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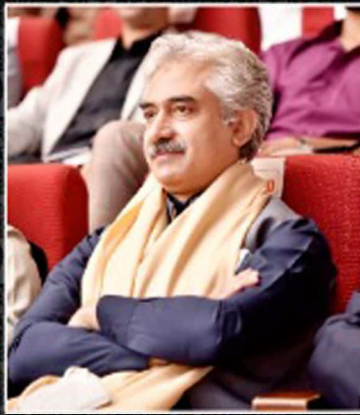


Ashra Shan-e-Rehmatulalamin

Lahore Arts Council, Lahore on the directions of Chief Minister, Government of Punjab, celebrated Ashra-e-Shan-e-Rehmat-ul-Alameen in the sacred month of Rabi-ul-Awal. The 10 day celebrations kicked off with a live Mehfil-e-Sama featuring Khalid Khan, Live Mehfil-e-Naat Performance on 2nd day of Ashra i.e. 9th October featuring Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts students, Mehfil-e-Sama on the 3rd day, 10th October, 2021 in which Nadeem Jameel performed live Qawali on the podium of Hall-I, Live Mehfil-e-Naat performance on 11th October i.e. 4th Day in which Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts Students performed live on the podium of Hall-I, Day 5 i.e. 12th October featured, Mr. Marghoob Ahmad Hamdani's Live Naat Performance on the podium of Hall # 1 & Alhamra Studio Basement, Day 6 of celebrations i.e. 13th October, featured live qawali performance by Nadeem Jameel along with fellow qawals, Day 7 of celebrations i.e. 14th October featured Mehfil-e-Naat in which Punjab College Students performed various Naats in Hall # 1 along with Calligraphy Exhibition at Alhamra Art Gallery. Executive Director, Lahore Arts Council along with Minister

(Culture & Colonies) inaugurated the calligraphy exhibition as well as attended the Mehfil-e-Naat, Day 8 i.e. 16th October, featuring Mehfil-e-Sama in which Farid Ayaz and Abu Muhammad appeared as guest qawals. This event was attended by Mr. Usman Ahmad Khan Buzdar as Chief Guest along with Minister (Culture & Colonies), Secretary (Information & Culture) and Executive Director (Lahore Arts Council), Calligraphy Workshop kicked off on Day 9th of celebrations in which masters of calligraphy art, Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi (Director (Arts & Culture) along with Mr. Arif Khan trained the participants on the 1st day of workshop i.e. 17th October while the workshop will continue till 19th October, Women's Mehfil-e-Milad-Mustafa was organized on the Day 10th i.e. 18th October of Ashra-e-Shan-e-Rehmat-ul-Alameen.







