karachi literature festival

bringing together international and pakistani authors and performing artists

5 - 6 february 2011
carlton hotel, karachi
10am to 9pm

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about the festival

The second Karachi Literature Festival is being organised by the British Council Pakistan, Oxford University Press Pakistan and Asif Farrukhi. The first of its kind in Pakistan, the Festival remains open to the public; free, and highlights authors writing in English, Urdu and Sindhi.

The Festival provides a platform for dialogue between Pakistan and the rest of the world, promoting contemporary writing and thought from Pakistan and around the world to Pakistani audiences.

Special events at this year's Festival are aimed at discovering emerging talent through a short story writing competition, developing writers through a creative writing workshop, and paying tribute to Faiz Ahmed Faiz in the year of his 100th birth anniversary. A Karachi Literature Festival Cash Prize will be given to a Pakistani/Pakistani-origin author for the best non-fiction book in English, published in 2010. The jury comprises Zubeida Mustafa, Ghazi Salahuddin and Dr. Jaffer Ahmad.

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The British Council is the United Kingdom's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations and is represented in 109 countries worldwide. Founded in 1934, it has been operating for over 75 years. It's presence in Pakistan was established in 1947. The British Council believes that the future for the UK in this crowded, dangerous, beautiful world depends on people of all cultures living and working together on foundations of education, mutual understanding, respect and trust. It builds engagement and trust for the UK through the exchange of knowledge and ideas between people worldwide.

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The Cultural Affairs Section of the U.S. Consulate in Karachi works to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of Sindh and Balochistan Provinces through educational and cultural exchanges.

authors & moderators 2011

aamer hussein
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akbar naqvi
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anwar shaoor
arfa sayeda zehra
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asif farrukhi
asif noorani
aslam farrukhi
attiya abbas
attiya dawood
ayesha shahid
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claire chambers
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durdana soomro
fatima hassan
fahmida riaz
feryal ali gauhar
ghazi salahuddin
h. m. naqvi
hassan manzar
iftikhar arif
intizar hussain
ishrat lindblad
javed jabbar
jean-luc racine
jurgen wasim frembgen
joe dunthorne
kamila shamsie
karen armstrong
kashif husain ghayar
khaled ahmed
khwaja razi haider
kishwar naheed
m r kazimi
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madeeha gauhar
mahmood jamal
mahnaz malik
maleeha lodhi
manjushree thapa
marilyn wyatt
meenu gaur
michael dwyer
michel boivin
mohsin hamid
mubarak ali
mudassar aziz
muneeza shamsie
nabiha meher shaikh
nasim zehra
naveen naqvi
nida dossa
niilofer farrukh
nomanul haq
noorjehan bilgrami
omar waraich
pervez hoodbhoy
peter pannke
rachel dwyer
raheela baqai
rakhshanda jalil
raza rumi
razia fasih ahmed
rukhsana ahmed
sadia dehlvi
sadia shepard
saher ansari
saima zaidi
salman t kureshi
saman shamsie
samina quraeshi
sara suleri goodyear
shahid nadeem
shahida hassan
sheema kermani
sunil sethi
tahira abdullah
urvashi butalia
yasmeen hameed
zaheda hina
zahid hussain
zakia sarwar
zara mumtaz
zehra nigah
zulfikar ghose

