

Patrons of local arts honoured at glittering ceremony in Dubai

47 INDIVIDUALS, ORGANISATIONS RECOGNISED FOR PROMOTING CULTURE

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Dubai Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Dubai Executive Council, yesterday honoured patrons of the local arts during the Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Patrons of the Arts Awards ceremony at Zabeel Saray Hotel on Palm Jumeirah.

Now on their third year, the Awards are a key initiative announced by His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

Shaikh Maktoum Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai; Shaikh Majid Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Culture and Arts Authority; Shaikh Hasher Maktoum, Dubai Director of Information; Shaikh Ahmad Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President of Dubai Civil Aviation and Chairman and CEO of Emirates airline and Group, attended the ceremony.

Shaikh Hamdan, himself a recipient of this year's 'Distinguished Patron of the Arts Award,' praised the generosity of patrons of all forms of art.

He said this reaffirms the cohesion among UAE people from all segments, and their solidarity in activities which enhance the country's local, regional and global reputation and position.

Some 47 individuals and

organisations that were responsible for driving the growth of the cultural and arts scene in Dubai in 2011 were honoured.

Evolution

Organised by Dubai Culture, the awards are aimed at encouraging patrons of the arts to strengthen the evolution of the city's cultural landscape through patronage.

"Patronage for the Emirate's cultural scene has grown rapidly over the last few years, underlining the impressive achievements recorded by Dubai

in launching and hosting diverse cultural initiatives," Saeed Al Naboudah, Acting Director General of Dubai Culture, said.

"The third cycle has seen increased support by government departments and organisations, in addition to a vast pool of new patrons, reinforcing interest in extending patronage to culture and the arts," he added.

This year, the honourees together contributed more than Dh165 million towards the arts, an increase of 24 per cent over 2010 contributions.



Strong support

Shaikh Hamdan presents an award to Shaikh Maktoum during the ceremony.



Huge contribution

Shaikh Hamdan honours Shaikh Ahmad for his contribution to the growth of art and culture.



Recognising generosity

Shaikh Maktoum presents a trophy to Major General Khamis Mattar Al Mazeina, Deputy Commander of Dubai Police.



For arts sake

Shaikh Hamdan with the recipients of the Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Patrons of the Arts Awards. The event was attended by Shaikh Maktoum, Shaikh Majid, Shaikh Ahmad, Shaikh Hasher and a host of other dignitaries.

BRIEFS

AJMAN

HUMAID REVIEWS QURAN PANEL PROGRAMMES

Ajman His Highness Shaikh Humaid Bin Rashid Al Nuaimi, Ruler of Ajman and Member of Supreme Council, yesterday reviewed plans and programmes of 'Management Committee Humaid Bin Rashid Al Nuaimi Centre for the Service of Holy Quran' to achieve its goals, missions, and general policy of the centre's activities and regulations. Shaikh Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, Crown Prince of Ajman, was also present.

ABU DHABI

Plane with aid to be sent to Libya

Abu Dhabi General Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, has ordered that a plane load of emergency aid and relief medical supplies be dispatched to Libya. The order comes in line with the directives of President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

BILATERAL TIES

Gargash welcomes Italian envoy

Abu Dhabi Dr Anwar Mohammad Gargash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, yesterday received Maurizio Massari, Italian Foreign Minister's Special Envoy for Middle East Affairs. They discussed ways to enhance bilateral relations and latest developments in the region.

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HONOREES LIST

Distinguished Patrons of Arts Honourees:

Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad; Investment Corporation of Dubai; Jumeirah Group; Emirates Airline; Dr Farhad Farjam; Abraaj Capital

Patrons of the Arts Honourees:

Shaikha Manal Bint Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, President of the Dubai Women Establishment, and wife of Shaikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Presidential Affairs; Shaikha Latifa Bint Maktoum Bin Rashid Al Maktoum; Dubai Police; Dubai Duty Free; Al Serkal Family; Barjeel Art Foundation; Ramin Salsali; AGMC - BMW; Dubai Pearl; Van Cleef & Arpels

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