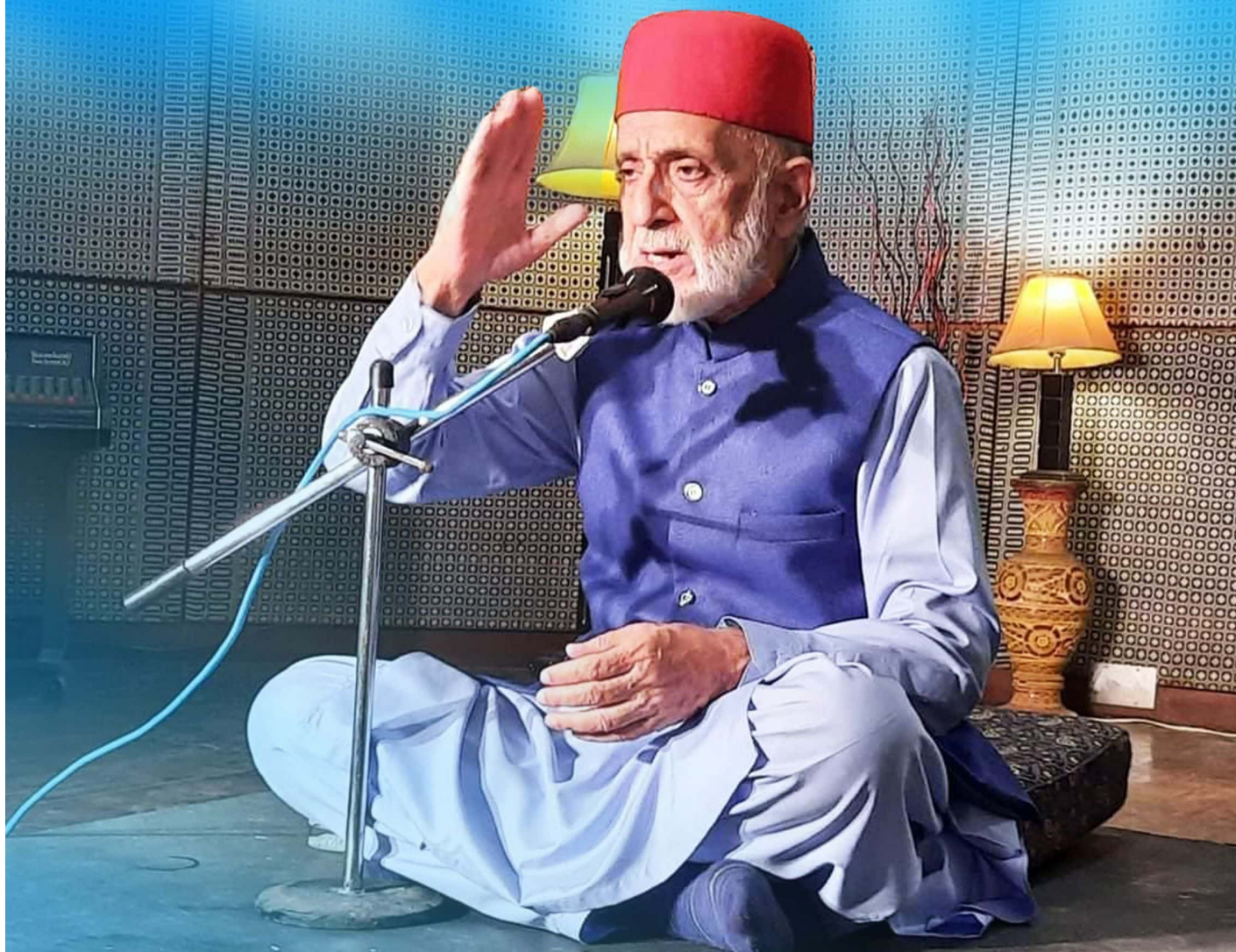
ALHAMRA PRODUCTION

FUNKAR

HAMARAY

with Hafiz Marghoob Ahmad Hamdani

Lahore Arts Council, Lahore in its next online episode of "Funkar Hamaray" invited renowned Naat Khawan, Hafiz Marghoob Ahmad Hamdani. Hafiz Marghoob Ahmad Hamdani performed live on the Facebook page of Lahore Arts Council at the Podium of Hall-I and Alhamra Studio Basement. He performed various Naats in connection with "Ashra Shan-e-Rehmatulalalamin Week".



