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About the 15th Karachi Literature Festival

The three-day Karachi Literature Festival (KLF) will be held from 16th to 18th February at the Beach Luxury Hotel.

In keeping with our tradition of exploring the major trends of the times, the Theme of this year's KLF is Sustainability: Words changing Mindsets. Discussants will throw light on the critical issues of the day that face this city, this country, and this world and seek ways forward. It is not intended to dwell on disorder, violence, and calamities, but to understand them and seek durable remedies. And, of course, there will be sessions on the developments and

trends in Pakistani and world literature, in the media and the world of entertainment, in education and scholarship, in the life of the mind and in daily life.

As always, KLF 2024, like the ones before, aims to encourage thought-provoking discussions providing an environment of openness, pluralism, and intellectual discourse.

There will be over **76** sessions, including **25** book launches with a mix of both Urdu and English. All sessions will be broadcast live around the world on OUP's social media channels. Visitors and the online audience will also have the chance to enjoy Poetry readings, feature films, and a series of short independent film screenings. KLF also celebrates the diversity of languages and cultures across the country by highlighting writings in Sindhi, Balochi, Punjab, and Pashto languages.

A total of 7 literary awards for Pakistani authors will be announced at the opening ceremony. These awards are supported by Getz Pharma Pvt. Ltd. and the Little Book Company.

We are excited to once again bring together a diverse group of writers, thinkers, and literary enthusiasts from Pakistan and around the world to share their stories, ideas, and perspectives. This Festival is a testament to the power of the written word and the vital role it plays in shaping our communities.

The organizers of the 15th KLF are excited to welcome visitors and look forward to the stimulating days of enlightening experience and memorable moments. As before, KLF also looks forward to the promise of Tomorrow. It seeks to explore new writings, new trends, and new technologies, and provide a platform for emerging authors and writers.

See you at Beach Luxury Hotel on the 16th, 17th, and 18th of February. No need to register... just turn up!

Over the years, the guest speakers have been outstanding, including, but not limited to, keynote speakers of the status of:

Late Shamsur Rahman Farugi, Karen Armstrong, William Dalrymple, Intizar Husain, Nadeem Aslam, Kamila Shamsie, Rajmohan Gandhi, Raza Ali Abidi, Nayantara Sahgal, Zehra Nigah, Late Fahmida Riaz, Pervez Hoodbhoy, Arfa Sayeda Zehra, Ziauddin Sardar, Mustansar Hussain Tarar, Ayesha Jalal, Bobby Sager, Mohammed Hanif, Francis Robinson, Noorul Huda Shah, Anwar Magsood, Amit Chaudhuri, Mani Shankar Aiyar, Deborah Baker, Late I.A. Rehman, Ishrat Husain, Muneeza Shamsie, Zaheda Hina, Ahdaf Soueif, Harris Khalique, Late Zia Mohyeddin, Victoria Schofield, Hanif Kureshi, Sardar Masood Khan, Dr. Arif Alvi, President of Pakistan, Sherry Rehman, Shehan Karunatilaka, and Ahmed Rashid.



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Inauguration of the 15тн Karachi Literature Festival Friday 16 February 2024 4.00 p.m. Main Garden, Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi

4.00 p.m.	Arrival of Guests
4.30 p.m.	Welcome Speech by the Festival Org Arshad Saeed Husain, Managing Dire
4.45 p.m.	Remarks by the Guest of Honours: Conrad Tribble, US Consul General, K Dr. Rüdiger Lotz, Consul General of the Alexis Chahtahtinsky, Consul General Martin Dawson, Head of Mission, Brit
5.10 p.m.	Remarks by Sponsor: Ali Habib, Chief Marketing & Commu
5.30 p.m.	Keynote Speeches by: Arif Hasan, architect, planner, activist Selma Dabbagh, British-Palestinian w
6.10 p.m.	Book Awards: KLF-Getz Pharma English Fiction Pri KLF-Getz Pharma Urdu Poetry Awar KLF-Getz Pharma Urdu Prose Award KLF-The Little Book Company Reade Punjabi, Pashto, Sindhi, and Ba
6.30 p.m.	Performance by Nighat Choudhry on ہم _د یکھیں گے بہارآئی
мос	Shaheen Salahuddin
7.00 p.m.	Panel Discussions

8.00 p.m.