saturday 5 february*

		Inauguration
9:30am-10am	Ballroom	Arrival of Guests
10am-11am	Ballroom	Speeches by Martin Fryer, Marilyn Wyatt, Ameena Saiyid, Asif Farrukhi and Mashhood Rizvi Keynote Speaker: Karen Armstrong Performance: "Aaj Rang Hai"
11am-12 noon	Scillinas	Karachi: Today, Tomorrow and Yesterday In conversation with Kamila Shamsie Moderator: Ishrat Lindblad
	Maharani	Setting Muse to Music A session by Asif Noorani including readings by Sheema Kermani
	Maharaja	Panel Discussion: Literature in the Age of Extremism Panelists: Fahmida Riaz, Zaheda Hina, Ali Sethi Moderator: Raza Rumi
11am-1pm	Scillinas	Sharpening the Quill Creative Writing Workshop with Zulfikar Ghose
12 noon - 1pm	Ballroom	Imagining the Nation: Painting a Canvas with Words and Images A session by Feryal Ali Gauhar Moderator: Madeeha Gauhar
	Maharani	Book Launch Slum Child by Bina Shah Speakers: Aamer Hussein and Claire Chambers
	Maharaja	Panel Discussion: Urdu Afsana: Kal Aaj aur Kal Panelists: Intizar Hussain, Hasan Manzar, Asad M. Khan Moderator: Asif Farrukhi
1pm - 2pm		Lunch and signings of books by authors
2pm - 3pm	Ballroom	Ajoka's Playful Revolution In conversation with Shahid Nadeem and Madeeha Gauhar followed by a performance of a play Moderator: Razi Rumi
	Maharani	In conversation with Ahmed Rashid Moderator: Khaled Ahmed
	Maharaja	Panel Discussion: Kya Urdu parhney waley kam hotey ja rahe hain? Panelists: Nomanul Haq, Iftikhar Arif, Zaheda Hina Moderator: Arfa Sayeda Zehra

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3pm - 4pm	Ballroom	A Vision, A Country In conversation with Mohsin Hamid Moderator: Bina Shah
	Maharani	Panel Discussion: Re-imagining Pakistan Panelists: Tahira Abdullah, Mubarak Ali, Maleeha Lodhi & Ayesha Siddiqa Moderator: Omar Waraich
	Maharaja	Rising Voices In conversation with Joe Dunthorne including recitals by two young budding poets Moderator: Salman T. Kureshi
4pm - 5pm	Ballroom	Literature and the Performing Arts Talk by Sheema Kermani followed by a performance of a play
	Maharani	Panel Discussion: Shared Horizons - Publishing in Pakistan, India and the UK Panelists: Ameena Saiyid, Michael Dwyer & Urvashi Butalia Moderator: Asif Noorani
	Maharaja	Nai Shairi, Naya Lehja In conversation with Zehra Nigah & Kishwar Naheed Moderator: Durdana Soomro
5pm - 6pm	Scillinas	Bollywood's India and Lollywood's Pakistan A session on contemporary cinema Speakers: Rachel Dwyer & Javed Jabbar Moderator: Meenu Gaur
	Maharani	Work in Progress A session with Ali Sethi, Daniyal Mueenuddin, H.M. Naqvi, M.Hanif & Sunil Sethi Moderator: Marilyn Wyatt
	Maharaja	Panel Discussion: Taking stock - Where is Pakistan now? Panelists: Pervez Hoodbhoy, Zahid Hussain, Nasim Zehra & Ahmed Rashid Moderator: Khaled Ahmed
6pm - 9pm	Ball Room	Mushaira: Zehra Nigah; Fahmida Riaz; Kishwar Naheed; Iftikhar Arif; Anwar Shaoor; Imdad Hussaini; Amjad Islam Amjad; Razia Fasih Ahmed; Saher Ansari; Khwaja Razi Haider; Shahida Hassan; Yasmeen Hameed; Ajmal Siraj & others Nizamat: Fatima Hassan

Fringe event throughout the festival: Baatain aur Mulaqaatain - Book signing & Book fair

