

Landmark Group announces winners of 'Art Olympiad X'



Landmark Group awarded the artistic talents of eight students at the tenth Art Olympiad held this year. The event saw the participation of 160 students from 16 schools of repute across Kuwait. The atmosphere was abuzz with excitement as the names of winners were announced. The Art Olympiad which recognizes the outstanding creative talents of students got an overwhelming response.

The paintings were judged by Walid Kanafani, President - IAA Kuwait Chapter and General Manager, Wavemaker Kuwait and Zeina Mokaddam, Managing Director at PH7 Group. A total of eight winners were selected at the end of the Olympiad on the basis of creativity, workmanship, overall impression and relevance to the Theme. The paintings of the young talented artists offered the judges to choose the best of the best. There were also two special prizes, one for the most colorful painting which was won by Liya Ance George (9-11 years) - Fahaheel Al-Watanieh Indian Private School and the most creative painting won by Sarah Hussien Al Mutairy (12-14 years) - Canadian Bilingual School.

This year's competition themes which the students could select from were: Dream City, Cartoon Character, Children at play etc. for the 9-11 years category. For the 12-14 years category it was Future Kuwait, draw your dream Home, A place you want to go etc. All themes brought out the unique talents and skills of the participants.

The winners of the 9-11 years category were:

- First Prize: Aileen Seo- International British School
- Second Prize: Mridula Pallissery Ravindran- Indian Educational School
- Third Prize: Leon Marian Prasad- Carmel School

The winners of the 12-14 years category were:

- First Prize: Minjae Son - Kuwait English School
- Second Prize: Hala Hassanein - Kuwait English School
- Third Prize: Reeda Shimaz Huda - Fahaheel Al-Watanieh Indian Private School

Landmark Group organized the event for the tenth consecutive year, as it falls in line with the company's corporate social responsibility strategy to uplift the capabilities and skills of youth in Kuwait. The

event is seen as a grooming platform for these students by helping them improvise their flair and encourage their innovative ability through art.

Saibal Basu, Chief Operating Officer of Landmark Group Kuwait said, "My heartiest congratulations to the winners, I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the rest of the talented students who participated in this competition. Their talent is a reflection of their hard work and artist vision which impress us with their outlook towards things around them. Once again, we are proud and excited to hold the competition year after year and are continually amazed by the ability our young students have. Every year the Olympiad proves to be a great accomplishment; it only gets bigger and better."

"We are really pleased with the winning artworks and we think that they look absolutely brilliant. I would like to thank our esteemed judges Walid Kanafani, President - IAA Kuwait Chapter and General Manager, Wavemaker Kuwait and Zeina Mokaddam, Managing Director at PH7 Group who has helped make this event bigger and better. Last but not the least I thank the teachers for their efforts and for encouraging such talents. With such an overwhelming response we are definitely looking forward to preparing for the Eleventh Art Olympiad next year."

The participating schools for this year's Olympiad were: The English School Salmiya, Fahaheel Al Watanieh Indian Private School, Indian Educational School, Indian Learners Own Academy, Canadian Bilingual School, Indian English Academy School, Indian Central School, Al-Nibras International Bilingual School, The English School Fahaheel, Kuwait English School, Carmel School, British School of Kuwait, Dasman Bilingual School, Kuwait National English School, International British School, American Creativity Academy- Salmiya Girls Campus. Landmark Group is always keen on maintaining an excellent rapport and creating awareness about relevant issues among the youth with constant activities and events. Children were provided with a craft pack that included a drawing sheet and a variety of art materials such as paints, pencils and crayons. The winners received a prize, certificates and trophies. The schools were given a plaque of appreciation. All students who participated in the Olympiad were provided with gifts and participating certificates.



Burgan Bank concludes sponsorship of KES's annual 'Green Unit Bazaar'

Striving to enrich society by supporting activities that provide added-value to all segments, Burgan Bank recently concluded its sponsorship of the "Green Unit Bazaar", which took place at the Kuwait English School (KES) for the second consecutive year. An annual non-profit event ran by the "Green Unit department" at KES, which aims to advance the skills and talents of students with disabilities.

The "Green Unit department" caters to 125 students with special educational needs, aged 6 to 21, offering them a healthy, safe and holistic educational environment in line with the school's objective to inspire, challenge and encourage newer and fulfilling experiences. Every year, it hosts the coveted Green Unit Bazaar to help raise awareness and funds for students with special needs.

The Bazaar was an open day for all family members with plentiful children's interactive activities ranging from games, face painting, photo booths, henna painting, story reading surrounded by a variety of food, clothes and gadgets stalls. Children also had the opportunity to purchase educational toys, books, pieces of art, and jewelry. The money raised during the event will all be invested to provide an effective learning environment for students with special educational needs.

Burgan Bank's support of this initiative falls under its recently launched full-fledged community program entitled 'ENGAGE' - Together to be the change. This program sheds light on important aspects affecting every segment of the society by promoting social welfare through educational, cultural, social and health initiatives. Burgan Bank's approach to 'ENGAGE' begins with a vital principle that as a Kuwaiti financial institution, its conduct and policies should be aligned with the needs and interests of the Kuwaiti society.



AUK's newly appointed General Editor of Music Society

Dr Lisa Urkevich, Chair of the Department of Music and Drama at the American University of Kuwait (AUK), has been appointed General Editor of the College Music Society Symposium, the scholarly unit of the College Music Society which is the largest worldwide university music organization. She succeeds David Woods, Dean of the University of Connecticut School of Fine Arts, who held the post for over two decades. As General Editor, Urkevich oversees ten components, each with its own editor and editorial board. These include Scholarship and Research, Music Business-Industry, Instructional Technologies and Methodologies.



Audio Performance Archive, Reviews, CMS Forums, Events in Music, CMS Reports, CMS Conference Archive, Video Lectures, Performances, and Lecture-Recitals. Dr Lisa Urkevich is a Professor of Musicology/Ethnomusicology whose research concentrates on the cultures of the Arabian Peninsula. For seven years she was the film/video review editor of the Yearbook for Traditional Music (UNESCO). In 2015-16 she was a visiting scholar at Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, and she is the recipient of the Alumna of the Year Award at the University of Maryland. Urkevich is looking forward to working with CMS editors and board members in order to effectively advance the Symposium into the future. 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.

Forum hosts media delegation

The Najla Al-Naqi Forum is set to host a press conference on Thursday, February 8, 2018 in honor of an Egyptian media delegation led by veteran media personality Tahani Al-Bartaqali. The event takes place at the Radisson Blu Hotel.



TIES Cultural Q & A

Experiencing a foreign culture is always exciting and often mind-boggling. Questions abound, whether related to customs, character or creed. Drop by TIES, where every question is regarded as the first step to wisdom. The talk takes place on Wednesday, February 14 at 7pm and will be held at Villa No 67, Street 413, Block 4, Shuhada Area, Kuwait.

