

Saudi Ministry of Culture Hosts the 2023 National Cultural Awards,


Featuring New International Category

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, September 14, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Saudi Ministry of Culture hosted the closing ceremony of the third National Cultural Awards, which included an international category for the first time

- The awards celebrated the nation's flourishing arts and culture ecosystem and honored the exceptional cultural contributions of individuals and institutions around the world

- [International Alliance for Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas \(ALIPH\)](#) wins first-ever International Cultural Excellence Award

The third edition of the National Cultural Awards took place yesterday evening at the Four Seasons Hotel Riyadh, where individuals and entities were presented with awards in honor of their valuable contributions to the Kingdom's cultural sector. Following the success of previous years, the Saudi Ministry of Culture expanded the awards to the international community in its 2023 edition, honoring individuals and institutions from around the world that have demonstrated excellence in their field.



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2023 National Cultural Awards - Winners

Award Category	Winner
Literature Award	Mohammad Ibrahim Yaqoub, award-winning Saudi poet
Publishing Award	Dar Adab for Publishing and Distribution, a publishing house known for its initiatives to support emerging Saudi authors
Translation Award	Maha Alfalih, Saudi translator and founder of the "Ana Mutarjem" (I am a translator) platform
Fashion Award	Charmaleena Jewellery, Saudi luxury jewelry design house based in Jeddah
Film Award	Ibrahim Alhasawi, Saudi actor, producer and poet
National Heritage Award	Dr. Abdullah Masri, an accomplished historian and heritage consultant who has made contributions to archaeological excavation projects across various regions of Saudi Arabia.
Music Award	Abdulrahman Mohammad, Saudi singer famous for his rendition of classical Arabic poetry
Visual Arts Award	Manal Aldhawian, Saudi artist and photographer
Cultural Institution Award	Abdulrahman Alsudairy Cultural Center, one of the Kingdom's most prominent cultural entities, based in the Al-Jouf region
Cultural Institution Award	Saudi Research and Marketing Group, Riyadh-based integrated media house
Theater and Performing Arts Award	Riyadh Band, Saudi performance troupe presenting traditional dances including <i>Alardah Alnajdiyyah</i> (sword dance accompanied by drumming and chanting poetry)
Culinary Arts Award	Bateel, Saudi F&B brand specialized in gourmet dates, chocolates and culinary experiences
Architecture and Design Award	Kholoud Attar, Saudi designer and entrepreneur
Cultural Pioneer Award	Abu Abdulrahman bin Aqeel Al Dhaheeri, Saudi Quranic scholar, writer, and interpretation expert.
Youth Cultural Award	Lubna Alkhamis, Saudi journalist, novelist, and award-winning podcast host "Abajora."
International Cultural Excellence Award	International Alliance for Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH)
Business Owners Award	Abdulrahman bin Mahfouz, Saudi businessman and the Chairman of Al Marjan Holding Group

Full list of Award Winners



National Cultural Awards Winners on Stage

Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, the National Cultural Awards were presented in 16 categories, which encompassed a diverse range of honors including a Cultural Pioneer Award, Youth Cultural Award, International Cultural Excellence Award, Business Owners Award and a Cultural Institution Awards; as well as sector-specific awards for achievements in film, fashion, music, literature and other cultural sectors.



National Cultural Awards Event

The International Cultural Excellence Award was won by the International Alliance for Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH), an organization which selects, finances and steers protection and rehabilitation projects of monuments, sites, museums, collections of artefacts or manuscripts, places of worship, and intangible heritage. The Foundation has supported approximately 400 projects in over 35 countries on 4 continents, and has launched 4 emergency action plans.

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ambition, celebrating the remarkable achievements of individuals and institutions who are at the forefront of our Kingdom's art and culture today.”

“The first ever International Cultural Excellence Award aligns with our Kingdom's ongoing efforts and commitment to working with the international community to protect and preserve tangible and intangible cultural heritage across the world.”

The National Cultural Awards mark a significant event in the cultural year, providing an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the great achievements of various sectors of the cultural community.

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About the Ministry of Culture Saudi Arabia:

Saudi Arabia has a vast history of arts and culture. The Ministry of Culture is developing Saudi Arabia's cultural economy and enriching the daily lives of citizens, residents, and visitors.

Overseeing 11 sector-specific commissions, the Ministry is leading a cultural transformation to develop an abundant ecosystem that nurtures creativity, unlocks the economic potential of the sector and unleashes new and inspiring forms of expression.

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