

Activities

Fujairah UAE Centre of ITI (Arab Countries)



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Lighting and Sound Design in Theatre Workshop

With the inauguration of the ITI World Performing Arts Academy. 27 to 31 January, 2013 at Dibba Al Fujairah Theatre. 12 participants from the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Jordan and Azerbaijan. Trainers: Rick Thomas from the USA (Sound) and Henk Van Der Geest from Netherlands (Lighting). Organized by Fujairah UAE ITI Centre in collaboration with the General Secretariat ITI and Fujairah Culture and Media Authority (FCMA).

5th Fujairah International Monodrama Festival 2012

20 to 28 January, 2012 in Dibba, Fujairah. Sponsored by the Ruler of Fujairah H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al-Sharqi and organized by Fujairah ITI Centre and FCMA with 14 monodrama performances from 12 countries and a guest list of 200 theatre artists and experts from all around the world. Renowned theatre director Peter Brook was awarded the 1st Fujairah Excellence in Theatre Award. Other events of the festival included seminars, panels, the heritage village, press conferences. The opening ceremony "The World Passes Through Here" was attended by local and international VIPs and artists and got wide media coverage.

Monodrama Shows in Lebanon

In May, 2012 Fujairah ITI Centre and FCMA sponsored the staging of monodrama shows selected from the 5th FIMF in Al Madina Theatre in Beirut, Lebanon. These monodrama shows included Birute Mar's Antigone and The Lover.

Workshop on Preparing Theatre Performers

In October 2012. The workshop was organized by Fujairah ITI Centre at the Monodrama House Theatre in Dibba, Fujairah and supervised by Abdulla Rashid and Abdulla Masoud with participation of 16 young artists. The workshop covered subjects such as the history of theatre, the most influential theatre artists and experts and writing plays.

Fujairah School Theatre Festival 2011-2014

An annual event held in April and sponsored by

H.H. Sheikh Dr. Rashid bin Hamad Al-Sharqi, FCMA's Chairman. Organized by Fujairah UAE ITI Centre, FCMA and Fujairah Educational Zone with participation of all the government schools in Fujairah (both male and female schools). Four editions of the festival were held in the period from 2011-2014 and plays were staged at both Dibba Al Fujairah theatre and the theatre of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Community Development in Fujairah with a Jury that is formed annually and an awards distribution ceremony attended by H.H. Dr. Sheikh Rashid Al-Sharqi.

4th Arabic Playwriting Competition 2012-2014

Organized by Fujairah ITI Centre and FCMA with 160 entries from 14 Arab countries. 1st prize (USD 15,000) won by the late Jordanian playwright Aatif Al Farraya for the text "Finding Aziza Sulaiman", 2nd prize (USD 12,000) won by Egyptian writer Mamoun Al Hajjaji for the text "Waiting", and 3rd prize (USD 8,000) was a tie between Mostafa Al Hamdawi's "The Last Journey" and Fayza Mostafa's "Cardboard cities". The 1st prize winning text was produced by FCMA and staged as the opening show of the 6th Fujairah International Monodrama Festival. Awards were distributed during the opening ceremony of the 6th Fujairah International Monodrama Festival.

Dibba Theatre Accomplishments 2011-2014

Dibba Al Fujairah Theatre which is sponsored and supervised by Fujairah ITI Centre and FCMA won 5 awards at the 7th Emirates Children Theatre Festival in December 2011. The Awards were for best director, best show, best lighting, best supporting actress and the Jury's award for the young artist Mohammed Abdulla Rashid. Dibba Al Fujairah Theatre's children play (On my Own) toured the UAE and was very successful.

Jordan Free Theatre Festival 2012

In November 2012 Fujairah ITI Centre delegation participated in the Jordan Free Theatre Festival. Artist Abdulla Rashid was chosen as a jury member for the festival.

World Theatre Day 2012 with John Malkovich

Fujairah ITI Centre and FCMA sponsored part of the 50th annual celebration of the World Theatre Day 2012 held in Paris.

Al Taif Youth Theatre Festival 2013

In August 2013 Fujairah ITI Centre delegation (artists Abdulla Rashid and Abdulla Masoud) participated at Al Tayef Youth Theatre Festival in KSA. Abdulla Rashid was elected as Jury member for the festival and both artists gave a seminar titled "The Theatre I Want".



During the 6th Fujairah International Monodrama Festival 2014 the Kuwaiti Actor and Theatre Artist Abdul Hussain Abdul Redha was awarded the 2nd Fujairah Excellence in Theatre Award by Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al-Sharqi and Sheikh Dr. Rashid bin Hamad Al-Sharqi.

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Opening Ceremony of the Fujairah International Monodrama Festival 2014



6th Fujairah International Monodrama Festival 2014

The event was held from the 20th to the 28th of January 2014 in Dibba, Fujairah. Sponsored by the Ruler of Fujairah H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Sharqi and organized by Fujairah ITI Centre and FCMA with 13 monodrama performances from 12 countries and a guest list of 300 theatre artists and experts from 50 countries. Lithuanian artist Birute Mar was awarded the 1st Valerie Khazanov Fujairah Monodrama Award and Kuwaiti Artist Abdul Hussain Abdul Redha was awarded the 2nd Fujairah Excellence in Theatre Award. Other events of the festival included seminars, panels, the heritage village, press conferences. The opening ceremony "Pearl of the East" was attended by local and international VIPs and artists and got wide media coverage.

1st Kuwait Monodrama Festival

March, 2014. Fujairah ITI Centre and FCMA sponsored and supervised the launch of the 1st Kuwait Monodrama Festival which was held on Hamad Al Rajeb Theatre in Kuwait.

Workshop on Performing Arts for School Students

The workshop was organized by Fujairah ITI Centre and FCMA on 20th April 2014. Egyptian artist Duaa Tuaima trained young artists from grades 4 to 12 from different Fujairah schools a number of acting techniques and used her own methodology of "Fun Theatre" to teach the trainees about performing arts.

Theatre Productions

Fujairah ITI Centre and FCMA produced a number of theatre plays: "The Pianist" by Dr. Melha Abdulla which

was staged as the opening show of the 5th FIME; "Finding Aziza Sulaiman" by Aatif Al Farraya which was staged as the opening show of the 6th FIME; "Al Ghafa" by Mohammed Saeed Al Dhanhani for Fujairah National Theatre which participated in the Sharjah Theatre Days 2014 and won 1st Prize.

Published Books

Fujairah ITI Centre published a number of books on theatre in the period from 2011 to 2014. These books include the Arabic Version of The World of Theatre, Emirati Playwright Mohammed Saeed Al Dhanhani's complete theatre works which were published in 2 volumes in Arabic and one volume in English. The winning texts of the Arabic Playwriting Competition were published in the book "Ten Plays" both in Arabic and English. This book was published twice to include the texts from the 3rd and 4th editions of the competition.

Meetings

Fujairah ITI Centre hosted ITI Executive Board meetings and the International Monodrama Forum (IMF) meetings during the 5th and 6th Fujairah International Monodrama Festival in 2012 and 2014, as well as ITI General Secretariat meetings at its Fujairah headquarters at FCMA.

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