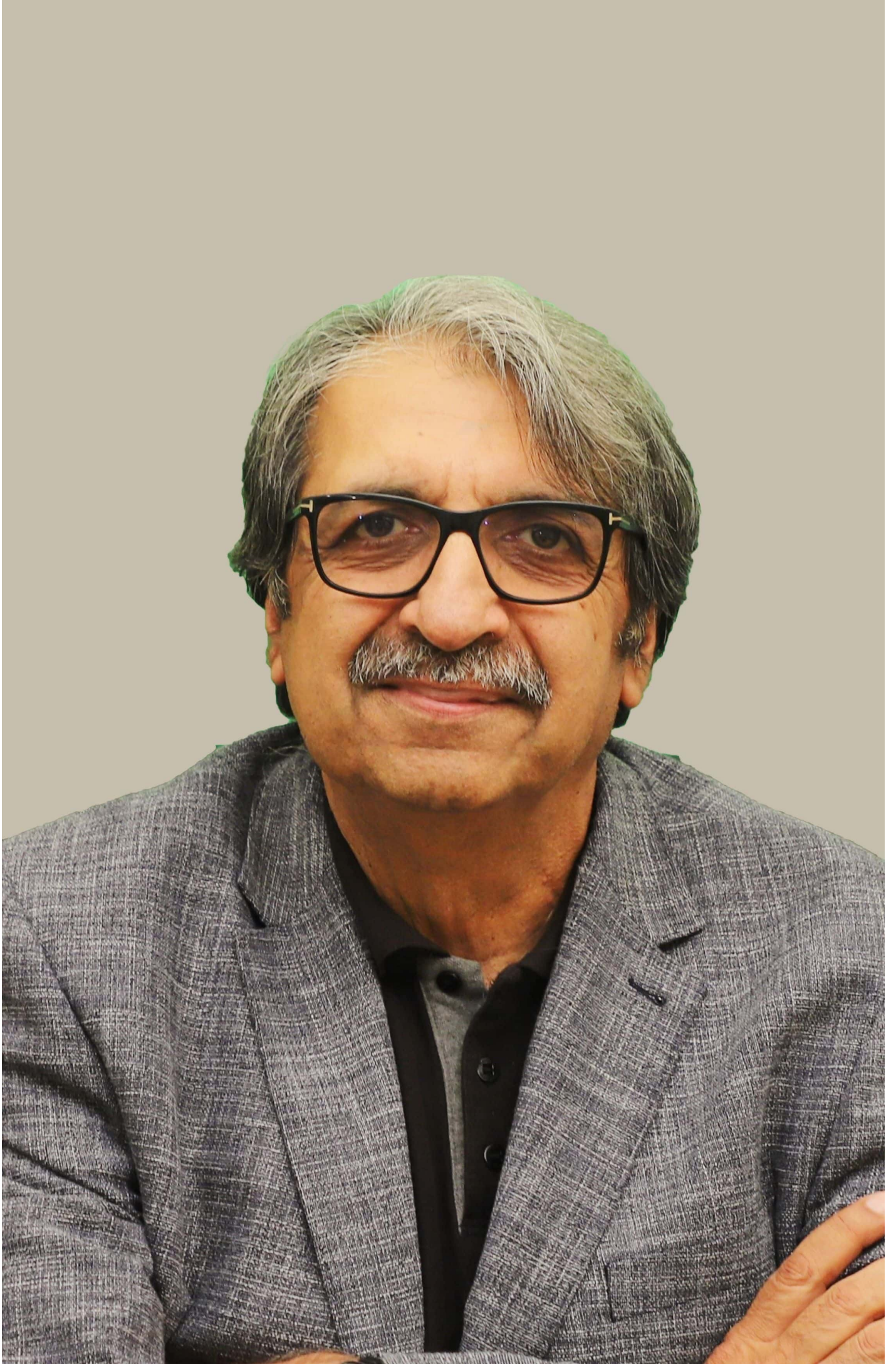
with
Azam Jamil



ONLINE

In the session of “Kuch Yaadein, Kuch Baatein” in the month of September Mr. Azam Jamil was the chief guest of the occasion. Azam Jamil is a certified CPD Life Coach and has more than 44 years of experience in Hospitality, Tourism, Management, Marketing, Operations, Peoples Management and Training & Development. Mr. Azam in response to a question of what would you like to share about your family background as your family belonged to a political background to whom various political parties leaders i.e. Jawahar Lal Nehru, Gandhi and such others has shared “I belonged to Gujranwala from my father side. My father’s uncle Justice Deen Muhammad was also the first Governor of Sindh after Mr. Muhammad Ali Jinnah better known as Baba-e-Qaum. He was a pure Punjabi to be elected as the Governor of Sindh. I belonged to Hayat Family of Sardar Sikandar Hayat who was then the PM of undivided Punjab. He used to live on Upper Mall at his residence which was later converted to Police Lines. He is also one of the 2 people to be buried in the premises of Badshahi Masjid parallel to Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal. I am honored to be a part of such family and all of this goes in vain if while being a part of such family you don’t learn anything from them”. To another question of what is your personal experience with the legends like Faiz Shb, Habib Jalib shb he said

“ Faiz Sahab, Habib Jalib and such others used to visit our house. In those time children were usually mentored by relatives, friends as well as neighbors”. Further while sharing the importance of sports he said that in our times it was the responsibility of schools and colleges to nurture students for sports but unfortunately we people have linked it to physical fitness of individuals. “But for me the important thing of sports is that it teaches you to lose. In Pakistan we do not have courage to bear losses”. He also shared that “I have seen my mother working hard and then playing sport the of Badminton after finishing off all of her works. Her hard work also motivated me to take up the sports of Tennis in which I later got distinction as the National Doubles Champion”. Moreover, while sharing memories of his acting career he said that” I have worked in a Four Part Serial Play “Zaviay” that was a dialogue between Socrates and Aristotle as well as such other dramas but I could not take it further due to my association with the hospitality industry”. While sharing an interesting fact, he said that no body might know the fact that the current Prime Minister of Pakistan’s Mr. Imran Khan Mother Shaukat Khanum were 3 sisters and all of them gave birth to the captains of Pakistan Cricket Team which include Javed Barki, Majid Khan and Imran Khan





