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A WORD FROM THE ORGANIZER



Tariq Faizi

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About the Festival

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The Tahbib Multilingual & Cultural Festival stands as a beacon of cultural convergence. Curated by Leading Edge Events Management & Conference LLC, this annual event embraces the diversity of languages and traditions, fostering connections through poetry, music, and dialogue. This year's edition featured performances and sessions in Arabic, Urdu, English, Punjabi, and Tagalog, honoring the UAE's spirit of inclusivity. By bridging cultural divides, Tahbib continues to champion the beauty of shared experiences and mutual respect.

Messages from the Esteemed Leadership

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— *Safdar Ali*



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The Tree of Thoughts



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Daam E Khayal

A Journey Through Emotion



The Daam-e-Khayal (Urdu Mushaira) session transformed the venue into a haven for soulful expression. Esteemed poets including **Javed Akhtar**, **Dr. Waheed Ahmad**, **Ahmad Mubarak**, **Saima Zaidi**, **Tasneem Abidi**, **Atif Tauqeer**, **Asif Asjad**, **Ali Zeerak**, and **Shahbaz Shamsi** shared ghazals and verses that explored themes of love, resilience, and nostalgia. The session became a bridge connecting traditional poetic forms with contemporary narratives, resonating deeply with an engaged audience. Javed Akhtar's presence added gravitas, as his words reminded everyone of Urdu poetry's enduring relevance.

English Poetry Session

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The English session was entrusted to the capable hands of Deeba Irfan. With grace and clarity, she curated the segment, bringing together diverse voices and perspectives in English literature and performance. Her thoughtful management added depth and elegance to the festival's multilingual spirit, ensuring the session resonated with both local and international audiences.

The English poetry session brought global perspectives to the festival, with powerful performances by Javed Akhtar, Deeba Irfan, and Mark Fiddes, moderated by the eloquent Tamreez Inam. These poets, hailing from diverse backgrounds, shared works that ranged from personal reflections to societal critiques. Themes of belonging, identity, and hope echoed through their verses, engaging the audience in thought-provoking conversations. This session underscored the universality of poetry and its ability to foster understanding across cultures.

Punjabi Poetry Session

The Vibrancy of Heritage



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Filipino Poetry Session

Expressions from the Philippines



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Film Session Spotlight

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At India Club, December 2 witnessed a thought-provoking panel discussion during the Film Session, featuring **Javed Akhtar, Sanjay Gupta, Ahsan Khan, Amna Mufti, Sevy Ali, Irfan Izhar, Ustad Shafqat Ali Khan, and Safdar Ali**. The session delved into the transformative power of cinema in shaping societal narratives and bridging divides. Drawing from their vast experiences, the panelists discussed the future of storytelling in a world increasingly driven by diverse voices and platforms. Audience members were captivated by the interplay of ideas and the shared vision for a more inclusive cinematic landscape.





Music Session

The Rhythm of Unity

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Celebrating Luminaries

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The festival was graced by icons such as Javed Akhtar, Ahsan Khan, Sanjay Gupta, Amna Mufti, Sevy Ali, Irfan Izhar, Ustad Shafqat Ali Khan, and Safdar Ali, whose contributions to film, art, and culture continue to inspire. Their presence underscored the importance of platforms like Tahbib in fostering creativity and dialogue. From poetry to powerful panel discussions, their insights enriched the festival's narrative and left a lasting impact.

Art as a Universal Language



Breaking Barriers Through Creativity

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Festival's Global Impact



A Celebration of Humanity

Tahbib is more than an event; it's a movement towards cultural unity. With attendees from various countries and backgrounds, the festival reaffirmed the UAE's role as a global cultural hub. By spotlighting diverse voices, Tahbib continues to inspire connections that transcend geography and language.

Acknowledging Our Supporters

Gratitude to Our Partners

Tahbib 2024 would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors, including American Tourister and Kanz Jewels. Their commitment to fostering cultural dialogue and community spirit was instrumental in bringing this vision to life.

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Behind the Scenes

Crafting the Magic



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A Visual Journey

CAPTURING THE SPIRIT OF TAHBIB













LOOKING FORWARD

Building on a Legacy

As we look ahead to future editions, Tahbib remains committed to celebrating the universal language of art. This year's festival set a new benchmark, and we eagerly anticipate continuing this journey of cultural discovery and collaboration. Stay with us as we weave more stories and bridge more hearts in the years to come.

The Tahbib Legacy

Carrying the Light Forward

Tahbib Multilingual & Cultural Festival has become more than an event; it is a tradition of honoring the richness of languages and cultures. As we conclude this year's celebration, we envision an even brighter future where art continues to build bridges across communities. Tahbib's legacy is one of inspiration, unity, and boundless creativity. Let us carry forward this light and nurture the connections that make our world truly harmonious.