	Friday, 16 Febr	uary 2024			
	Main Garden	Jasmine Hall	Aquarius Hall	Room 007	Tulip Hall
7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	فیض کی محبت میں Moneeza Hashmi, Wajid Jawad, Adeel Hashmi	How Agriculture can save Pakistan? Muhammad Aurangzeb, Syed Salim Raza, Miftah Ismail, Ishrat Husain	7.00 - 9.00 p.m. Film Screening with O&A: Gandhi and Jinnah Return Home Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry,	Book Launch: <i>Timeless College Tales</i> by Nadya Chishty Mujahid Nadya Chishty Mujahid in conversation with Nusrat Khawaja	
Moderator: Bari Mian Poetry recitation by Adeel Hashmi	Moderator: Ali Habib	Manjula Kumar, Farrukh Iqbal Moderator: Haya Fatima Sehgal	Book Launch: Foundations and Form: Memoirs of a Pakistani Architect by Mukhtar Husain		
				Mukhtar Husain in conversation with Aliya Iqbal-Naqvi	

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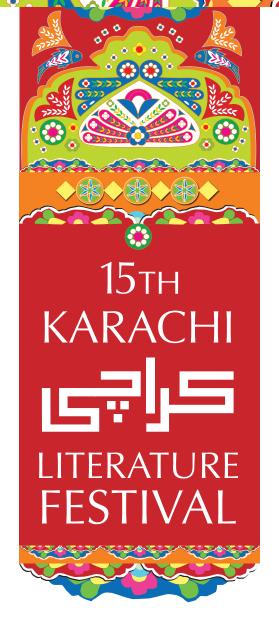
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Saturday, 17 February 2024

	Main Garden	Jasmine Hall	Aquarius ONE FUNDS Hall	Room 007	Tulip Hall
11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	Unraveling South Asia Ikram Sehgal and Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry in conversation	میری دهرتی ، میر بےلوگ: احم ^{یلی} م اور بابرایاز کی یادمیں Naazir Mahmood, Syed Jaffar Ahmed, Nausheen Ahmed, Syed Jawaid Iqbal Moderator: Mazhar Abbas	Nasri Nazm Ka Irtiqa نثری نظم کا ارتقاء Afzal Ahmad Syed, Tanveer Anjum, Azra Abbas, Anwer Sen Roy Moderator: Syed Kashif Raza	پشتوادب کا حالیه منظرنامه Qaisar Khan Afridi, Makham Khattak, Hussan Bano Moderator: Tahir Khan Mandokhail	
12.15 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.	اردو شاعری کے درخشاں ستارے Zehra Nigah and Kishwar Naheed Moderator: Hoori Noorani	Book Launch: <i>Development</i> <i>Pathways: India -Pakistan-</i> <i>Bangladesh (1947-2022)</i> by Ishrat Husain Ishrat Husain, Miftah Ismail, Saleem Mandviwalla Moderator: Asma Hyder	Sustainability in an Evolving New World Order Selma Dabbagh, Construct Nauman Naqvi, Moderator: Ali Usman Qasmi	Book Launch: جہاں آباد کی گلیاں by Asghar Nadeem Syed Asghar Nadeem Syed in conversation with Nasir Abbas Nayyar Book Launch: رولاک by Rafaqat Hayat Rafaqat Hayat in conversation with Syed Kashif Raza	یکچ شعرفقط ان کوسنان کے لیے ہیں ! بیت بازی Verses in Play: Celebrating Tradition through Urdu Poetry Jury: Nasira Zuberi, Waheed Noor, Moderator: Ambareen Haseeb Ambar
1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Book Discussion: قيرى by Omar Shahid Hamid Omar Shahid Hamid and Inaam Nadeem Moderator: Ghazi Salahuddin	Book Launch: <i>Suffocation</i> translated by Asma Mansoor Hasan Manzar and Najeeba Arif Moderator: Bibi Ameena	خوشبوکی دیوار کے پیچیے by Hameed Shahid Hameed Shahid in conversation with Mubeen Mirza		کلامِ شاعر به زبانِ شاعر Syed Nusrat Ali
