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Upgradation of Facilities

We appreciate the visionary step taken by the Government of Punjab to renovate the Alhamra after 30 years of its construction under the supervision of renowned architect Nayyer Ali Dada. He has added his best once again. Seats & carpets of Hall I & II have been replaced according to international standards. Washrooms, Foyer areas & other facilities have been totally upgraded. On the next phase we have a plan to change the lights & sound facilities according to international level.

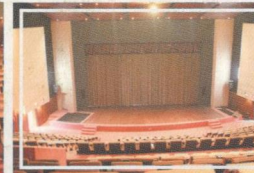
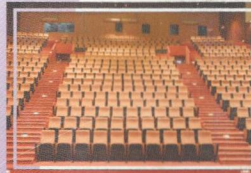
Moreover, newly designed official website of Lahore Arts Council has also been launched with complete details and services by the department.



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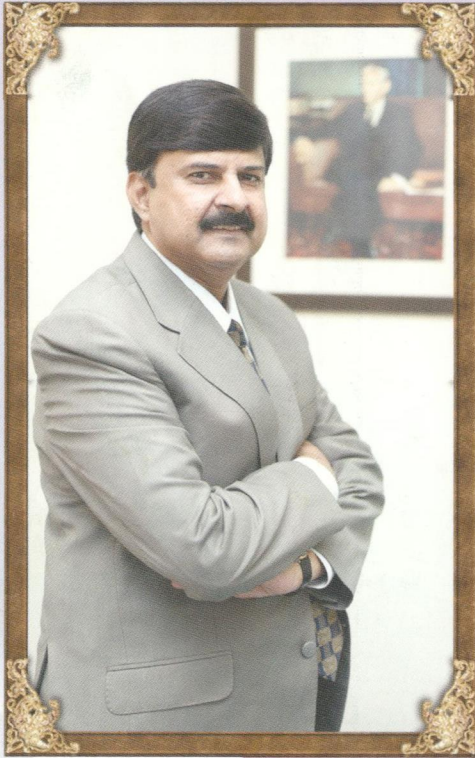


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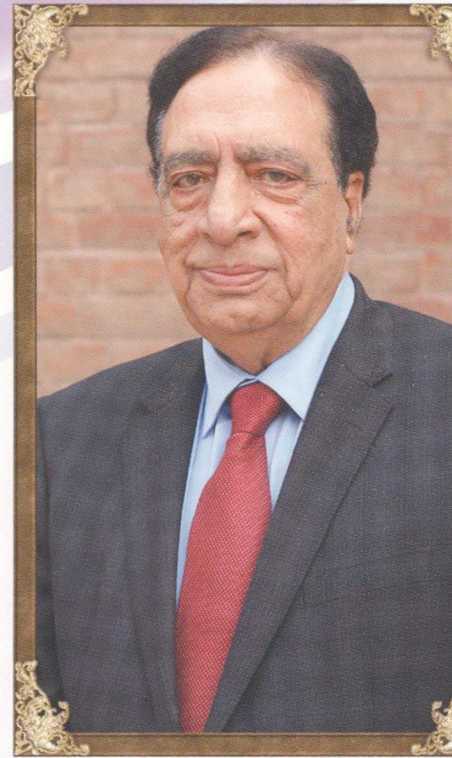
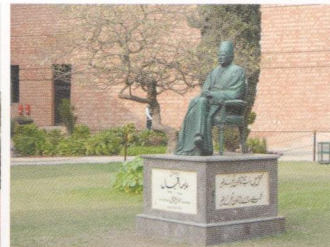
Board of Governors



Capt (Retd)
Atta Muhammad Khan
Executive Director

54th Meeting of Board of Governors (overall) and 1st meeting (specifically) of newly notified board was held at Committee Room of Alhamra Mall Road, Complex. Mr. Atta Ul Haq Qasmi chaired the meeting. Mr. Kamran Lashari, Dr. Tehseen Firaqi, Dr. Khurshed Rizvi, Ms. Naveen Fareed, Ms. Nusrat Jamil, Mr. Masood Akhtar, Mr. Rauf Tahir, Mr. Nayyer Ali Dada and Mr. Shoaib Bin Aziz are members of newly Board of Governors of Lahore Arts Council other than official members.

First meeting was basically an introductory and all members appreciated the renovation work completed in the tenure of Capt. (Retd) Atta Muhammad Khan, Executive Director, Lahore Arts Council.



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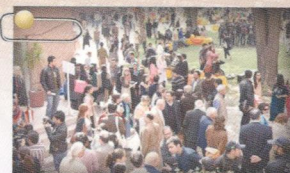
Lahore Literary Festival 2015

When the city's array of historic clock towers struck 11:00 on 20 February, 2015 the third Lahore Literary Festival started with an intellectual bang.

The third annual edition of the Lahore Literary Festival, LLF 2015, took place at the Alhamra Arts Center, Feb. 20, 21 and 22. With over 75 sessions, almost two dozen book launches, three exhibitions, four evening performances, including 130-plus speakers, the free and open-to-public event was attended by an estimated 75,000 people.