with
Mikal Jameel

Lahore Arts Council, Lahore in its online session of Roshan Sitaray invited another emerging personality Mikal Jameel. Mikal Jameel while giving his introduction said that he is an engineer by profession and after his engineering he is currently working on a book on Col (R) Sher Khan's climbing life as well as running a small company. The session proceeded with a question of how did you started climbing and from where did you got the inspiration. In response to the question, he said that his father used to work for Serena hotels and he would often go and stay at various Serena hotels in hilly areas along with his father. "My family also owned a house in Murree where we often used to stay and enjoy our summer season. All of these things together inspired me for climbing as well as aroused my love for climbing". In the next stage of the session, Mikal Jameel took the audience along on a journey of the mountains through a PowerPoint presentation titled "Call of the Mountains". The presentation was a compilation of photographs of Mikal's visits to various places for hiking and climbing i.e. Shamshal, Rakaposhi, Base Camp Ultar and others. He

also shared that the climbing is always done in a group of two or more and it takes trust and adventurous passion of friends to join in a climbing/hiking journey. Climbing has also a strong relation with engineering as the process of hooking with the ropes, their combination with safety items is strongly linked. Further sharing about his Climbing company he said that "Luckily we have a bunch of adventurous people here in Islamabad who are crazy enough to learn this art of climbing and I teach them on safety gear and their usage by going to the places physically". Mikal Jameel at the end of the session gave an overview of the book that he is writing on Col (R) Sher Khan.



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with Anwar Rafi

Lahore Arts Council, Lahore organized the 3rd session of Fankar Hamaray on the eve of World Tourism Day 27th September, 2021. The renowned singer Mr. Anwar Rafi was the guest singer of the session. Anwar Rafi performed his famous songs i.e. Janu Sun Zara, Apna Bana Kay Dil La Kay, Meri Wafa Mery Wady and others.



ALHAMRA PRODUCTION

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HAMARAY

with Summan Sheikh

Lahore Arts Council, Lahore in its fourth session of "Fankar Hamaray" an initiative to promote the legendary artists as well as the emerging artists of Pakistan all over the world invited another emerging singing artist from Multan to perform live on the Facebook page of Alhamra. Ms. Summan Sheikh entertained the live audience with the famous songs of Madam Noor Jehan and Madam Naheed Akhtar i.e. "Gham-e-Dil ko In Ankhon Se", "Apni Bana Le Menu", "Be Qadra, Tere Bin Dil Nahi Lagda", "Sonay Di Taveetri" and other legendary songs. Executive Director and Director (Arts & Culture) hosted this live session.



with
Zareen Suleman Pana



ONLINE

Lahore Arts Council, Lahore in its next session of "Kuch Yaadein, Kuch Baatein" invited another prominent guest speaker, Ms. Zareen Sulaiman Panna who is a prominent classical dancer and Pride of Performance as well as Sitara-e-Imtiaz holder. While speaking on the occasion, she shared that her family belonged to Lucknow and migrated to Sindh, Karachi after partition. She also shared "I used to like Ice Gola in Karachi which I used to purchase from the 4 pennies received from my parents as a daily expenditure and even after purchasing it I was often left with much money. I started my career by working in an advertisement in 1955-56 when I did not know what to do. My live first show was also by accident when I was invited to the President House of Pakistan by Mr. Feroze Khan Noon on the eve of Shah-e-Afghanistan Zahir Shah's visit with his delegates, where I had to present the "Luddi" which was appreciated a lot by the audience. I have presented Pakistan's Dances in various countries as well as in front of Prince Agha Khan and his whole family. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto also used to value artists a lot. He recognized my talent and provided me opportunities to move ahead. May Allah almighty protect my beloved country Pakistan due to which I have got so much respect

and performed in various countries i.e. Paris, Japan, London, Indonesia as well as Thailand, Bangkok in front of royal family, performed solo in China”.



