

Get ready for a laugh riot with int'l artists

ICS to host 'Ambassadors of Comedy' for a cause

KUWAIT CITY, April 10: Indian Cultural Society & Saanjh in association with social worker Minhaj Shikari & Murtaza Pachorawala proudly presents "Ambassadors of Comedy" on 27th April Friday, at 7.30 pm sharp. The Chief Guest for the event will be HE Ambassador of India, Kuwait & the guest of honor will be prominent personalities from Kuwait & respected embassies from different countries.

After hosting memorable events & inviting top most playback singers, actors & actress like Shreya Ghoshal, Kumar Sanu, Udit Narayan, Kader Khan, Bhagyashree, Alka Yagnik, Hema Sardesai, Talat Aziz, Shibani Kashyap, Akshay Anand, Prairna Agarwal, Bharti Singh & Kavita Krishnamurti etc.

ICS is back with a show including international fame artist Aron Kader, Dean Obeidallah & Nitin Mirani in "Ambassadors of Comedy". It will be a witness for noble cause & charity "laugh to wipe the tears of children". All the proceedings of the event will be donated to St John Ambulance Brigade and Fazlani Foundation India.

Dean Obeidallah born in the Great State of New Jersey, his comedy comes in large part from his unique background of being the only son of a Palestinian father and a Sicilian mother. Both have provided him with an enormous amount of material, usually unintentionally.

Dean was a practicing lawyer for several years until the other lawyers worked



with him suggested this. He performed in the New Jersey Bar Association's funniest lawyer show. Then he appeared on various national & international television shows, including Comedy Central's "Axis of Evil Comedy" special and "The Watch List," ABC's "The View," PBS documentary "Stand Up: Muslim Comics Come of Age," CNN's "American Morning" and "Wolf Blitzer's Reports," Comedy Central's "Tough Crowd," Showtime Arabia, NY1, PBS's "Newshour with Jim Lehrer," ABC's "20/20," CNBC's "The Big Idea with Donnie Deutsch," Japan's NHK, CNN International's "Inside the Middle East" and "Your World today," as well as in numerous sketches on NBC's Saturday Night Live" and "Late

Night with Conan O'Brien."

Dean Obeidallah can also be seen in the DVD bonus material for Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 911" in the section entitled, "Arab-American comedians.

Dean has received the first annual "Bill Hicks Spirit Award," for "thought provoking comedy" from the NY Underground Comedy Festival and the Hicks family. The late Bill Hicks was a comedian who challenged the audience and made them actually think about political and social issues while making them laugh. Check out the Comedy Central.com Internet show Dean says "I'm featured in and co-producing with my friend Max Brooks. The show is called "The watch list" and its the first show ever produced by a major

American entertainment company starring comics of Middle Eastern-American heritage. I'm also proud to serve as the Co-Executive producer of the annual NY Arab-American Comedy Festival and the Amman Stand Up Comedy Festival."

Aron (Kader) likes to thank his Palestinian father and Mormon mother for giving him so many reasons to be a comedian. After growing up partly in Utah but mostly in the Washington DC area Aron moved to Hollywood at nineteen years old to pursue comedy and acting. Known for his ability to talk about sensitive political and social subjects in his humor, as well as his ability to do impressions made him a stand out everywhere. Kader spent years in the legendary sketch theatre "The Groundlings" Sunday Company and is a founding member of "The Axis of Evil Comedy tour" which debuted on Comedy Central in 2007.

Tour

He has toured nationally and internationally most recently in Middle East selling out twenty seven shows throughout the region. He's proud to be one of the only American comedians in history to go to Kuwait and not entertain the troops.

He has also been seen on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend", "The Shield", on F/X, VH1, E!, CNN, and many others.