LLF 2015 featured thought-provoking panel discussions with some of the most insightful voices in the arts and literature. With tantalizing thinkers from home and abroad—from 12 countries, including Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Palestine, the U.S., the U.K., Colombia, Australia. LLF, which celebrates the best of Lahore's rich and storied cultural traditions, provided audiences with a stunning and stimulating array of ideas and intellectual inquiry.

In collaboration with The Lahore Arts Council the third edition of LLF was very much appreciated in the public. Alhamra always facilitated such kind of activities and played a vital role to make an event marvelous.



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An Evening with Nepalean International Band



Mr. Tirtha Raj Aryal, Counselor/Deputy Chief of Mission (Embassy of Nepal) had requested The Lahore Arts Council for the arrangements of a Cultural Show regarding the instrumental performance of Nepal. In a meeting with Capt. (Retd) Atta Muhammad Khan, Executive Director, Alhamra it was decided to add some performance from Pakistani artists also to make the event more attractive for public. Event was organized on 12th March 2015 at Hall-II, Alhamra Mall Complex. A large number of audiences enjoyed the performances of both countries. H.E Bharat Raj Paudyal (Ambassador of Nepal) graced the event with his presence.

"Sukarma" The famous Nepalean folk band found in 1997, is one of Nepal's most admired folk – classical musical bands. All the instrumentalist of this group belongs to the illustrious musical Gharanas who have devoted themselves in teaching, playing and performing music for generations. Mr. Homnath Upadhyay (Tabla Player), Mr. Dhrubesh Regmi (Sitar Player), Mr. Bharat Nipali (Sarangi Player) and Mr. Umesh Pandit (Flute Player) were performed from Nipalian side. As a complement to "Nepal Instrumental Music Performance" the Lahore Arts Council also associated performances by Ustad Hussain Buksh Gullu (Classical Singer) & Sara Raza Khan (Ghazal & Geet Singer).



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Exhibitions at Art Gallery

Japanese Calender



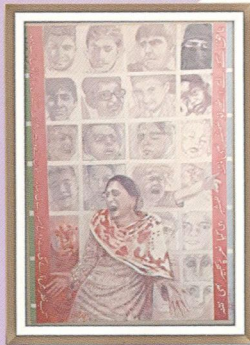
The Embassy of Japan in collaboration with the Alhamra Arts Council, the Japan Cultural Association Lahore organized an exhibition of Japanese Calender 2015 at Alhamra Art Gallery on 3rd February. The exhibition was inaugurated by Ms. Hamida Waheeduddin, Provincial Minister for Women Development, Government of Punjab along with Capt. (Retd) Atta Muhammad Khan, Executive Director, Lahore Arts Council & Mr. Toshikazu Isomura, Councilor, Public Affairs, Department of the Embassy of Japan in Pakistan.

Dandy

DANDY SCHOOL OF FASHION DESIGN is a unique centre of learning. Based in Lahore, its dynamic environment offers an exciting opportunity to study fashion. Dandy school of fashion design offers an unparalleled range of courses for students; from pattern making and draping, computers and fashion drawing to textile design; their aim is to reflect the breadth of opportunities available in this vibrant, ever-changing industry.

The three days show was inaugurated at Alhamra Art Gallery consisting the students work for their final semester. Inaugural ceremony followed by a Cat Walk was fabulous.

Artist Association of Punjab



With the collaboration of Lahore Arts Council, the Artist Association of Punjab has been organizing several exhibitions for the last 3 decades. This year in addition to 29th Annual Art Exhibition a commemorative show was organized to remember our children who were ruthlessly slaughtered in broad day light at their school in Peshawar. The inaugural session followed by seminar was graced by Mr. Atta Ul Haq Qasmi. One hundred thirteen artists participated in this exhibition. The title of the exhibition was "MESSACRE OF INNOCENT".

Hunarkada

HUNERKADA was founded in 1992 in Islamabad as a non-government and not-for-profit College with a committed program of propagating and promoting Visual and Performing Arts. It offers a four-year Degree program in Fine Arts and Design in affiliation with the University of Balochistan. Hunerkada also has a master's program in process with the said university. HUNERKADA has a branch in Lahore as part of its policy of establishing branches in all major cities. Inauguration ceremony of Hunerkada Lahore was held in Alhamra Art Gallery, Mall Road Complex on 6th February 2015. Student works of final thesis was tremendous.

The exhibition remained open for three days.



