



Photos taken during the event.

I Filarmonici di Roma opens Italy-Kuwait Festival with classical concert

‘A Journey into Italian creativity’ kicks off with concert at the AUK

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KUWAIT CITY, Oct 31: The Italian Embassy in Kuwait, as part of its Italy’s Day of Unity and of the Armed Forces festival, organized the first event -- the I Filarmonici di Roma concert at the American University of Kuwait -- a cultural journey, celebrating the talents of Italian artists and creators, fostering stronger ties between Italy and Kuwait.

This was part of a series of events that will unfold over 10 days in the framework of the festival “A Journey into Italian creativity.” From exquisite culinary experiences and captivating art exhibitions to enchanting performances and interactive workshops, this festival promises to showcase the unique spirit and creativity that Italy is renowned for.

Whether you are a connoisseur of the arts or simply curious about the wonders of Italian culture, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

In his address to the audience before the start of the event, HE the Italian

Ambassador to Kuwait Lorenzo Morini said, “Today marks the opening of the 10-day festival organized by the Italian Embassy together with other Italian Institutions and private actors and with the support of prominent Kuwaiti partners and the AUK University.

“This vibrant celebration invites you to immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Italian culture, art, and innovation.

The festival, he said, brings to Kuwait some relevant examples of the Italian excellence in art, music, design, fashion, jewelry and cuisine in an innovative setting. As a matter of fact, “I am convinced that it is important to reach out to all Kuwaitis and to show the public all the elements that are creating and nourishing the strong bonds existing between the people of Italy and the people of Kuwait.

“This evening I am very proud and honored to open the festival with a very special presentation, a fantastic concert, a true journey into Italian classical masterpiece and musical artistry.

The Chamber Orchestra “I Filarmonici di Roma” represents indeed one of

the most relevant and innovative experiences in the Italian classical music scenario, he said.

Founded in 1976, the formation was met with acclaim by critics and public alike from the very beginning and has played under the direction of and in collaboration with some of the world’s most renowned performers.

I Filarmonici di Roma offers a vast repertoire spacing from the Baroque to the contemporary music and can perform in different formations.

Moreover, the ensemble have frequently taken part to humanitarian initiatives promoted among others by the United Nations, the Italian Red Cross and by the Association for the Research against Cancer.

The Filarmonici in a quintet of strings formation, integrated by Anna Pugliese, Andrea Casarano, Piero Cardarelli, Manfred Croci and Luca Pincini presented masterpieces of some of the most important Italian composers such as Vivaldi, Rossini, Tartini, Pergolesi and Respighi, bringing to the stage a fundamental piece of Italian culture and a depiction of the passion of Italian people for art and beauty.



Group pictures during breast cancer awareness campaign.

Collaboration with Ibn Sina Hospital offers free health screenings

Al Hamra hosts pink month activities to promote community health and breast cancer awareness

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 31: As part of its social responsibility and commitment to supporting the community, Al Hamra Real Estate Company launched the ‘October Promise’ Pledge campaign under the global theme “No One Should Face Breast Cancer Alone” at Al Hamra Shopping Center at the beginning of October. The campaign aims to raise awareness of the importance of early detection of breast cancer and encourages individuals to adopt healthy lifestyles that help prevent the disease. This is in line with the company’s strategy to enhance community health and support government efforts to tackle this global health issue.



More photos of the campaign.

Reflecting on the success of the campaign, Abdulaziz Al Dhuwaihi, Manager of Marketing & Public Relations at Al Hamra, said: “This year’s October Promise campaign stood out with its diverse activities that inspired visitors and offered them a supportive and purposeful experience. By embracing the global theme ‘No One Should Face Breast Cancer Alone,’ we

were able to create a sense of community and solidarity. We noticed a positive community response, reflecting a collective sense of responsibility and strengthening solidarity with women affected by this illness.”

Al Dhuwaihi also noted that the focus on physical fitness was an essential part of this year’s Breast Cancer Awareness Month, adding that physical activity can contribute to breast cancer prevention. For this reason, the campaign organized the fifth edition of the Annual Hamra Rowa-

thon on October 19, which saw a broad participation of both men and women and greatly encouraged physical fitness as a means to general health.

This year’s campaign at Al Hamra Shopping Center featured a variety of community activities and awareness initiatives, with key highlights including the Interactive Support Board, launched on October 1, which allowed visitors to express their support and solidarity with those affected. Additionally, the center introduced a fruitful collaboration with Ibn Sina Hospital, offering free blood

KTS celebrates 19th anniversary
Kuwait Tamil Sangam honors social activist Mathi for his social services

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 31: Social Activist Vengada Mathi was honored for his social services to the community by Kuwait Tamil Sangam (KTS) in its 19th year inaugural event held recently in Kuwait on 25th October 2024.

As part of the celebration, Social Activist Mathi was honored with Memento for his selfless services to mankind and tireless hard work in Kuwait. Guest of honour Mr. Shanthanu Bhagyaraj-Tamil Cine Actor, Mrs. Ananthi Natarajan - President KTS & Mr. Raja jointly felicitate him with shawl & memento in the presence of dignitaries and KTS committee Members.

During the event, KTS recalled his selfless support with dedication for the Indian Community in Kuwait.

Mathi, is a person for whom life is all service. He has spent almost 30 years in Kuwait and thousands of Indians who benefited from his service and assistance at the crucial time of their life, will be eternally thankful for his presence in Kuwait.

It is noteworthy to mention some of the achievements he has done for the society.