Aron has been heard many times as a

guest on NPR and has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, TIME and many other national publications. Kader filmed a TV pilot for Comedy Central called "The Watch List," as well as an NBC pilot called "Beverly Hills SUV." He was a standout at the HBO US Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, and received stellar reviews at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. Kader most recently became the first to teach a stand-up comedy class in Jordan and Dubai to help get the comedy scene going in the region.

His students performed there amateur night shows to packed crowds and some were accepted into the first ever comedy festival in the region in Amman Jordan which is now annual. Aron is proud to say that some students are still pursuing the craft in their native language as well as opening up for him at shows from time to time.

Aron can be seen performing regularly in Hollywood at his home club, "The Comedy Store," or touring all the major clubs and colleges around the country.

Nitin Mirani is born in India, raised in Dubai and seen the world through a Gulf war, a global recession, 8 years of a Bush administration, and yes, even through the 1980's disco dancer era. Yet he does manage to see the world in a comical light. Being one of the pioneers of the comedy circuit in the Middle East for almost 5 years & The Founder of the brand "Komic Sutra". He has also been

voted as Ahlan Dubai's HOT 100 People for 2010 and 2011. Refreshing, exuberant, completely unpredictable, unclichéd & therefore highly entertaining are just a few words to describe his act.

Style

Referred to as "The Global Comedian" Nitin style of giving a local feel to global comedy has captivated crowds in the Middle east, India, Hong Kong, Maldives, Canada and even New York & has become a regular favorite amongst corporate and groups all around the world including the US Army (USO).

So from Recession to blackberries, Hollywood to Bollywood, relationships and even different cultures Mirani with his unique observational skills, direct wit, interactive and clever use of words & puns has always & ended up uniting his audience in a chorus of laughter as they walk away chanting his one liners and a new perspective.

Young talents from Kuwait will be another attraction of the evening.

So join us for quality entertainment "Ambassadors of comedy" on Friday 27th April at 7.30 pm. At Dr Kamil Al Rayes Auditorium, AIS opposite Police Station Maidan Hawally Kuwait. Our contact numbers for your assistance & information: 99710242, 94450833, 65107955, 69696060 & 66763786

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GUST



A photo from the event

GUST welcomes jazz performers Coco York and Mike Del Ferro

The Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) Department of Humanities and Social Sciences in cooperation with the US Embassy and American Voices Abroad welcomed a performance by jazz artists Coco York, jazz vocalist and Mike Del Ferro, jazz pianist in their auditorium for a lively presentation of pure jazz.

York wowed the crowd with her soulful performance and witty humor. Everyone was entertained

with Del Ferro's experience on the piano and how his sound blended beautifully with York's strong vocal talent. In attendance was Dr Abdulrahman Al-Muhallan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, who thoroughly enjoyed the performance and enjoyed the students' interaction and participation with York on her scat renditions, following the explanation of where scat came from — the late Ella Fitzgerald. She mentioned that it was said that Fitzgerald was

the one who started scat singing as a young girl singing with her father's band, when she would forget the lyrics of the songs.

GUST was the first stop in the duo's tour and the university hopes to welcome them back again in the future. The Humanities Department at GUST is always on the lookout for talent to share with its students and faculty to expose them to different sounds and cultures.

IIK

Art competition winners feted

Spectrum Awards Nite honours 'young talent'

IIK Spectrum Awards Nite brought a warm sense of community to the budding artists. The winners of "IIK Spectrum - Open Art Competition", the painting competition for students of the age group 8-14 yrs, and felicitation of IIK Young Contributors - the young aspiring journalists of the IIK Young reporter program were presented with fabulous prizes during the IIK Spectrum Awards Nite which was held at Salmiya Indian Model School on March 23, 2012, Friday. IIK Spectrum-Open Art competition is the first ever competitive event by IndiansinKuwait.com and 'IIK Young Reporter' is a unique program for the school students in Kuwait, which encourages the creative writing skills of the young students from the community.

For the first time, IIK conducted an exclusive workshop for the Young Contributors and registered students of IIK Young Reporter Program. The workshop was on the topic "Be A Journalist".