with
Ali Kamran

Lahore Arts Council, Lahore organized an online episode of Roshan Sitaray in which Mr. Ali Kamran, CEO of Sang-e-Meel publications participated as the guest speaker. Mr. Ali Kamran in response to the question of what are your hobbies responded that aside from being the business owner of Sang-e-Meel Publications "I am pursuing my passion of Photography and Shooting and I have also won National Level Marksmanship in Big Bore Pistol Shooting (Double Hand) as a part of a team". Further sharing on how he got to begin shooting as a passion, he told the audience that his father was fond of shooting and he was never allowed to touch his gun as a child. "But after his passing when I got older I asked permission from my mother to operate the gun which I was allowed and then later my passion became my hobby. To another question of what is the similarity between all of the professions you are currently following he explained the major similarity between all of these professions is that all of them are peaceful games while the main similarity between Photography and Shooting is that both of them require Free Space as well as good light.



68th BOG Meeting

The 68th Meeting of the Board of Governors, Lahore Arts Council, Lahore was held on 5th October, 2021 with all the safety precautions at the Alhamra Art Gallery, Mall Road, Lahore. The meeting was chaired by Chairperson, Board of Governors, Ms. Moneeza Hashmi. Executive Director, Lahore Arts Council, Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Minhas briefed the board members regarding the agenda of budget of Lahore Arts Council and other related matters.



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with Taimoor Afghani

Lahore Arts Council, Lahore paid rich tribute to the great Heer Waris Shah on his 223rd Death Anniversary. In this regard, Lahore Arts Council organized an online session in which renowned Heer singer; Mr. Taimoor Afghani presented Heer in order to honor him. Heer Waris Shah's famous "Heer" has spread the message of love and peace all around the globe.



Employees of the Month

Lahore Arts Council has started an initiative of rewarding the best employees of the Lahore Arts Council on a monthly basis. In this regard, Lahore Arts Council, Executive Director along with Deputy Director (Admn) distributed cash prizes among the selected employees of the month which was appreciated by the employees. The Employees of the month included Mr. Muhammad Imran (Junior Clerk), Khawaja Muzammil (Electrician), Ms. Nazia (Security Guard), Muhammad Siddique (Driver), Imran Butt (Naib Qasid), Muhammad Ikram (Carpenter), Muhammad Khan (Mali), Arshad Masih (Sanitary Worker). While speaking on the occasion, Executive Director said that the main purpose of this initiative is to honor our best employees with some rewards like cash prizes and such others. The rewards may be low in worth but it definitely gives a boost to the morale of the employees in future to work with more diligence. This initiative will be continued in the future.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2021

Congratulates



Muhammad Siddiq
(Driver)

Thank you for your dedicated services
and excellent contribution.

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Ms. Nazia
(Guard)

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Muhammad Ikram
(Carpenter)

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Imran Butt
(Naib Qasid)

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Arshad Masih
(Head Sanitary Worker)

Thank you for your dedicated services
and excellent contribution.

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SEPTEMBER 2021

Congratulates



Muhammad Khan
(Head Mali)

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MOU Signing

Lahore Arts Council (Alhamra) and MCL/Commissioner Lahore signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote UNESCO's title of City of Literature to Lahore. Capt. (Retd) Muhammad Usman Khan Commissioner Lahore and Executive Director, Lahore Arts Council, Ijaz Ahmad Minhas signed the MOU to promote Literature. Dr. Arfa Syeda Zehra Honorary chair UNESCO spoke on the occasion. Commissioner Lahore welcomed this MOU signing and assured Alhamra of the complete support of MCL in carrying out further activities in this regard. Students of Nazir Ahmad Music Society GCU performed 3 famous ghazals of Sufi Tabbasum, Faiz and Iqbal for the invited audience. Adeel Hashmi recited selected verses from Iqbal and Faiz. In the City of Literature Programme, seminars, sessions and summits will be arranged to promote culture, literature in collaboration of both the departments.



MOU Signing

Alhamra & Punjab Information Commission

Lahore Arts Council (Alhamra) and Punjab Information Commission have signed a Memorandum of Understanding. Chief Information Commissioner, Mehboob Qadir Shah and Executive Director, Lahore Arts Council, Ijaz Ahmad Minhas signed the MOU for the Social Awareness Campaign "RASAI" on Right to Information and Right to Services Act in various cities of Punjab including Sheikhpura, Sahiwal, and such other famous cities of Punjab. While speaking on the occasion, Executive Director said that the main purpose of this MOU signing is to provide aid in awareness campaign of the said Acts through the medium of Lahore Arts Council and its subsidiaries.



