

What's On

Students get invaluable insights into design industry

AUK's Art and Graphic Design Dept hosts talk by illustrator Marwan

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 28: The American University of Kuwait's (AUK) Department of Art and Graphic Design hosted a talk by Zahra Marwan, an artist and illustrator who discussed her career in Kuwait and New Mexico. Moderated by associate professor of art and graphic design, Clark Stoeckley, the talk gave students the opportunity to get an insider's perspective through being exposed to a leading designer's artwork.

Zahra began by discussing her career path. Working as a traditional artist with watercolor and ink, she creates work that reflects her cultural roots in Kuwait and her life now in New Mexico. Zahra showed her entire process of illustrating and authoring children's books, including reference photography, concept



Zahra Marwan during her presentation.

sketches, drafts sent to her editors, and the final layout.

During the presentation, she read her debut picture book, *Where Butterflies Fill the Sky*, published by Bloomsbury Books in 2022 and named one of the New York Times / New York Public Library Best Illustrated books.

Commenting on the event, professor Stoeckley highlighted the significance of such talks and why they are important to host, "Through these guest lectures, AUK Design majors are exposed to real-world successful artists, designers, and entrepreneurs to hear their stories and advice and to build awareness of the expectations of the field. Our students can interact with leading authors, designers, and illustrators, learn

about their career path, research, writing, and work, and hear of the best practices to develop a unique identity."

The event concluded with a Q&A session in which the audience asked thought-provoking questions, instigating engaging dialogue and discussion. Events as such provide students with invaluable insights into the design industry and the opportunity to learn from experts to apply key theoretical concepts to real-life experiences.

Zahra Marwan holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New Mexico in Languages and Literature, with a minor in Flamenco Dance and History and a minor in Philosophy. She studied the visual arts in France works with museums, non-profits, theater companies, and cultural cen-

ters. She is honored with the UN Human Rights Commission award for creating art that brings visibility to indigenous groups and minority rights. She maintains her studio at the Harwood Art Center, where she incorporates Kuwaiti tendencies into her daily life.

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) is an independent, private, equal opportunity, and co-educational liberal arts institution of higher education.

The educational, cultural and administrative structure, methods and standards of AUK are based on the American model of higher learning.

The language of instruction is English. More information on the American University of Kuwait can be found at www.auk.edu.kw

Over 100 players take part

IBAK holds Chairman's Cup 2023 tournament



IBAK's Chairman's Cup 2023 tournament

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 28: Indian Badminton Association- Kuwait (IBAK) held an extravagant and nerve-wrecking badminton -- The Chairman's Cup 2023 -- featuring talents of over 100 players in the following categories:

1. Men's Singles; 2. Men's Professional Doubles; 3. Men's Advanced Doubles; 4. Men's Doubles 50+; 5. Mixed Doubles.

The matches kicked off at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb 23 at the IBAK gym, Salwa. Mohammed Al Salem, Principal Saad Al Awzi School was the chief guest. IBAK Torpedoes, IBAK Arrows, ABC Vikings, Victor, United Sports Club, Raptors Riggae, RBC Kuwait, IBCK teams participated in the tournament.

The Indian Badminton Association-Kuwait (IBAK) was founded in April 2010 as a non-profit organization committed to the popularization and development of the game of badminton in Kuwait.

IBAK enjoys the patronage of the Indian Embassy of Kuwait with the distinction of being the only association in Kuwait of which the Office of the Ambassador of India to Kuwait is the chief Patron member.

In the short span of 12 years, IBAK has grown to over 1500 registered members, where more than 300 active regular members are using this opportunity. IBAK offers our member's regular playing sessions in the evenings between 5.30 pm to 10.30 pm every day at the IBAK Salwa gym.

IBAK also conducts competitive tournaments throughout the year and participates in overseas tournaments too.

Aligned with its vision, IBAK has introduced an annual coaching program for beginners and advanced players. The coaching is conducted by our in-house well-trained coaching team. For coaching registrations contact Ajayakumar Vasudevan -98052789 & Ramesh Chandra-97889437

For membership and general enquiries contact- Shaik Kareemulla -67060357 and Sahil Syed Ibrahim-51690804.



A collage of photos from the event.

Oxford Pakistan English School marks Hala February

On Tuesday, Feb 21, Oxford Pakistan English School, Jleeb celebrated Kuwait National & Liberation Day.

Students from KG to 8th Grade performed on National songs choreographed by Ms. Hiba Hussain, Ms. Saudha Ameer, Ms. Shaheen Haroon, Ms. Anum Farooq and Ms. Sameera.

Traditional sweets were shared amongst the edu-

tors and peers.

Students and faculty wore traditional clothes to depict their love for their beloved home land.

Respected Principal Khalid Khan Lodhi and Vice Principal Ms. Safa Abdullah appreciated the performances on Kuwaiti National songs and wished everyone a very Happy Eid Al Watani.

Indian associations mark Kuwait's national days

IEF-K and BDK hold joint blood donation campaign



A group photo from the event.



A photo from the event.

Album released Feb 22

Mujtaba Creations unveils poster of its sixth album 'Eid Al Kuwait'

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 28: Popular Group of Companies Managing Prashanthan Bahrain has released the poster of the new musical album "Eid Al Kuwait" directed by Habib Muticchio under the banner of Mujtaba Creations as part of Kuwait's Republic - Independence Day celebrations.

Associate Director Ashraf Churout, Lulu Exchange Operations Head Shaikh Ahmed and Mubarak Kambrath

were present at the launch event held at Costa del Sol Hotel in Shab.

It's the 6th album of the Mujtaba Creations team, which has been releasing an album in various languages every year with lyrics in different languages.

Habib Muticchio announced that the video musical album released on February 22nd at 7:00 pm Kuwait time through the Millennium YouTube channel.



UCMAS Kuwait students during public speaking workshop.

Rhetorics holds public speaking workshop for UCMAS students

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 28: Rhetorics Kuwait held a Public Speaking demonstration workshop for UCMAS Kuwait students in Block 12, Salmiya on Feb 19, 2023.

More than 40 students and their parents attended this session, which covered the advantages of public speaking and communication for students aged 7 to 17. Students attempted impromptu

topics, participated in group activities, and practised speaking in front of an audience during the workshop.

Rajesh Venugopal, Founder of Rhetorics, led the workshop, which included an overview of various elements of public speaking, group activities, and a workshop for all parents.

Mrs. Annu Thomas, Chief Coordi-

nator - UCMAS, concluded the session by emphasizing the importance of teaching today's generation public speaking skills.

Rhetorics is one of Kuwait's first public speaking academies, serving students aged 7 to 17, with the goal of improving public speaking skills, dictation, communication skills, and overall personality development.