It was a 1 hour workshop which was presented by Surya Prakash, a specialized corrosion engineer and an accomplished Toastmaster. Surya Prakash is a Motivational Speaker encouraging people to be self-confident and self-reliant through his personalized style. During the workshop Surya explained to the student what is journalism, how to write reports and interviews of personalities. He gave examples and techniques for a better writing. The students got enlightened on journalism and creative writing.

Creative

The splendid evening started with a dance by the children of Dancing Divas which enthralled the audience. The chief guest for the event was Dr Mohammad Tariq, chairman of Salmiya Indian Model School. Sanjay Yadav, Principal SIMS and Anis Ahmad, Director, SIMS joined the chief guest and handed over the prizes to all Open Art Competition winners.

First prize winners of each category — Sub Junior, Junior and Intermediate received Gold cup, certificate and Laptop Computers, second prize winners received Silver cup, certificate and branded watch and third prize winners

received Bronze cup, certificate and schoolbags. Consolation winners received medals and certificates.

After the spectrum award ceremony there was another dance performance by the children of Dancing Divas which fascinated the audience.

IIK also felicitated the 16 IIK Young contributors with certificates and a special gift from IIK. Master Anand Gopan, 9th Standard student in United Indian School became the first IIK Young Reporter with his five articles published on IIK. He received a badge of recognition, certificate as IIK Young Reporter and a special gift from IIK. He was told to take a pledge before the audience to be honest and truthful which writing article for IIK.

Ceremony

There were other exciting prizes that were announced during the award ceremony. Ms Raghavi Viswanath, 11th grade from FAIPS-DPS was declared as Best Young Contributor for the first 3 months. Ms Pooja Gopikrishnan, 8th grader of ICSK Senior's article was selected as the most timely article and Ms Karunya V.S. Class XI, of FAIPS's article was selected as the Best Article covering an event. All 3 received special prizes from IIK.

The whole event was anchored by IIK Young Contributor Raghavi Viswanath and IIK Young Reporter Anand Gopan.

The authentic dinner arranged by Wildfire Restaurant gave a marvelous ending to the IIK Spectrum Award Nite.

IIK Spectrum open art competition was sponsored by Salmiya Indian Model School (SIMS), Gulfmart supermarket, Virtus Specialized Dental Centre, Abott Nutrition, Faber Castell, American Tourister and Prosports. The registration for this program is still open and students with writing skills and interest in Journalism can register at <http://www.indiansinkuwait.com/YR/>. Any Indian students can be a part of IIK Young Reporter Program and contribute articles and get a chance to win exciting prizes. Many more prizes are there to win and the Mega Prize to the best contributor at the end of the program.

could be due to lack of knowledge of the professions & career opportunities. FIMA's member associations CMWS, FWS & YRFT have organized a Career Guidance Seminar, which is envisioned to enlighten students to help them make right career choices. The program of Career Guidance will be presented by Dr. Kalim Khan, Director of Rizvi Institute of Management Studies & Research, Mumbai & Ms Shilpa Pathak, Qualified Counselor, working with IES, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Kuwait. Career Guidance is an approximately two hour presentation with innovative information plus Q&A session for the students' age group of 14 years and their parents. This interaction is aimed at addressing important choices in higher/professional education and will primarily be focused on addressing student queries on career choices at their disposal.

Date: 13th April, 2012
Time: 05:00 pm to 07:00 pm
Venue: SIMS-Salmiya Indian Model School, Mughura Bin Shuba Street, Block-12, Salmiya.

It is a public function free of charge.

KDA celebrates anniversary:

Kozhikode District Association, Kuwait is celebrating its 2nd anniversary with variety entertainment programmes including music, dance, mimicry and other entertainment programmes by famous artists from Kozhikode at Touristic Park, Abbasiya on Friday, April 13, 2012 from 4 pm onwards.