Calendar of Events

Lahore Arts Council has prepared a 4 month Events calendar for the month of September 2021 – December 2021. The event calendar was finalized in a departmental meeting held on 24 September, 2021. The meeting was headed by the Executive Director & attended by the officers of Lahore Arts Council. The meeting participants included Director (Arts & Culture), Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi along with Deputy Director (Admn), Mr. Aftab Ahmad Ansari, Deputy Director (L,A & R), Mr. Muhammad Arif, Deputy Director (PR), Mr. Subha Sadiq, Assistant Director (Admn-I), Mr. Syed Khurram Naveel, Curator (Art Museum), Ms. Hajra Mahmood and such others. While speaking on the occasion, Executive Director, Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Minhas said the main purpose of creating such an event plan was to facilitate the Art lovers within Pakistan as well as all around the globe so that they can plan their schedule accordingly.



CULTURAL EVENTS PLAN OF LAHORE ARTS COUNCIL (ALHAMRA)

September to December 2021

ALHAMRA ART CENTER

Obituary Umer Sharif

Lahore Arts Council, Lahore pays its condolences to the legendary comedian, Mr. Umer Sharif on his demise. Umer Sharif passed away on 2nd of October 2021 in Germany during his air-travel to United States of America due to deterioration of health issues. He was remembered by all of his fellow artists, comedians and people from political world from all over the world.