2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	The Evolving Federation: Two Steps Forward One Step Back Kaiser Bengali, Faisal Siddiqui, Shabbar Zaidi, Asad Umar Moderator: Amber Rahim Shamsi	افتخار عارف: یادین اور با تین Iftikhar Arif, Nasir Abbas Nayyar, Peerzada Salman Moderator: Mubeen Mirza	Vlogvolution: Content beyond Likes Bilal Hassan, Osamah Nasir, Amtul Baweja, Kazi Akber Moderator: Anoushey Ashraf	Book Launches: <i>A Life Lived with Passion: Irfan Husain</i> (1944-2020) Edited by Carmen Gonzalez and Abbas Nasir <i>A Lifetime of Dissent: A Memoir</i> by I. A. Rehman Zohra Yusuf, Ghazi Salahuddin, and Syed Jaffar Ahmed in conversation	Passion or Profession An Interactive session with Youth on Performing Arts with Junaid Zuberi Moderator: Shoaib Arshad
3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	نور جہاں شرور جہاں Nazia Ejaz Khan, Sonya Jahan, Arshad Mahmud Moderator: Ahmed Ali Butt	Book Launch: Imran Khan: Myth of the Pakistani Middle-Class by Nadeem Farooq Paracha Amber Rahim Shamsi, Hasan Zaidi, Nadeem Farooq Paracha Moderator: Shehzad Ghias Shaikh	The Last White Man Mohsin Hamid in conversation with Claire Chambers	Woven Words: Under the Tamarind Tree A Novel by Nigar Alam The Idle Stance of the Tippler Pigeon by Safinah Danish Elahi No Funeral for Nazia by Taha Kehar Nigar Alam, Safinah Danish Elahi and Taha Kehar in conversation	Theatrical Session by Atif Badar Dramatic Readings بیگم کی بلی by Imtiaz Ali Taj بلکی پیکلی داستان گوئی کا ایک مختصر خا که
4.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.	لیکشن سے ذرا ہٹ کے Wusatullah Khan, Shahzeb Jillani Moderator: Nadia Naqi	Getz Pharma EACPE Film Awards Looking through the lens with Shehzad Roy Moderator: Khalid Mahmood Sponsored by	Arab Identity in Contemporary Times Joseph Massad in conversation with S. Akbar Zaidi	Building Future Skills: The Co-Existence of Local and International Examination Boards Andrew Coombe, Fouzia Khan, Shahnaz Wazir Ali, Arshad Saeed Husain Moderator: Faisal Bari	
6.00 p.m 7.00 p.m.	Reforming Pakistan: A New Social Contract Miftah Ismail, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi Moderator: Shaheen Salahuddin	To Print or not to Print: Blended Digital Face of Learning Jibran Jamshad, Jehan Ara, Arshad Saeed Husain, Kashif Khan, Wayne Press (online) Moderator: Faisal Bari	National Youth Poet Laureate Programme Poetry recitation with young poets from Karachi Michael Cirelli	چند بہترین کہانی کاروں کی یاد میں شوکت صدیقی جنمیرالدین احر، ابنِ سعید، جمیلہ ہاشی Hameed Shahid, Asghar Nadeem Syed, Tanzim ul Firdous Moderator: Inaam Nadeem	
7.15 p.m 8.15 p.m.	7.15 - 10.00 p.m. Feature Film Screening: Moor (Mother)	7.15 - 8.45 p.m. Sadarat: Iftikhar Arif Nizamat: Nasira Zuberi Kishwar Naheed, Afzal Ahmed Syed, Ashfaq Hussain, Tanweer Anjum, Aqeel Abbas Jaffri, Harris Khalique, Fazil Jamili, Ambareen Haseeb Ambar, Salman Sarwat, Waheed Noor, Imran Saqib	Historical Fiction: Capturing the Atmosphere Kenize Mourad in conversation with Bina Shah	Reimagining the Ustad-Shagird Tradition in Today's Music and Culture Sharif Awan and Rafay Mahmood Moderator: Adnan Rizvi	

