

Greetings



Many happy returns of the day to dearest son Richard Rajesh D'Sa. May God bless you abundantly and guide you through your life's journey. Best wishes from your loving mother Maggie.



Dr Al-Mutawa at The SEEN



GULF UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES KUWAIT'S VISUAL CULTURE



Creative designers, photographers, illustrators, and a graffiti artist were among the speakers on the concluding day of the Gulf University for Science and Technology's (GUST) The SEEN: Visual Communication Conference, which ran from April 13-15 on the university's campus. The event included speeches and workshops designed to demonstrate creative talents in a range of different visual professions.

The SEEN was organized by GUST students and faculty to focus on three aspects cutting across all creative industries: Inspiration, Innovation and Imagination. Speakers at the three-day event included creator of the world-acclaimed comic book series THE 99 Dr Naif Al-Mutawa, political cartoonist Bader Bin Gaith, Co-Founder of AOK Architecture Abdulaziz Al-Kandari, independent filmmaker Abdulrahman Al-Kulafi, as well as many others. There were also workshops on design, graffiti, and Arabic calligraphy. The event culminated with a live graffiti demonstration by Yousef Saleh and Mohammed Abuhakme, AKA "Monstariam", who filled a large three-part canvas with street art celebrating The SEEN.

"Our students brought together some incredible creative professionals for this conference. They also designed

the materials, publicized the events and then filmed the entire process," said Dr Fahed Al-Sumait, Head of GUST's Mass Communication and Media Department. "Some of them did this as part of their coursework while others volunteered through our student-run Media Club. It was incredible to see students successfully applying their skills outside of our classrooms."

The event was sponsored by GUST's Office of Student Life, 4Films and 4Fest printers, the Center for the Arts, ACI-CO, Khaleesque Magazine, Tap, and GUST's Media Club. Additional speakers featured over the three days included Graphic Designers Hanan Abbas, Suad Al-Fraih, Fatema Yousef and Faisal Al-Ali; PR Professionals Dana Mado and Bader Al-Essa; Artists Abdulrahman Al-Sultan and Abrar Zenkawi; Art Directors Romain Danger, Patrick Semaan and Hind Al-Turkait; Photographers Abdulaziz Al-Duwaisan and Farah Haider; as well as Owner of Pink Coffee Marketing and PR Shamlan Al-Bahr, Film CEO of Brand Productions and Producer Meshari Al-Mutawa, and Managing Partner of Khayal Consultants Waleed Abu-Gazaleh. Workshops were led by Jassim Al-Nasrallah, Yousef Saleh, "Monstariam," Antonia Jolic, Dr Yasser Abdulrahim, Lisa Winstanley and Mirna Kataya.

"In today's world, visual messages are a very important way to communicate and get people's attention. This conference showed how creative professionals are using the power of visuals to make an impact," said Antonia Jolic, faculty member in the Mass Communication and Media Department. "It also gives our students a better understanding of the possibilities offered by their degree."

The conference organizers chose the title "The SEEN" to describe how talented designers and entrepreneurs from across the country will have a chance to be "seen" at this event, as well as implying the idea of a "scene" that reflects a social trend, such as the art scene, the film scene, or the fashion scene. The Gulf University for Science and Technology, which hosted the event, was founded in 2002 as the first private university in Kuwait. GUST is based on an American-style model of higher education and currently hosts approximately 3,500 full-time students. Among the degrees offered at GUST is a BA in Mass Communication with a focus on Radio and TV Broadcasting, Public Relations and Advertising, or Visual Communication.

Announcements

Super hit play

Fankaar Arts super play will be staged after 5 years by public demand 'Biwi Jawaan Miya Pareshan' on April 19, Saturday from 6-9 pm at the Indian Embassy.

Urdu workshop

Hyderabad Muslim Welfare Association (HMWA) in association with Federation of Indian Muslim Associations (FIMA) presents Learn Tajweed - the easy way - workshop in Urdu on Friday and Saturday, April 18, 19, 2014 at 3:30 pm at Jamiat Al-Islah auditorium - Roudha, Kuwait. The program will be presented by eminent scholars Dr Abdulazeez Abdurraheem and Qari Imran Khan. Dr Abdulazeez is the founder of Understand Quran Academy. He also performs on Peace TV, Guides Us TV and Paigham TV etc. Qari Imran Khan is a world renowned orator and Peace TV fame. Study material will be provided at the event venue. Separate arrangements are made for ladies. All are welcome to the program.