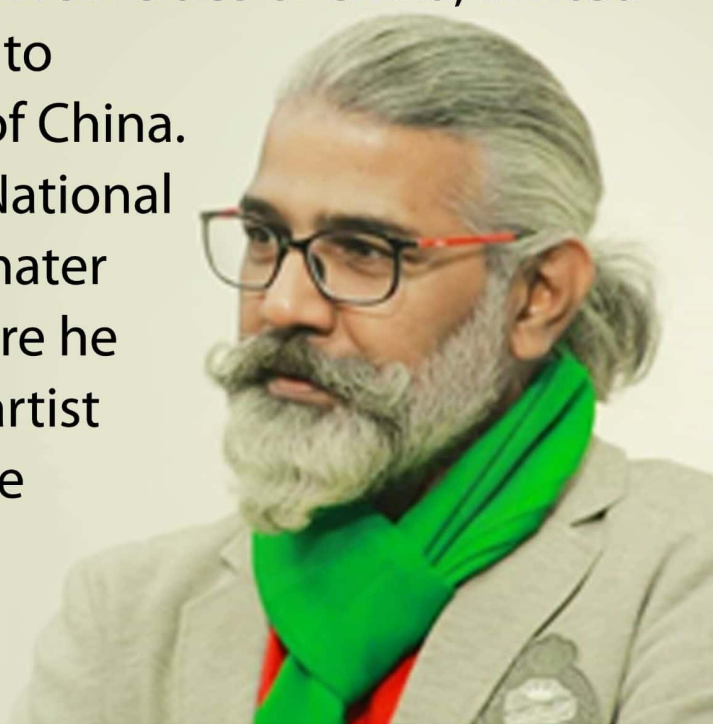




Art Museum

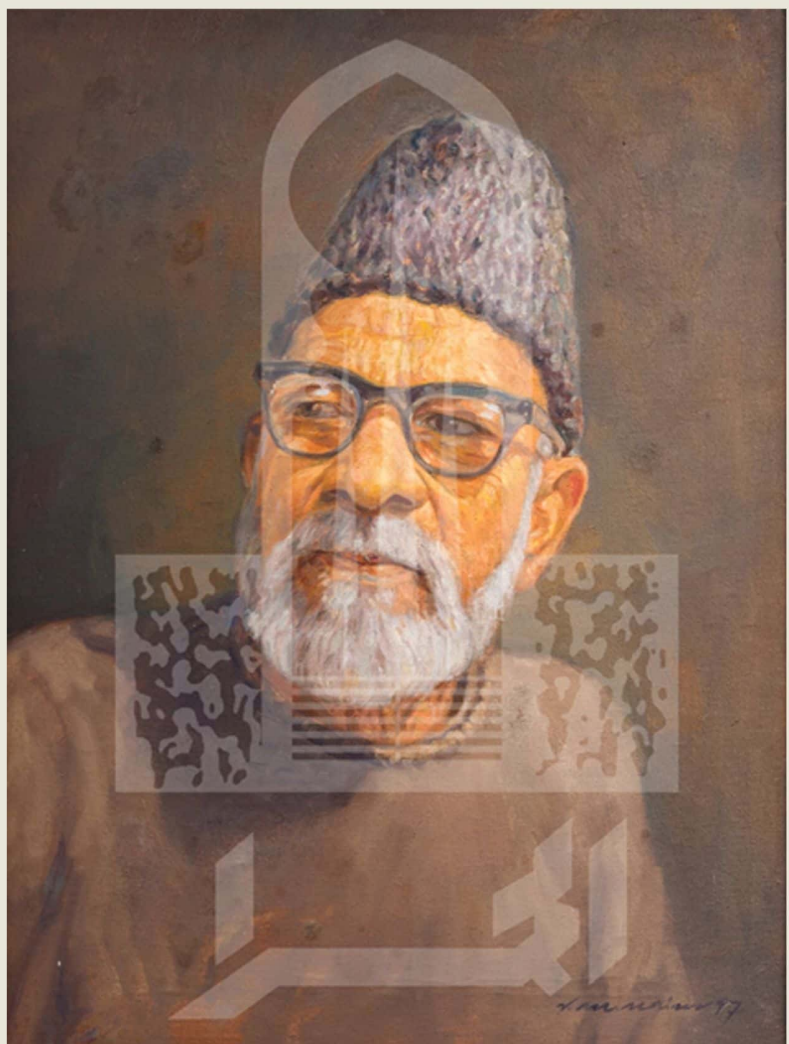
R. M. NAEEM

R. M. Naeem is a legendary contemporary artist. He has graduated from National College of Arts in 1993 with distinction. He has also participated in various juried art residence, art counseling workshops and art camps abroad over the course of his career. His artwork is about the common people from his surroundings as he develops relationships whereas notion for good and bad, positive and negative manipulated through interpretation. Initially he worked in oils and recently practices in acrylics. He has showcased his artworks both nationally and internationally and various art collectors own his work around the globe. Alhamra Art Museum is among those national places which showcases his paintings 24/7 and also offers an online virtual tour from 2018. He is the recipient of several scholarships and awards including Provincial Best Painter Award (1991) and Summer Film Festival Award (2014). He presented Pakistani art and education in six cities of China, invited by Embassy of China (2015) to experience art and culture of China. Currently he is teaching at National College of Arts in his alma mater and his own Studio RM where he has recently conducted an artist talk of legend Ali Zafar (Pride of Performance, 2021), born in 1968 in Mirpurkhas.