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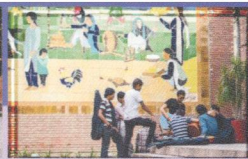
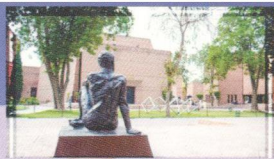


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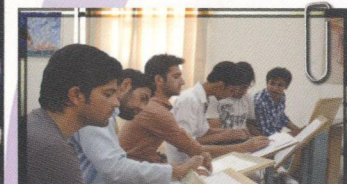
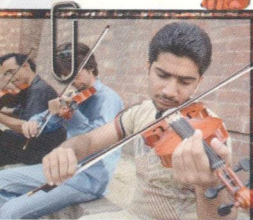
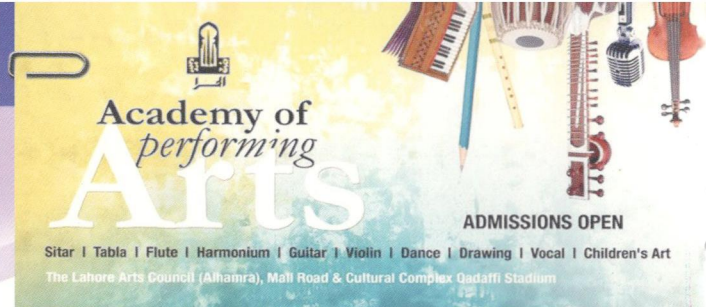
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The Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts (AAPA) has a unique distinction. This is the first time in the history of Pakistan that an academy imparting education in the field of drawing, dance, drama and music. The need to revive our heritage in these fields is very much important because it is diminishing by the passage of time. In early times, the standard of performing arts was quite advanced, we started off with a number of artists who became legends later but unfortunately that standard of skills has gradually faded from the scene. To build a stronger identity and to secure our cultural values Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts serving from last five decades and produced a large number of artists in the field of performing art.

ALHAMRA ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ART

Academy of performing Arts

ADMISSIONS OPEN

Sitar | Tabla | Flute | Harmonium | Guitar | Violin | Dance | Drawing | Vocal | Children's Art

The Lahore Arts Council (Alhamra), Mall Road & Cultural Complex Qaddafi Stadium

The following courses are being offered which are held five days a week in custom made class rooms with all facilities:

- Kathak Dance
- Drama Acting
- Drawing
- Vocal
- Guitar
- Tabla
- Flute
- Violin
- Harmonium

FEE STRUCTURE

Registration Fee: Rs. 200/-

Monthly Fee Rs. 500/-

CLASS TIMING

Monday to Friday 1500 Hrs-1700 Hrs



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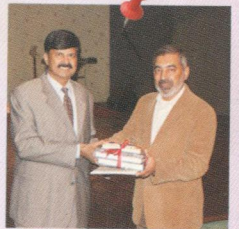


As a part of the Military Strategy Team, Allied Officers undergoing National Security & War Course 2014-15 visited Lahore. One of the objectives of the visit is to promote soft image of Pakistan through interaction with socio cultural side of the society and visiting civil institutes at Lahore.

The Lahore Arts Council arranged an exclusive cultural show to entertain the delegates. The evening was colorful with the performance of Hamid Ali Khan, Sara Raza Khan and mind blowing classical dance performance by Nighat Chaudhary and Mahrunisa.



National Defence University



The library of Lahore Arts Council is reference based library. Books can only be used in library and cannot be issued. The major portion of library collection includes high quality books related to arts, culture, English/Urdu literature, stage plays, music and history. The library has extensive collection of over 3500 books, stage drama scripts of renowned drama writers and other material including audio video facilities, CD's & DVD's. 15 No. of National newspapers in Urdu & English purchased on daily basis. Library section also maintained press clippings from The daily Dawn, The Nation, The News, Jang, Khabrain, Pakistan, Awaz, City 42, Dunya, Nawa-e-Waqt, Jinnah, Din, Jahan-e-Pakistan, Nai Baat and Ausaf. Not only related to Lahore Arts Council but also in the field of Art & Culture.



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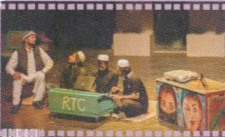
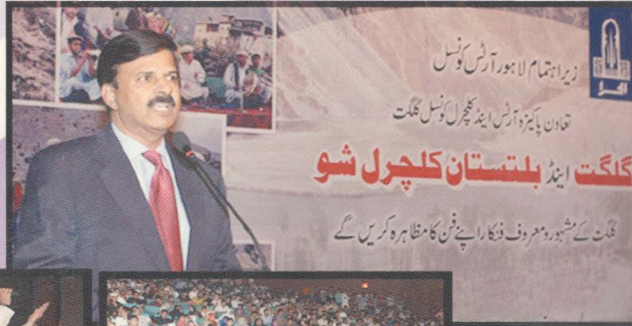
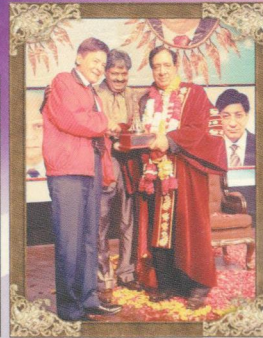
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IKEBANA WORKSHOP

(Japanese Art of Flower Arrangements)



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