

KACCH & BACCH honored for their service to humanity

ABCK-AmCham Kuwait hosts annual Ramadan Iftar

KUWAIT CITY, May 19: The ABCK-AmCham Kuwait held their Annual Ramadan Iftar at the Crowne Plaza Al-Thuraya City Hotel, sponsored by the American University of Kuwait (AUK) as the Platinum sponsor, Raytheon Technologies as the Gold sponsor, and supported by the event's Exclusive Airline Partner – KLM.

The annual event started with opening remarks by ABCK-AmCham Kuwait's Chairman - Pete Swift, who welcomed participants as he gave a special welcome to James Holtsnider, Charge d'affaires of the US Embassy in Kuwait, His Excellency Ambassador Jonathan Gilbert from the Australian Embassy, Mohammad Yaqoub, Assistant Director-General for Business Development at the Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority, Brigadier General Darrin Slaten, Defense Attaché at the US Embassy, The British Embassy representatives, the National Fund for SME Development, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, and guests of honor from KACCH & BACCH, represented by Dr. Maitham Husain and the leadership team.

Holtsnider, Charge d'affaires of the US Embassy spoke about the importance of Ramadan, and his experiences throughout the region during the time of Ramadan. As Holtsnider ended his speech, Swift invited Dr. Rawda Awwad, President of AUK and Platinum sponsor for the event to the stage. Dr. Awwad stated, "What is so very unique about these gatherings, is the focus on our common humanity: which means that we exhibit a need to belong and have purpose, while sharing empathy and com-



A photo from the event.

passion for those who are less fortunate, and the desire to do good."

Swift invited the guests of honor for the evening from KACCH and BACCH to speak. Representing them was Dr. Maitham Husain. Dr. Husain spoke about Bayt Abdullah and KACCH's initiatives on their support to young patients through their medical journey, by working with children's hospital

wards and creating a safe play environment for them while they get treated. Dr. Husain stated, "part of being a child is being able to play, we want to ensure that children getting treated are getting a sense of normalcy into their lives by creating playtime and having them participate in school activities as much as possible."- KACCH & BACCH received the first-ever

award given by AmCham Kuwait, called 'Making a Difference' as they make a major difference in the young patients' lives on a daily basis.

"Ramadan is a time of communion, it is a time of reflecting, and most importantly it is a time of giving, and that is exactly what our guests of honor have been doing - especially through-

out the pandemic. KACCH/BACCH have been ensuring that children's healthcare and wellbeing remained a top priority; they have been doing this wonderful work through their initiatives on child life and therapeutic play programs for the children and their families, which I'm sure has made the children's medical journey a much better one"-

Pete Swift. Swift then finalized his speech by recognizing the event's guests of honor, the sponsors, and the airline partner.

The evening resumed with live entertainment, a buffet dinner and networking. To finalize the evening, the AmCham Kuwait team held a raffle for participants. The first gifts were clocks provided by Essa Hussain Al Yousifi's – Best Al Yousifi, the second prize came from the Al-Shaya Group: vouchers from Cheesecake Factory, PF Chang's, and Babel restaurants. The third prize was dinner invitation from Hilton Kuwait Resort at their famous Teatro restaurant. The fourth prize was provided by Oncost/ Taiba Market: vouchers to be used at Taiba Market. The fifth prize was from Habchi & Chalhoub's Tory Burch which provided designer bags. The sixth prize was provided by Al-Bahar Group's– Cloud9- which provided a 65-inch screen smart QLED TV. Finally, the highlight prize for the evening was provided by the Exclusive Airline Partner- KLM: economy class tickets to the US.

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H.E. Ambassador of Slovak Republic, Igor Hajdusek addresses the participants and audience.



H.E. Ambassador (second left) with spouse Dr Lydia Hajdusekova (left), Mrs. Fajer Al-Mazidi (second right) and Karol Masternak (right).



A flyer of the event

TKS presents musical extravaganza

KUWAIT CITY, May 19: Telugu Kala Samithi (TKS) and Al Mulla Exchange jointly presents "Suswara Tamaneyam" a live concert by young and leading music director from TFI, SS Thaman and his troupe of leading playback singers on June 3, at American International School auditorium, Maidan Hawally, Kuwait.