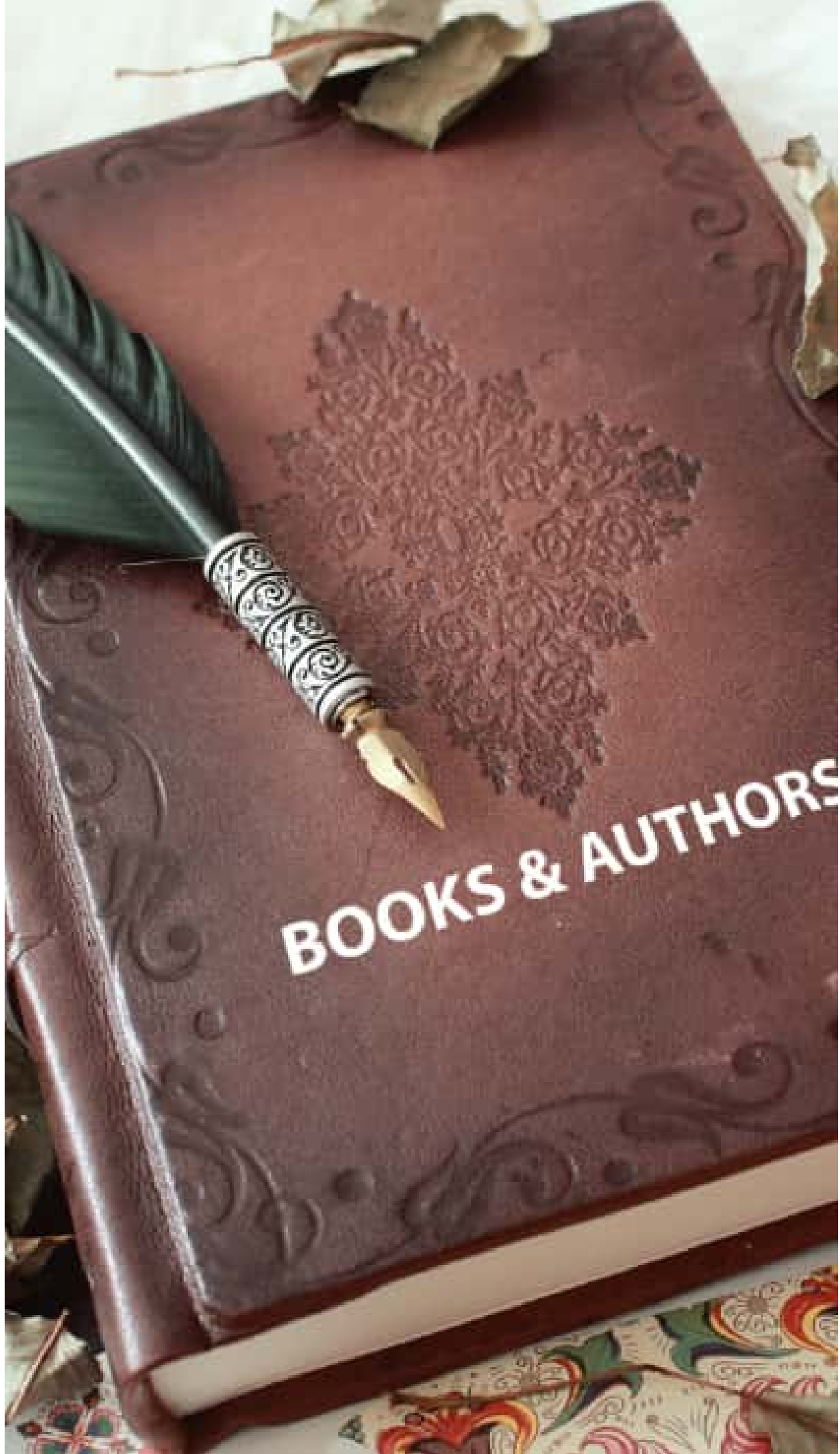




R. M. Naeem
'Four Whites'
Oil on Canvas
122 x 92 cm
1992



R. M. Naeem
'Portrait of Ustad Allah
Bux'
Oil on Canvas
122 x 92 cm



بانو قدسیہ 28 نومبر سنہ 1928 کو فیروز پور (بھارت) میں پیدا ہوئی تھیں۔ انہیں بچپن سے ہی کہانیاں لکھنے کا شوق تھا اور پانچویں جماعت سے انہوں نے باقاعدہ لکھنا شروع کر دیا۔ بانو قدسیہ نے ایف اے اسلامیہ کالج لاہور جبکہ بی اے کینیڈا کالج لاہور سے کیا۔

بانو قدسیہ کا شمار اردو کے اہم افسانہ نگاروں میں ہوتا ہے۔ ان کے افسانوی مجموعوں میں ناقابل ذکر، بازگشت، امرنیل، دست بستہ، سامان وجود، توجہ کی طالب، آتش زیر پا اور کچھ اور نہیں کے نام شامل ہیں۔ انہوں نے کئی ناول بھی تحریر کیے۔ ان کا شہرہ آفاق ناول راجہ گدھ اپنے اسلوب کی وجہ سے اردو کے اہم ناولوں میں شمار ہوتا ہے۔

ان کی دیگر تصانیف میں ایک دن، شہر لا زوال، پروا، موم کی گلیاں، چہار چمن، دوسرا دروازہ، ہجرتوں کے درمیاں اور ان کی خودنوشت راہ رواں کے نام سرفہرست ہیں۔

بانو قدسیہ نے ٹیلی ویژن کے لیے بھی کئی یادگار ڈرامہ سیریلز اور ڈرامہ سیریز تحریر کیے جن کے متعدد مجموعے شائع ہو چکے ہیں۔ حکومت پاکستان نے آپ کو ستارہ امتیاز کا اعزاز عطا کیا ہے۔

بانو قدسیہ سنہ 2017 میں 4 فروری کو علالت کے بعد لاہور کے نجی اسپتال میں انتقال کر گئیں جس کے بعد اردو ادب کا ایک تابندہ باب بند ہو گیا۔ انہیں ان کے محبوب شوہر اشفاق احمد کے پہلو میں سپرد خاک کیا گیا۔