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10am - 11am	Ballroom	Panel Discussion: The Writing of History without Bias Panelists: Mubarak Ali, Hamida Khuhro, Jean-Luc Racine, M.R. Kazimi, Pervez Hoodbhoy Moderator: Alex Von Tunzelmann
	Maharani	Panel Discussion: Promising New Writings in English Panelists: Muneeza Shamsie, Ishrat Lindblad & Amberina Kazi Moderator: Sadia Shepard
	Maharaja	ArtClouds and WordClouds A discussion on art and literature Panelists: Saima Zaidi, Akbar Naqvi Noorjehan Bilgrami Moderator: Niilofer Farrukh
10am - 12 noon	Scillinas	Primal Rites: Fiction and its Sources Creative Writing Workshop by Adrian Hussain
11am - 12 noon	Ballroom	Listening to the Reed A discussion on Sufism Panelists: Peter Pannke, Michel Boivin, Jurgen Wasim Frembgen & Samina Quraeshi Moderator: Sadia Dehlvi
	Maharani	Book Launch The Big Book Shelf by Sunil Sethi Speakers: Daniyal Mueenuddin, Urvashi Butalia & H.M. Naqvi Moderator: Ameena Saiyid
	Maharaja	Kalam e shair ba zuban e shair In conversation with Amjad Islam Amjad Moderator: Arfa Sayeda Zehra
12 noon - 1pm	Ballroom	Writing the World A discussion on Comparitive Literature Panelists: Rakhsanda Jalil (India), Ali Sethi (Pakistan), Anja Kampmann (Germany) & Mahmood Jamal (U.K) Moderator: Nabiha Meher Shaikh
	Scillinas	Khel Khel Main A story-telling session for children by Mahnaz Malik, Zara Mumtaz & Saman Shamsie Moderators: Raheela Baqai & Nida Dossa
	Maharani	Panel Discussion: New and Emerging Writings in Pakistani Languages Panelists: Hassan Dars, Ali Akbar Natiq, Mudassar Aziz & Attiya Dawood Moderator: M. Hanif
	Maharaja	Dil o Dunya In conversation with Iftikhar Arif Moderator: Nomanul Haq
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2pm - 3pm	Ballroom	In conversation with Mohammad Hanif Moderator: Sadia Shepard
	Scillinas	A Life in Writing In conversation with Intizar Hussain Moderator: Raza Rumi
	Maharani	Is Reading Dead & Other Dilemmas A discussion on reading habits Panelists: Anita Ghulam Ali, Arfa Sayeda Zehra, Ghazi Salahuddin, Ameena Saiyid & Attiya Abbas Moderators: Urvashi Butalia
	Maharaja	Forgetful Memories: Chronicles of History In conversation with Aamer Hussein & Sara Suleri Goodyear Moderator: Claire Chambers
3pm - 5pm	Ballroom	A Charter of Compassion A plenary session by Karen Armstrong Introduction by Abbas Husain
3pm - 4pm	Maharaja	Nai Kitabain Readings from new works: Dr. Aslam Farrukhi, Hassan Manzar & Zaheda Hina Chair: Intizar Hussain Moderator: Kishwar Naheed
4pm - 5pm	Maharani	Book Launches Readings and Comments by: Yasmeen Hameed & Ayesha Shahid Chair: Anita Ghulam Ali Moderator: Zakia Sarwar
	Maharaja	Nai nazmain nai kahaniyan Readings: Fahmida Riaz Comments: Aamer Hussein & Rukhsana Ahmed Moderator: Asif Farrukhi
5pm - 6pm	Ballroom	In conversation with Daniyal Mueenuddin Moderator: Kamila Shamsie
	Scillinas	Panel Discussion: Bridging Divides Panelists: Kishwar Naheed, Rakhshanda Jalil, Mohammad Hanif & Rukhsana Ahmed Moderator: Raza Rumi
	Maharani	Images of Pakistan in the new Asian Chessboard: Geopolitics & Literature Talk by: Jean-Luc Racine Moderator: Ghazi Salahuddin
	Maharaja	Panel Discussion: Poetry and Privilege - Poetry in English Panelists: Salman T. Kureshi, Zulikar Ghose & Joe Dunthorne Moderator: Adrian Husain
6pm -7pm	Beach View Garden	Closing Event Speeches by Martin Fryer, Ameena Saiyid, Susan Harville, Asif Farrukhi & announcement of the KLF Prize for Best Non-Fiction Book in 2010
7pm -9pm	Beach View Garden	Ek Shaam Faiz ke Naam: A Tribute to Faiz Ahmed Faiz (Programme overleaf)

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6:45pm-7pm	Arrival of Guests
7pm -7:10pm	Introduction by Raza Rumi
7:10 pm -7:25pm	Reminiscence by Ali Madeeh Hashmi
7:25pm -7:35pm	Music Playing of Mujh Say Pehli Si Mohabbat (Original Recording of Noor Jehan) with context setting by Ali Sethi
7:35pm -7:55pm	Singing of Faiz's poetry by Ali Sethi
7:55pm - 8:15pm	Reciting and Nostalgia by Zehra Nigah
8:15pm onwards	Laal on Faiz Performance by the band "Laal"

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