Taste of the world at Lu&Lu Hypermarket

Lu&Lu Hypermarket, the lifestyle shopping destination of choice for discerning customers in Kuwait, is set to launch a distinctive experience for food lovers in the country, with their 'Taste of the World' promotion from 23 April till 3 May.

The 11-day festival of good food, which will be inaugurated by renowned Indian Master Chef Ripudaman Handa, on 23 April at the Hypermarket's Al-Rai outlet, will feature cuisines and ingredients from around the world.

Ripudaman Handa's passion and love for cooking helped him win the 'Master Chef' title in the third season of 'Master Chef - Kitchen Ke Superstar' on Star plus channel. He was the youngest contestant on the show and won Rs 10 million prize, along with a chance to publish his own cookery book; a desire he had been harboring for long.

The promotion period will witness several competitions that will be held on different days at all outlets of Lu&Lu Hypermarket, including junior and senior chef contest, wow the Master Chef contest, chat with Master Chef and a taste-and-win contest. In addition to a live-cooking demo that will be held every day at all three branches, the Al-Rai outlet will witness a special cookery competition that will start on 19 April.

During the Taste of the World festival, celebrity chefs in other cuisines, such as Arabic, Chinese, Continental, Filipino, Japanese, Indian, Italian and Thai, will demonstrate their cooking dexterity and the scrumptious magic they can conjure up using ingredients that range from the ordinary to the exotic.

The Taste of the World promotion period will also witness the creation, in association with Pizza Inn, of 'Longest Pizza in Kuwait' at 101 meters, as well as the making of a record, 20 meter long pasta. Shoppers will also have the opportunity to meet with Master Chef Handa and to have autographs signed by the chef.



ICE SKATING RINK PREPARES TO HOST ELMO AND FRIENDS



Omar Al-Samerae



Preparations are underway at the Ice Skating Rink to host the 'Elmo Makes Music' show, a Sesame Street Live presentation that is set to be performed at the facility from the April 24 to 26. As part of the preparations, the main skating hall will be closed starting from Monday

April 21, said Omar Al-Samerae, the Ice Skating Rink and Fountain Park Supervisor at the Touristic Enterprises Company.

The small skating hall will continue welcoming visitors at regular working hours during the event, Al-Samerae

added. Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Big Bird and all their Sesame Street friends are taking to the stage to share their love of music in Sesame Street Live's "Elmo Makes Music," in seven shows hosted in cooperation with Eventmania.

TKS ORGANIZES DANCE SHOW 'MIRACLE ON WHEELS'

Telugu Kala Samithi - Kuwait (TKS) is going to celebrate its Silver Jubilee celebrations with a noble cause by organizing an outstanding dance show called "Miracle on Wheels" by physically challenged artists from Ability Unlimited Organization in India tomorrow at Cambridge International School, Mangaf. It's the first time a dance show by physically challenged artists has been organized in Kuwait. The program will start at 5:30 pm, and is exclusively for Telugu Kala Samithi members and chief guests. Members are requested to collect their entry pass at the venue. A multi-talented Kuchipudi dancer Nadiya from India will also enthrall the audience with her mesmerizing Kuchipudi dances Arda Nareeswaram and "Nataraja Hela".



LULWA AL-SHAMLAN PERFORMS IN CARNEGIE HALL

Lulwa is a well-known performer in Kuwait and at the age of 12 has already achieved a significant repertoire as a pianist. This includes numerous competitions and performances in the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Azerbaijan, and most recently New York. She consistently represents herself to a high standard by placing in first or second place in concerts both inside and outside of Kuwait.

She currently attends Wells Music School in the UK as a music specialist in piano. This has allowed her to continue branching out in new directions and to strive towards greater goals. This enabled her to participate in the American International Competition of Romantic Music. Out of the hundreds of competitors, she won second place and performed in the winners' concert in Carnegie Hall in New York this past March. This is regarded as a great highlight for any performer's career no matter their age. It is truly an experience to be able to share the same stage where Frank Sinatra performed during his early career as well

as countless other world-renowned artists.

This success is a big moment for Lulwa, Kuwait, and LOYAC who continued nurturing her talent since she was 9 years old, and made it possible to continue

developing Lulwa's talent and musical growth. Lulwa is sponsored by Sabah Al-Ahmad Center for Giftedness and Creativity, who always sponsor LOYAC's talents.

