

## Shiraz Hosts Festival of Iranian Folklore Music



TEHRAN -- The second national folklore music festival and rituals of Iranian ethnic groups is being held at Hafez Hall in the city of Shiraz for six days (May 15-20, 2022).

Every night, two to four local and traditional music groups will perform at the festival. It opened with the performance of Lorestani and Qashqai groups.

Art groups from Kerman, Kohgiluyeh, and Boyer-Ahmad, and Gilan provinces performed

and shone on Tuesday night.

Iranian traditional music also has fans in different parts of the world, which is why tourists visiting Shiraz these days visit the music festival too.

The second national folklore music festival in Shiraz shows the diversity of cultural, literary, and artistic geography of the ethnic groups in Iran, which reflects the rich civilization of Iran and the peaceful life of the country's people.

# Rome Municipality Restores Statue of Ferdowsi

TEHRAN -- The statue of Hakim Abolghasem Ferdowsi, the famous Iranian poet in Italy, has been cleaned and restored on the occasion of May 15, registered in the national calendar of Iran as his day.

Ferdowsi was born in 329 AH in the village of Pazh in the historical city of Toos. He is known as the most important and well-known Iranian and Persian orator.

His statue on a square of the same name in Rome has been restored by the Municipality of Rome in cooperation with the Iranian Embassy in Italy.

Made of white marble, the 1.85 meter statue is the work of Abolhassan Sadighi, who was installed it at the site in 1958.

A cultural and literary webinar in

honor of the poet was also held at the initiative of the Cultural Counselor of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Italy.

Muhammad Taqi Amini, Iran's cultural attaché in Italy, Antonello Secchi, Italian writer Giacomo Longi, and Michele Marley, Persian language and literature experts, spoke at the "An Era with Ferdowsi" webinar.

Explaining the activities of the Iranian Cultural Counselor in Italy to introduce Ferdowsi, Amini said that Ferdowsi has been known in Italy for a long time and the oldest manuscript of Ferdowsi's Shahnameh, written in 614 AH, is kept in the National Library of Florence.

In the webinar, the Italian lecturers also emphasized that Ferdowsi had a high position in reviving the Persian



language with Shahnameh.

The Shahnameh or Shahnama is a long epic poem written by Ferdowsi between c. 977 and 1010 CE and

is the national epic of Greater Iran. Consisting of some 50,000 "distichs" or couplets, the Shahnameh is one of the world's longest epic poems.

## Bukhara to Display Iranian Embroidery, Jewelry

TEHRAN -- A selection of eight Iranian craftspeople and goldsmiths are to attend the 1st edition of the International Festival of Gold Embroidery and Jewelry in Bukhara, Uzbekistan.

According to the officials, eight Iranian artisans have been selected from among 30 artists from Iran who submitted the photos of their artworks to the secretariat of the festival.

Over 150 representatives of gold embroidery and jewelry art from 50 countries are expected to participate in the festival, noted by festival's organizers.

The event seeks to promote gold embroidery as a tool to create job



opportunities for young people in particular.

Moreover, it will embrace "folk festivals, folklore and drama groups,

theatrical performances of musicians and comedians, concert programs of artists and master classes by masters, artists' squares, and excursion routes," according to the event's official website.

The winners of the competition, to be held in 12 categories, will be selected by an international jury.

Winners will be awarded by the Organizing Committee with a diploma, a souvenir, and prizes which include \$5,000 for the best gold embroider, \$5,000 for the best jeweler, \$3,000 for best master of embroidery school.

The event will be held on May 21-25, 2022.

## Your Brain at Work Translated Into Persian

TEHRAN -- The Persian translation of David Rock's book *Your Brain at Work* will be unveiled at Tehran's Book Garden on May 20.

The book has been translated into Persian by Majedeh Faiz. Atlas Paidayesh Cultural Institute which is among the Iranian publishers that purchases the copyrights of the foreign books has released *Your Brain at Work*.

Emily and Paul are the parents of two young children, and professionals with different careers. Emily is the newly promoted vice president of marketing at a large corporation; Paul works from home or from clients' offices as an independent IT consultant.

Their days are filled with a

bewildering blizzard of emails, phone calls, more emails, meetings, projects, proposals, and plans. Just staying ahead of the storm has become a seemingly insurmountable task.

