

'Winners' of 4th Arab Women Awards Kuwait '16 announced

Sheikh Mubarak Fahad presents awards to 22 inspirational women



Prof Moudi Al Humoud



Ascia Al Faraj

Symposium held to analyze artistic aspects of performance

Int'l monodrama fest opens with 'Al-Sajina'

KUWAIT CITY, April 18, (KUNA): The activities of Kuwait third International Monodrama Festival opened Sunday night with the Qatari theatrical performance 'Al-Sajina' (the Female Prisoner).

The performance, starring Hanan Sadeq, and authored and directed by Saleh Al-Mana'ei, was staged in the presence of dozens of literary critics and artists from 12 countries.

It tells the story of a girl who, in order to provide her sick mother with medicines, was forced to work as a housemaid and was physically maltreated by her mistress. While the mistress's son attempts to rape the girl, his father, the master, falls in love with her and marries her privately.

As she gets pregnant and the signs of pregnancy become clear, everybody even the master, disown her and she bursts in a hysterical crime that led her to prison.

After the performance, a symposium was held where critics, such as Fahad Al-Radda - a Saudi playwright, analyzed the artistic aspects of the performance.

Ghanem Al-Sulaity, a Qatari actor, commended the festival in a statement to KUNA, saying it contributes to the

Ministry urges promoting e-crime awareness among youth: official

Series of seminars held

KUWAIT CITY, April 18, (KUNA): The Ministry of State for Youth Affairs on Monday stressed the momentousness of promoting awareness on e-crime among youth.

The ministry has organized a series of seminars on e-crime in the country's six provinces, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the Interior Ministry.

In a statement at a concluding ceremony today, Undersecretary of the ministry's youth development sector Meshaal

and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Al-Sabah. The event was inaugurated last night by Assistant Secretary General of National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) for Culture Sector Mohammad Al-As'ousi in the presence of NCCAL's Secretary General Ali Al-Yoha and lasts until April 23.

advancement of the theatrical movement in the Arab world.

"Monodrama is growing in popularity nowadays since today's world is marked by individualism," he added.

This year's edition of the festival is themed Saad Al-Faraj Session" in commemoration of the Kuwaiti actor and is patronized by Minister of Information

Al-Sebei, said that the seminars aimed to boost awareness on laws and penalties for cybercrimes, spreading false information about the society and the people.

For his part, Colonel Youssef Al-Habib from the Interior Ministry's Electronic Crimes Control Department, said that the breath-taking scientific progress has led to the emergence of new methods to commit e-crimes. E-crime is one of the most dangerous offences, since it is not limited by geographical borders, he added.

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KUWAIT CITY, April 18: Kuwait's most inspirational women have been specially recognised during a gala dinner at Salmiya Palace, hosted by Sheikh Mubarak Fahad Al Salem Al Sabah with the ceremony presented by Kuwaiti TV personality Sudaba Ali.

The winners of the fourth Arab Women Awards Kuwait 2016 included Mariam Abdul Malik Al-Saleh, the first ever female teacher and headmistress in the country received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Najla Alghanim, chairperson of Gulf Consult who is dedicated to maintaining the company's place at the forefront of engineering consulting in Kuwait won Businesswoman of the Year, whilst prominent Kuwaiti blogger Ascia Al Faraj received the New Media Award. A special Honorary award from the judges was given to Sheikhha Basma Mubarak Al Sabah who is a member of the Parents of Handicapped Association and also a member of the Literati Association.

The full list of winners were:

1. Business — Najla Alghanim; 2. Finance — Riham Alghanim; 3. Entrepreneur — Noor Al Qatami; 4. Education — Prof Moudi Al Humoud; 5. Legal — Esra Alamiri; 6. Energy — Badria Abdul Raheem; 7. Medical — Dr Rajaa Al-Attayah; 8. Art — Amira Behnehani; 9. Literature — Basma Al Enezi; 10. Sport — Taiba Al Nouri; 11. Fashion Designer — Amna Alsalem; 12. Young Designer — Muneera Al Sharhan; 13. Media — Arwa Alwagayan; 14. Young talent — Fatemah Alali & Fathemah Busakhr; 15. New media — Ascia Al Faraj; 16. Humanitarian — Seham Al-Foraih; 17. Government — H.E Hind Al Sabih; 18. Judges Choice — Sheikhha Basma Mubarak Al Sabah; 19. Special recognition — Moodi Al Sultan; 20. Inspirational woman — Nada Al Shammari; 21. Lifetime Achievement — Mariam Abdul Malik Al-Saleh.

The Arab Women Awards were established by ITP in 2009 to recognise successful women in business, education, entrepreneurship, media, government, literature, and other fields. Since launch the awards have become a powerful platform for recognising role models for a new generation of young women. The awards help to promote breast cancer awareness in every country in which they run and in Kuwait they support the Hyatt Breast Cancer Foundation. The foundation benefited from the proceeds of a silent auction that was conducted on the evening for an original piece of art by Manal Al Majed donated from the Center of the Arts.

Pleasure

This year's award winners were chosen by a board of judges including Sheikh Mubarak Fahad Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Dr Labiba Temmim, Sheikhha Souad Jaber Al Sabah, and Hello! Arabia Editor Gina Tadros.

"It was a real pleasure to help select the nominees and winners of this year's Arab Women Awards. Each one of them has an inspiring story to tell, and so much success to celebrate. Learning their stories have made me proud to be Kuwaiti, and given me great hope and pride for the present and future generations of Arab women," said honorary chairperson Sheikh Mubarak Fahad Al-Salem Al-Sabah.