Sunday, 18 February 2024

	Main Garden	Jasmine Hall	Aquarius Hall	Room 007	Tulip Hall
11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	In Pursuit of an Ethical State Syed Kaleem Imam, Shahab Usto, Mazhar Abbas, Huma Baqai, Moderator: Suhai Aziz Talpur	Coming of Age: Pakistani English Language Literature Muneeza Shamsie, Salman Tarek Kureshi, Maniza Naqvi, Taha Kehar Moderator: Claire Chambers	Book Launch: A History of the Baloch and Balochistan Martin Axmann, Naazir Mahmood, Anwar Sajdi Moderator: Shaheen Salahuddin	پاکستان بعلیم اورا کیسو <i>یں صدی</i> Shahid Siddiqui, Farid Panjwani, Anjum Halai, Baela Raza Jamil Moderator: Khadija Bakhtiar	
12.15 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.	Urban Dialogues: Decoding Karachi's Dynamics Chaired by Arif Hasan Murtaza Wahab, Tariq Alexander Qaiser, Afia Salam Moderator: Masood Lohar	اُردوناول پردۇ ^{سىي} ىي پر Asghar Nadeem Syed, Hina Khawaja Bayat, Nasir Abbas Nayyar, Bee Gul Moderator: Khaled Anam	Jerusalem: A Journey Back in Time A Presentation by Iftikhar Salahuddin	Beyond the Seas: Readings by Michael Cirelli, and Aysha Baqir Moderator: Maniza Naqvi	
1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Book Launch: Awaaz: Echoes of Freedom & Justice Ansar Burney, Shehar Bano Rizvi and Tasneem Premjee Chamdia in conversation with Muslim Rizvi	Book Launch: مکھوٹا by Najeeba Arif Najeeba Arif and Inaam Nadeem Moderator: Bibi Ameena	Book Launch: The Whispering Chinar by Ali Rohila Ali Rohila in conversation with Shazia Hasan	Book Launch: Earth and Glimmer by Haya Fatima Sehgal Haya Fatima Sehgal in conversation with Peerzada Salman	Unveiling the Minds: The Science of Mental Resilience Imran Yousuf in conversaton with Shaha Tariq
2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	بننامنع ب Sanjay Rajoura, Mustafa Chaudary, Murtaza Chaudary, Faysal Chaudary آپتې	تصوف اور ہماری شعری روایت منصور حلاج کے سائے Iftikhar Arif, Nomanul Haq, Najeeba Arif, Harris Khalique Moderator: Aliya Iqbal-Naqvi	Book Launch: Qaum, Mulk, Sultanat: Citizenship and National Belonging in Pakistan by Ali Usman Qasmi Martin Axmann, Ali Usman Qasmi, Huma Ghaffar Moderator: Nadeem Farooq Paracha	Book Launch: انڈرگراؤنڈ by Ashraf Shad Ashraf Shad and Amir Zia Moderator: Mujahid Barelvi Book Launch: The Monsoon War: A Novel by Bina Shah Bina Shah in conversation with Christie Marie Lauder	Climate Change and Sustainability; A Discussion on Actions with Youth and Teachers Fozia Parveen, Rumana Husain, Baela Raza Jamil, Sehrish Farooq Moderator: Afia Salam
3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Film: The Power of Storytelling Sanam Saeed, Faryal Mehmood, Abid Aziz Merchant, Bee Gul, Mohib Mirza Moderator: Saba Karim Khan	Book Launch: Pakistan: Search for Stability Edited by Maleeha Lodhi Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry and Maleeha Lodhi Moderator: Huma Bagai	الیکشن ۲۰۲۴ء: ایک نیا زاوید Anwer Masood Khan, Shaiq Usmani, Shaheen Salahuddin Moderator: Mujahid Barelvi	Higher Education: Nurturing Tomorrow's Innovators Stephen Lyon, Noman Ahmed, Shahnaz Wazir Ali Moderator: Khadija Bakhtiar	Interactive Theatre and Dramatic Poetry Readings by Atif Badar
4.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.	Human Rights and Wrongs Jibran Nasir, Harris Khalique, Afia Salam Moderator: Ghazi Salahuddin	The Big Picture: Future of PakistanShamshad Akhtar, Maheen Rahman,Mohammad Ali, Sirajuddin Aziz,Wasif RizviModerator: Muhammad Azfar Ahsan	Translations of Sindhi Classics: From Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai to Shaikh Ayaz Noorul Huda Shah, Attiya Dawood, Mumtaz Bukhari Moderator: Amar Pirzado	Ceasefire Forever Selma Dabbagh COUNCIL in conversation with Saba Karim Khan	
6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	Framing Reality as Comedy Shehzad Ghias Shaikh, Mustafa Chaudhary, Murtaza Chaudhary, Amber Rahim Shamsi Moderator: Nadeem Farooq Paracha	Songs of the Sufi: The Untold Story of Classical Qawwali (Screening of Film followed by Q&A) Kamran Moin Anwar and Qawwal Najmuddin Moderator: Mahnaz Naveed Shah	لیڈیزٹیلر A Play by Sameena Nazir	Book Launch: A World of Her Own: Ada Jafarey by Aamir Jafarey with Asra Jafarey Zehra Nigah and Aamir Jafarey Moderator: Nida Wahid Book Launch: Among My Own: The Untold Stories Of My People by Dr Naseem Salahuddin Naseem Salahuddin in conversation with Shahnaz Wazir Ali	By the Swaying Palms and the Mangrove Creek: Poetry in English Sophia Bano, Minaa Shahzad, Zarmina Raza, Farida Faizullah, Moeen Faruqi, Moosa Gardezi, Sanayya Saleem Moderator: Salman Tarek Kureshi
7.15 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Closing Ceremony Keynote Speeches by: Najeeba Arif and Vote of Thanks by: Maya Inayat Ismail, Chief of Staff to the Cha Khalid Mahmood, Managing Director & Cl Arshad Saeed Husain, Managing Director	irman and Chairperson, Sustainability Forum-HBL O, Getz Pharma Pvt. Ltd.	Main Garden Honouring the Literary Legends: Zehra Nigah, Iftikhar Arif, Kishwar N Sufi Qawwali by Qawal Najmuddir	laheed, Muneeza Shamsie	





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