In *Your Brain at Work*, Rock goes inside Emily and Paul's brains to see how they function as each attempts to sort, prioritize, organize, and act on the vast quantities of information they receive in one typical day.

Rock is an expert on how the brain functions in a work setting. By analyzing what is going on in their heads, he offers solutions Emily and Paul (and all of us) can use to survive and thrive in today's hyper-busy work environment—and still feel energized and accomplished at the end of the day.

## Hand and Egg to Compete at Tracce Cinematografiche

TEHRAN -- Iranian animation *Hand and Egg* has been selected to compete at the 11th edition of the Tracce Cinematografiche Film Fest in Italy.

Directed by Fatemeh Qorvi Manjili, the animation is the story of a little girl who meets a bird and decides to help her find her lost chick. As they start searching for the chick they realize that there's a hand behind all these.

The director stated, "The animation covers the growth stage of a little girl that comes to a realization that

the tasty sweets she loves are made of eggs. She has to decide between sweet candy and cookies and the birds that are now her friends".

In fact, *Hand and Egg* poses a dilemma for the audience. They have to choose between having pleasure and taking responsibility for protecting animals.

The Tracce Cinematografiche Film Fest hosts films from around the world and screens short films up to 16 minutes.

The 2022 edition of the event will be held from June 27- to July 3.

Iranian short film *The Letters* has also made it to the festival.

Co-directed by Azita Fallahnejad and Mehdi Sanaati, it is about a girl



who writes a letter to the sky and asks for help in order to help her mother. Other Iranian films *Echo*, *The Re-*

cess, and *Dancing with Rainbow* would also take part in the Italian event.

## Italian Festival to Screen Iran's The Savior

TEHRAN -- Iranian short film *The Savior* has been selected to compete at the 25th edition of the CinemAmbiente Festival in Italy.

Directed by Soheila Pourmohammadi, the short film narrates the story of a little girl who has recently witnessed her mother's death.

Also written by Pourmohammadi, the cast list of the short film includes Mahmoud Taqavi and Setia Asadi.

*The Savior* has previously participated in the 38th Tehran In-

ternational Film Festival in Iran, the 3rd Beijing International Children's Film Festival, the Meihodo International Youth Visual Media Festival (MIYVMF) in the U.S., and the International Women Filmmakers Festival in Turkey.

According to the official website of the CinemAmbiente Festival, "it was born in Turin in 1998 with the aim of presenting the best environmental films and documentaries at an international level".

The event will be held on June 7-12, 2022.



## Milan Contest Awards The Recess

TEHRAN -- Acclaimed Iranian short movie *The Recess* has claimed a new award at the 2022 "World FICTS Challenge" — World Cinema and Sports Television Championship — in Milan, Italy.

Written and directed by Navid Nikkha-Azad, the film grabbed the FICTS' jury award for best film in Sport and Society competition section of the 6th Beausoleil Côte d'Azur International FICTS Festival in France.

Following the honor, *The Recess* has been introduced to the final stage of the World FICTS Challenge.

Translated into El Recreo in the Spanish language, the 12-minute film is co-produced by Nikkha-Azad and Delia Guerra Para.

The flick is about a 17-year-old school-girl who runs away from school to watch the football match of her beloved club. Sahar, along with three of her friends, plans to exit the school during the break in order to watch the match between Esteghlal FC and Al Ain FC at Azadi Sports Complex.

Mozhan Kordi, Reyhaneh Naiean, Niloufar Shokouhinia, and Ghazal Khalili are on the cast list.

*The Recess* has competed in 92 international film festivals and has grabbed 17 awards, some of which include the best short fiction film award from the 5th IPSMF (Int'l Photography and Short Movie Festival) in Indonesia, the best short film award at the 23rd C.M.U. Santa Maria de Europa in Spain, the best short film awards at the 2021 Int'l Film Festival for Human Rights in Colombia, the 18th Progeny Short Film Festival, the 24th Johns Hopkins Film Festival, the 12th IndieFEST Film Awards as well as the 15th San Francisco Frozen Film Festival, all held in the U.S.

## Picture of the Day



Mourners attend funeral for popular Islamic scholar Seyyed Abdullah Fateminnia at Hazrat Fatemeh Masumeh (SA) Holy Shrine in Qom Tuesday.