Musical treat by a team led by Ms. Sindhu Premkumar (Playback Singer and TV Artist, Judge Mylanchi-Asianet TV).

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Drinking problem?: You are no longer alone! Confidential helpline 99641389.

Narcotics Anonymous: NA can help with addiction problems. Totally confidential: 94087800 English/Arabic.

Cancer online support group: If you are Cancer patient or family member fighting with this deadly disease, come join our online support group. Best way of dealing with this disease is providing support and share our experience with each other.

There are lot of things which even doctors can't tell so be member of this website and start sharing your experiences which may help others. October is recognized as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). The primary purpose is to promote self examination and screening mammography as the most effective way to save lives by detecting breast cancer at early stage. For more information visit: <http://fighting-withcancer.webs.com/>

Latest

April 12
NISAA reunion: The New Indian School Alumni Association (NISAA) is organizing a reunion dinner party at the Kuwait Hyatt Hotel Maidan Hawally on Thursday, April 12, 2012 from 7:30pm onwards.

All ex-students and teachers are welcome to attend this function.
For more details contact Roland Desa - 66898708, Lekha - 66595139 or Mario

Fernandes - 50622905/55483416.

BGF awards: Blessen George Foundation (BGF), whose main objectives include promotion of Sports and Games and encouragement of sportsmen and budding Sports talents in Kerala, is honouring outstanding sportspersons, one each from male and female, among the students of Indian Schools in Kuwait. The Awards and Prizes will be presented to the selected Sportspersons on the final day of the Blessen George Memorial Ever Rolling Volleyball Tournament organized

by the Foundation and which is going to be held from April 12 to 14 at the Indian Central School Volleyball Court. The selection will be made on the achievement records by panel of Judges appointed by the Foundation.

The Foundation invites all Indian Schools in Kuwait to send the names of students from their Schools who have the best record in School, inter-school and national sportsmeets and games competitions with details of their achievements and the category or categories in which they won medals/prizes to email id: blessongf@yahoo.com. We also invite

parents of outstanding sportspersons to send names and details of their children and their achievements in sports/games to the same email id.

All nominations and recommendations must reach us latest by April 10. For more details, contact mobile no. 99722437 or 67613763.

April 13

FBL games: Filipino Basketball League (FBL) - Goodwill Game is scheduled for April 13, 2012.

Inter-company top 8 teams quarter-finals:

1st game: 7:45 am - 9:15am - (Inter-Company) Kuwait Energy vs Al Tazaj Restaurant.

2nd game: 9:15 am - 10:45am - (Inter-Company) Crowne Plaza Kuwait vs. Shrimpy Restaurant.

3rd game: 10:45 am - 12:30pm (Inter-Company) - Samuel vs MOD - heat.

4th game: 12:30 pm - 2:00pm (Open Category) - Toyota Al Sayer vs Anhan.

5th game: 2:00 am - 3:30am (Open Category) - 59 Er's vs South east Crusher.

Registration on going for, ● 1st Conf. Inter - Hotel basketball, (Crowne Plaza Kuwait, Holiday Inn Kuwait, Hilton Kuwait Resort, The Regency Kuwait, Safir International Hotel).

● 6th Conf. inter company, exclusively for the bonafide employee of the company.

● 10th Conf. men's and women's volleyball league.

For more info call / 66082238, Demos Arienda, League Organizer.

Career guidance seminar: Students are generally in dilemma with regards to professional education and careers. This



Brain Bang 7th successful year ended on March 23. As all of the previous closing ceremonies a vibrant fun-filled ceremony was organized. Brain Bang is a support group under the umbrella of FOCC (Friends of CRY Club) Kuwait. Friends of CRY Club is a group of dedicated volunteers in Kuwait in service of the deprived children in India. Friends of CRY Club was established in November 2003 in Kuwait with the objective of having sustainable, result oriented, well founded organization which will continue to be in service of the deprived children of India with synergic participation of a cross section of people in Kuwait.