



Muhammad Aslam Khan, Pakistani Ambassador to Kuwait speaks at the event.



Fariha Pervez —Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



Pakistani Ambassador Muhammad Aslam Khan welcome Palestinian Ambassador Rami Tahboub.



Fariha Pervez Performs.

FARIHA PERVEZ PERFORMS IN 'SHAM-E-GHAZAL'

By Ben Garcia

The Pakistani Embassy in collaboration with the Kuwait National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) and Bait Al-Othman organized on Sunday evening a "Sham-e-Ghazal", featuring famous Pakistani artiste Fariha Pervez. Muhammad Aslam Khan, Pakistani Ambassador to Kuwait, welcomed visitors who thronged the Bait Al-Othman Museum in Hawally to witness the thrilling

concert. The ghazal is one of the most popular and revered forms of classical and semi-classical music in south Asia and for many it is the soul of poetry in both Urdu and Persian.

Fariha also rendered some Arabic and English popular songs to the approval and applause of the crowd. In his welcome address, Khan thanked attendees for gracing the event, which included top officials in Kuwait and members of the diplomatic corps. "I am proud to introduce to you one of the

famous and leading female singers from Pakistan. She has many invitations from all over the world and I am truly thankful because she accepted my invitation to perform for you here in Kuwait," the ambassador mentioned.

Fariha started her career with anchoring and acting, appearing in several drama serials including the famous kids' drama 'Ainak Wala Jin'. She then switched to singing with the release of her first album 'Nice and Naughty'

in 1996. Fariha has release seven albums and is recognized as one of the best female singers in Pakistan. She has been a regular television guest on various programs and rendered popular songs for the audience. She's been considered to be among the most versatile singers in her generation with the ability to perform in various genres including classical, folk, ballad and modern pop songs.

"Her performance was superb. I love ghazal music and it is one of my weaknesses. I

cried when I heard such a melodic voice performing right in front of me - such a gentle voice, as if I was being rocked in a cradle," said teary-eyed Emily, a European mother who attended the event with her teenage son. Ghazal means conversation with the beloved. It consists of rhyming couplets and a refrain, with each line sharing the same meter. Ghazal can be understood as poetic expression of both pain and loss of separation, and beauty of love despite pain.



Pakistani Ambassador Muhammad Aslam Khan welcome guests at the event.



A view of the audience.

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Al-Bayan Bilingual School (BBS) Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) organized a staff Appreciation Luncheon to express gratitude for their sincere efforts and dedication to offer the best educational Environment to BBS students.

The Luncheon started with a speech by Sundus Hussain, PTA President, who welcomed the Employees and expressed her gratitude and said "Another school year and there's a good chance you haven't been thanked your hard work. teacher. I am sure you have had a few students thank you, tell you that something you taught them, did for them, helped them learn was important and meaningful and changed them and inspired them and meant the world to them." "So if you haven't received the thanks you deserve, we as the BBS PTA want to thank you publicly now. And by "you" I mean those teachers who love to teach and do so with all their heart and soul to provide their students with what is important and necessary and inspiring and beautiful and meaningful and true and good and honest." She concluded. During the event, PTA members provided the teachers with a fun-filled and exciting atmosphere that included raffles prizes and open buffet. This initiative validates an appreciation and a positive platform to deepen the teachers' sense of compassion.

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A New Year's Eve celebration and Christmas caroling were held at sister Edith Lazo's residence.