The Arab Women Awards 2016 were supported by Tory Burch, Gulf Bank of Kuwait, The Sheraton Kuwait, The Flower Room and Center of the Arts (part of GroupXen), Ana Emr'aa, Rotana TV, Hello!, and Amouge.

The Arab Women Awards now run annually in the UAE, Kuwait, KSA and Qatar. For more information go to www.ArabWomanAwards.com.



Amira Behbehani



Hind Al Sabih



Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Fawaz while receiving Al-Mutairi.

Ahmadi Governor receives PAY chief

Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Fawaz Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah has confirmed the commitment of Kuwait to encourage the youths to actively participate in its programs, including the present and future development plans.

This came Sunday when the governor received in his office Director General of the Public Authority for Youths Abdul Rahman Al-Mutairi, during which he stressed that the development project that started in Ahmadi last year with the theme, "My Governorate is more Beautiful", is one of the ways to encourage youths' participation. He affirmed

the governorate fully supports the youths in their endeavors which reflect the ambitions of Kuwait.

On the other hand, Al-Mutairi urged the governor to organize meetings to enhance the participation of the youths, as well as to know their opinions and wishes.

He also lauded the governor for his cooperation with the authority in all fields for the benefit of the youths. He confirmed the meeting with the governor is considered the first step towards coordinating the efforts of the authority and the six governorates.

Event to be held on Earth Day in 40 cities

Fishackathon '16 begins in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, April 18: Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), the US Department of State's (US Embassy in Kuwait), and the Center for Research in Informatics, Sciences, and Engineering (RISE-AUK) are organizing jointly the third annual Fishackathon that will be held on the Earth Day in 40 cities around the world.

Fishackathon that organized by the Secretary's Office of Global Partnerships, is a public-private partnership that brings together the US government with the private sector and civil society to answer the US Secretary Kerry's call in saving our ocean. The event calls on coders, designers, and science enthusiasts from all around the world to come together over a weekend to create new applications and tools to address issues in sustainable fishing.

Fishackathon was first organized in June 2014 around Secretary Kerry's inaugural Our Ocean conference, and has continued as a lead-up event to subsequent Our Ocean conferences, including the 2016 conference in September. In 2014, Fishackathon brought together coders at aquariums and technical hubs in 5 domestic cities. Last year, the second annual Fishackathon took place in 12 cities around the world. This year, the event has expanded to 40 cities on six conti-

nents, as well as a virtual hackathon. Needless to say, Kuwait is the first country in the Middle East to join this international competition.

KISR and RISE will provide mentors in both marine science and programming as well as participants in the event. Kuwait University and the American University in Kuwait will participate in the event via the participation of their students as competitors and professors as mentors. The spin-off of the event will be under taken in Kuwait on Thursday April 21st, 2016 at 5 pm in Marine Research Campus (KISR). The participants will continue their work at the American University in Kuwait.

After the Fishackathon ends, a global panel of mobile and fisheries experts will review the winning solution from each site and select grand prize winners, to be announced on World Oceans Day on June 8, 2016. One team will receive a \$10,000 cash prize, provided by Virgin, and one team's creation will be further independently developed through a US government contractor.

For further information the Fishackathon partnership and this weekend's events, please visit fishackathon.co. Follow Fishackathon on social media at @fishackathon, @GPATState, @kissofficial, @RISE and #codeforfish.

News in Brief

'Shaban 1437 to begin May 8'

President of the National Research Institute for Astronomical and Geophysical Research Dr Hatem Oudah said the first day of Shaban month 1437 will be on May 8 as the Rajab month will be a total of 30 days, reports Al-Qabas daily.

He said the new moon will not be visible (Ro'yah Shre'yah) pointing out that astronomical studies revealed the new moon of Shaban will rise at 9:30 pm local time in Cairo on May 6 - 29 of Rajab month. He added the new moon will be visible in most Arab and Muslim capitals.

PAAC extension okayed: The Cabinet has approved the extension of the tenure of the Public Authority for the Assessment of Compensation (PAAC) for damages caused by the Iraqi invasion for one more year starting from May 27, reports Al-Shahid daily quoting sources.

Sources revealed this came in response to the request of the State Minister for Cabinet Affairs to extend the authority's tenure.

Muneer to perform in Kuwait: Egyptian singer Mohamed Muneer will have a concert in Kuwait on April 29 under the auspices of Sheikhha Nawal Al-Hamoud Al-Sabah and the Egyptian Tourism Ministry, reports Al-Rai daily.

In a press statement, Sheikhha Nawal dis-

'MP can be probed after immunity lifted'

KUWAIT CITY, April 18: The Constitutional Expert and Law Professor at Faculty of Law in Kuwait University Dr Mohammad Al-Feli affirmed that a lawmaker can be interrogated after his parliamentary immunity has been lifted, reports Al-Jarida daily.

He explained that the parliamentary immunity of lawmaker protects him from any penal action against him, but when this immunity is lifted through voting by other lawmakers or following the end of his parliamentary membership, the lawmaker can be legally presented in front of the judiciary.

closed the concert will be held in Mohamed Al-Hamad Stadium at Al-Qadisiya Sports Club. She said the Miami Band will also perform in the first concert of Muneer in Kuwait.

Meanwhile, Chairman of Flawless Advertising Company, which organized the concert, Mohammed Mustafa confirmed the stage is ready for the concert. He added Muneer's band consists of 14 musicians including a German guitarist, indicating the performers will arrive on April 27.

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