purpose of creating a story-telling session is to protect children from the adverse effects of social media. Academy supervisor Naveen Rooma recited the children's creative and constructive stories during the session. In the first session, the children were told the famous old tale of "Soya Hua Mehal," the "Sleepy Palace." Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts will organize story-telling sessions twice a month. Alhamra offers this program for free, and children between 5 and 13 years of age can register.



Dengue Day Observed at Alhamra

The Lahore Arts Council observed Dengue Day at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall, under the anti-dengue awareness campaign. According to Lahore Arts Council, Securing Alhamra 's complexes is essential because it is a public place that people visit daily. Various measures have been taken to spread awareness, including children's shows and pamphlets on how to prevent dengue among people.



with
Durdana Ansari

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ONLINE

In another episode of "Kuch Yaadain Kuch Baatain," the Lahore Arts Council invites an entrepreneur, motivational speaker, activist, and journalist Durdana Ansari, the first Muslim and Pakistani Honorary female Captain in the British Royal Navy. At the beginning of the program, Ansari shared her childhood memories, during which she talked about life from Bahawalpur, where she was born, to Islamabad, where she was raised. Ansari said that despite all her achievements, she is a straightforward person who prefers a very simple lifestyle. Ansari said that the children of her time were very simple, but my advice to today's mothers is that it is vital to teaching their daughters to distinguish between right and wrong. While speaking, she said that I have always valued time in life, and those who do not value time should forget success. She further said that children should be trained to know who is sincere with them and who is just playing tricks.



"Poster Competition"

At Alhamra Art Gallery

A poster competition titled "Right to Information" was organized at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. The poster competition is part of the 'RASAI' Programme, which provides public awareness about the rules of access to information. Chief Information Commissioner Punjab Mehboob Qadir Shah inaugurated the exhibition. In the competition, young artist Faheem Faisal won the first position, Iraj Fatima won the second position, and Laraib Rahim won the third. Access to information leads to a positive attitude, transparency, and trust in the society in which the role of Alhamra, Punjab Information Commission, and GIZE is worthy of emulation for achieving this great goal.





Alhamra Art Museum

Qaddafi Stadium, Lahore

SUMBAL TREE

This tree, aged 110 years, is located at Lawrence Garden, Lahore. Anna Molka Ahmad (1917 - 1995), an old master, captured it on canvas in 1952, using her signature impasto technique. Ahmad has painted it using a warm color palette of humid tropical climate. At first sight, it is a typical sight of a garden. The tree is a focal point that leads eye movement towards branches and leaves. At a closer look, you can also see three gardeners working in Scape using tools/ machinery. There is also a long puddle. In other words, the artist has focused on nature, providing shelter, food and profession to humankind. This painting is currently hung at Alhamra Art Museum and is a significant visual treat for art lovers.

Anna Molka Ahmad
'Sumbal Tree'
Oil on canvas
46 X 52
1952