The event is co-sponsored by platinum partner Subhodayam Infra, Diamond partners STC and Joyalukkas and Gold Partner Metro Medical Group.

The troupe features Sri Krishna, Prudvi Chandra, Saketh, Manisha, Harika Narayan, Roshini, Sri Sowmya and SruthiRanjan, the leading playback singers from TFI.

The event will also pay tribute to the

legendary musician Shri. S.P. Balasubramanya honourer of Padma Vibhushan award and the legendary lyricist Shri. Sirivennela Seetharama Sastry in addition to the energetic and peppy songs from Shri. SS Thaman and troupe.

TKS and Almula is honored to have His Excellency Shri Sibi George, Indian Ambassador to Kuwait as the Chief Guest of the event.

TKS is looking forward to welcome its sponsors, members and guests for this mega musical extravaganza and entertain all the members after a long gap.

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Standing: HE Ambassador Igor Hajdusek (third left), ambassador's spouse Dr. Lydia (second left), KMA co-founder Mrs. Fajer Al-Mazidi (second right), KMA Managing Director Karol Masternak (right), AURUM Quartet members (center). Sitting: Kuwait Music Academy's musicians

KMA hosts exceptional concert and workshop

Young musicians from Slovakia & Kuwait share stage

KUWAIT CITY, May 19: On last Thursday, May 11, Kuwait Music Academy in Salwa offered its stage to an exceptional concert and workshop project by international young musicians. The event was held under Honorary Patronage of H.E. Ambassador of Slovak Republic to Kuwait Igor Hajdusek and with very fruitful cooperation of the Slovakian Embassy with Kuwait Music Academy.

H.E. Ambassador opened concert with address to the participants and the audience attended the event. In the first part performing artists were four very talented young Slovak musicians visiting Kuwait. They are members of the

original Clarinet Group 'Aurum Quartet'. During their attractive program audience listened to original works by Slovak composers, among others.

Members of Aurum Quartet performing on the stage were Albin Blaho, Rada Kovacova, Simon Stimel and Juraj Pivoluska. Their ensemble was formed when all of them were students of Bratislava Conservatory and Janacek Academy of Performing Arts. Within few years they graduated their Institutes with honors, won some prestigious competitions and started to work as concert soloists, teachers, members of National Orchestra and The-

ater. They were mainly in Slovakia but also abroad, like Rada Kovacova, cooperating with The Vienna University. However they continuously perform together on series of Viva Musica Festival, running along whole Slovakia as well as abroad, from Berlin to Kuwait. In 2021 they recorded their first CD and presented this program on prestigious presentations in Bratislava, the capital of the Slovakia Republic.

In the second part of the event joined the stage young artists – musicians from Kuwait: Seoyon Baek, Tejia Wang, Shaun Thomas, Deema Mouzzen and Nigel Savio Do Rosario, presenting

brilliantly world classical repertoire by Bach, Mozart, Chopin and Albeniz. They are winners of several top prizes in Int'l Music Competitions held recently in Kuwait, Romania and Bahrain. Common workshop was held under leadership of Slovak female artists, Rana Kovacova.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of awards to the guest artists and H.E. Slovak Ambassador Igor Hajdusek by Co-founder of KMA, Mrs. Fajer Al-Mazidi and the Ambassador's Letters of Appreciation for organizers of the event: Kuwait Music Academy and personally to KMA's Co-Founder, Mrs. Fajer Al-Mazidi, KMA Managing Director Karol Masternak and KMA Secretary, Mrs. Malak.

For Kuwait Music Academy, the first professional music school established in Kuwait, its founders, lecturers and first of all – talented, young musicians, it is the opening of new, successful card of international activities, a reason to be proud of their achievements.

However, probably for young artists the best prize was warm applause of the quite a large Kuwaiti audience and great atmosphere of friendship, common passion to music and perfect understanding with European guests, without need of any translators. It is seen in the photos from the event. This is the miracle of language of music and generally – culture.



Slovak guests being awarded. HE Ambassador (left) with wife (second left), Mrs. Fajer Al-Mazidi (second right) and Karol (right) pose with members of Quartet (center).