Mathi was instrumental in assisting in collaboration with the Indian embassy to ensure the suspension of the death sentences to save the Indians sentenced to death in Kuwait in three different occasions.

He has assisted for the families of Indians who died in Kuwait to receive the death compensation from the company or sponsors though the official channels and so far he has assisted in getting the compensation of more than 5 crores to various affected families.

During the Covid pandemic situation when there were no flight services, Mathi helped for various Indians who are in need of medical help & pregnant women to travel back to India through Vande Bharath with the support of Embassy officials.

In another incident, two children who lost their parents were struggling in Kuwait without having Indian passport; Mathi took up the issue with Indian Embassy and arranged for their passport to travel to India along with adopted parents.

Mathi’s social service activities extend to India also; during the Lockdown in the peak pandemic, he assisted for the 75 members of 35 migrant families struggled in Mumbai-Tharavi

to return back to their native district Sivaganga with the support of more than 3 state government officials and it was the first migration in India during the nationwide lockdown.

He provided necessary support for several Indians who were not able to return back home for many years due to legal problems, and with the help of Indian Embassy support he assisted for their repatriation.

He was helping the Women & men who came to Kuwait after paying money and duped here by the fake agents to return back to India safely with the help of Indian Embassy; also helping them to get their money back with the aid of the government officials in India.

Mathi was providing all help for the people who have been ill in the hospital for a long time in Kuwait to travel back to India with the support of the Indian Embassy.

In various cases, he has been providing moral support to the sick people who are hospitalized here in the Kuwait hospitals without friends/relatives and helping them to repatriate back to India.

Mathi provides all his services with the help of Indian Embassy and bound to the rules and regulations, both of Indian as well as Kuwait, he takes-up the issue with the officials and follow-up regularly until it gets resolved.

And his efforts with the help of the Indian Embassy to get the compensation due for some workers who died in the accident are pending before the court.

He continues to render countless such priceless favors without any recompense for decades and most of his assistants went un-recorded in the earlier days when there was no social media; no mobile phones with camera. However, we can be sure that it is etched permanently in the hearts and memories of those who were witness to his self-less service.

Mr. Mathi’s immense contribution to the Indian Community over the years had been recognized by various associations like Indian Frontliners (IFL), Kuwait Tamil Sangam (KTS), Tamil Nadu Engineers forum (TEF) & Senhamil Kalai Mantram in Kuwait; and this is the third time that he has been honored by KTS.



Aldhuwaihi

Next Alfouz draw set for November 4

ABK announces ‘Alfouz’ monthly draw winner

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 31: Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) is excited to announce Faisal Salem AlEnezi as the winner of the Alfouz KD 20,000 monthly draw on Monday, 28 October 2024. The draw took place in the presence of a Ministry of Commerce and Industry representative, ensuring transparency.

From the highly coveted mega annual draw of a KD 5,000 monthly salary for 10 years to its KD 10,000 weekly prize, the account has attracted significant attention in the Kuwaiti market. Based on the account’s great success, ABK decided to go above and beyond to reward customer loyalty.

By introducing a KD 100,000 quarterly draw, in addition to an exciting KD 20,000 monthly draw, the Alfouz account continues to surpass expectations and deliver even more customer satisfaction.



ABK’s Alfouz account

To top it off, ABK has simplified the ability to open the account and win! Customers can enter the draws and get extra entry chances for every KD 10 deposited. The more you save, the higher your chance to be the next Alfouz winner!

ABK encourages everyone to open an Alfouz draw account or increase their balance to participate in the upcoming draw, which is scheduled to take place on Monday, 4 November 2024. Open an Alfouz account today and enjoy increased opportunities to win the lifestyle you’ve been waiting for!

To learn more about the Alfouz account and its range of exciting draws and prizes, please follow ABK’s Instagram account @abk_kuwait, visit ehli.com, contact Ahlan Ahli 1 899 899 or visit one of the Bank’s branches across Kuwait.



KTS honoring social activist Mathi.

IDAK conducts successful dental camp at Khalifa School for Special Needs

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 31: The Indian Dentists’ Alliance in Kuwait (IDAK) organized a successful dental camp at Khalifa School for Special Needs, Salmiya, on October 28, 2024. The camp focused on early dental screening to identify potential issues, promote oral hygiene, and educate students, teachers, and caregivers on proper dental care.

Representatives from IDAK included Dr. Prashanth R Prasad, Chair of the IDAK Community Welfare Committee; Dr. Ajay Vazhiyodan, Co-Chair; and advisor Dr. Rajesh Alexander. A team of dedicated volunteer dentists, including Dr. Thomas Thomas, Dr. Simi Bhargavi, Dr. Dhanalakshmi Mannem, Dr. Aastha Mehta, Dr. Valentina Fernandes, Dr. Susmita Rachel, Dr. Ranjitha R S, and Dr. Maymoonza Zaidi,



Photos taken during the event.

participated in the camp. Dr. Ranjitha R S led an interactive session for children and caregivers, demonstrating brushing and flossing techniques tailored for special needs.

IDAK provided dental handbooks published along with brushing aids for students and caregivers. The handbooks, designed to support good oral health, were a valuable addition to the event’s focus on hygiene education.

The management of Khalifa School, represented by Principal Mr. Jawad Kawtharani, Vice Principal Mrs. Hanna John, Mrs. Munira Al Jabri, and Dr. Bindu Philip, expressed their appreciation to IDAK for its valuable service in screening approximately 230 students, underscoring the importance of community welfare initiatives in supporting children with special needs.