

## Int'l Musicians Perform on Second Day of Fajr Festival



TEHRAN -- Iran's National Orchestra has captivated the audience at the 39th Fajr International Music Festival with its performance at Tehran's Vahdat Hall on the first day of the event.

Traditional Iranian music singer Muhammad Motamedi accompanied the orchestra as the vocalist.

The Fajr International Music Festival celebrates a diverse range of music genres and provides a platform for cultural exchange and appreciation of music from around the world.

The international event will be underway until February 17.

The festival hosted on its second day bands from

India, Iran, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

It is held by Iran's Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance and Roudaki Artistic Cultural Foundation from February 12-17 in 15 Iranian provinces with the participation of more than 2,100 musicians and artists.

# New Film to Focus on Life of Sayyad Shirazi

TEHRAN -- Iranian director Javad Afshar, known for his notable works such as 'Kimia' and 'Gando', has embarked on the production of a new cinematic project.

The upcoming film will pay homage to Iranian military officer Ali Sayyad Shirazi, a martyr who holds a special place in Iranian history, iFilm reported.

Reports suggest that the pre-production phase commenced earlier this summer when a film production license was issued.

The process of assembling the cast is currently in full swing, with reports indicating that casting decisions have been made to some extent.



As the final selection of a few more actors is underway, the stage is set for the commencement of filming in the near future.

The exact title of the cinematic work is yet to be revealed, adding an element of suspense to the project.

Javad Afshar's decision to

explore the life and legacy of martyr Ali Sayyad Shirazi reflects his commitment to creating impactful and meaningful cinematic experiences.

## Archeologists Discover Lipstick in Jiroft

TEHRAN -- Archeologists have discovered a small chlorite vial containing a deep red cosmetic preparation believed to be an ancient form of lipstick in the Jiroft region of southeastern Iran.

The findings, published in various scientific journals, reveal that the mineral components of the reddish substance include hematite, darkened with

manganite and braunite, along with traces of galena and anglesite. These ingredients were mixed with vegetal waxes and other organic substances, closely resembling the recipes of contemporary lipsticks.

The discovery is dated to 4,000 years ago, which highlights the sophisticated knowledge of chemi-



cal processing possessed by ancient Iranians.

Dr. Nasir Eskandari, a professor at the Univer-

sity of Tehran and one of the archaeologists who contributed to the discovery, stated to IRNA that the study aimed to uncover the pioneering role of ancient Iranians in the field of chemical science. The discovered substance indicates that Iranians were the first inventors of lipstick, he said.

## French Festival Awards Iranian Short Film



TEHRAN -- In a remarkable achievement for Iranian cinema, the film "Coal" directed by

Saman Lotfian and produced by Seyyed Maziar Hashemi, clinched the prestigious Audi-

ence Choice Award at the 46th Clermont International Short Film Festival in France.

The "Coal" proudly represented Iranian cinema in the main section and competition of the renowned festival, which featured 66 films this year.

At the closing ceremony held on February 10, the film secured the top spot, winning the hearts of more than 170,000 viewers who cast their votes.

The Clermont International

Festival is globally recognized as one of the most esteemed platforms for short films, drawing over 9,000 submissions from filmmakers worldwide this year.

The festival took place from February 2 to 10, showcasing an array of diverse and compelling short films.

The cast of "Coal" includes talented individuals such as

Sajjad Afsharian, Nasrollah Radesh, Mehdi Miami, and Mah-Monir Bitari, whose performances contributed to the film's success on the international stage.

## Ghormeh Sabzi in Space for First Time



TEHRAN -- Iran's internationally famous herb stew with rice, or Ghormeh Sabzi, is the first food that has found its way to space.

Iranian astronaut Jasmin Moghbeli, who has been in space for a while, in her recent photo, has posed with Ghormeh Sabzi while aboard the International Space Station.

She wrote in her latest post, "Noosh-e jan! meaning "bon appétit" in Farsi.

"This weekend, I shared one of my favorite Persian dishes with my #Exp70 crewmates --

Ghormeh Sabzi! Of course, we ate it in the traditional way with rice. However, unfortunately, there was no tadigh," she added, referring to the crispy rice formed at the bottom of the pot, a favorite among Iranians.

"I really enjoyed sharing a bit of my culture and cuisine with my crewmates, and it seemed they really enjoyed it, too. The aroma and flavor were amazing and brought me right back home. I believe this was the first time Ghormeh Sabzi was eaten in space!" Moghbeli said.

## Picture of the Day



The Gappaz wooden bridge near the village of Garmdareh in Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari has been built on the Zayandeh Rud river by the regional gardeners for traffic.

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