

JUNE 25 & 26

13.00 - 22.00 H

€10* PER DAY

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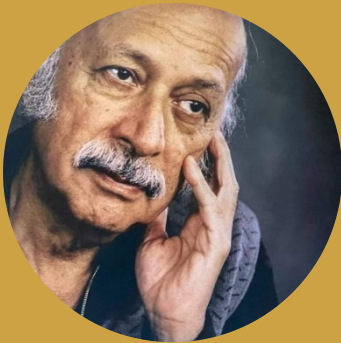
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A weekend filled with poetry, film and music from the area between the Euphrates and the Tigris, organized in collaboration with our festival director and guest programmer Mohammad Al-Amin. Enjoy a packed program with the best poets from home and abroad, world music and the largest Arabic book fair in the Netherlands.

Program 5th edition | 2022



Special tribute to Muthaffar al-Nawab

This year we pay a special tribute to the famous and recently deceased poet Muthaffar al-Nawab

Exhibitions

Art not war! is constructed of two exhibitions by Safa Salim Iskander (Iraq) and Nima Khodayar (Iran).

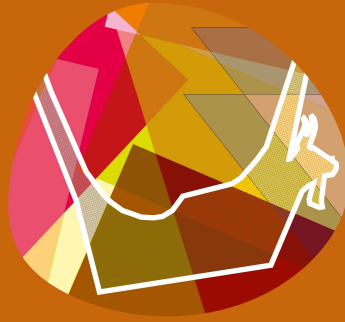


"The Mesopotamia Book Fair is the largest in the Netherlands in terms of books in Arabic and international books to Arabic. More than five thousand titles to establish a culture of dialogue and freedom of thought, both of which provide the right basis for positive integration by Arabic speakers, especially with regard to women's and children's rights and respect for the other."

Mohammad Al-Amin, festival director

Participating poets

Seyed Ali Salehi (Iran),
Arjen Duinker (NL),
Maram Al- Masri (Syria),
Adnan Sayegh (Iraq),
Abd-Al-Razzaq al-Rabi'i
(Iraq/Oman), Ntissar Abdulmonaem
(NL), Jamal Nassari (Iran), Pedro
Enriquez (Spain), Mohamad Hayawi
(Iraq-NL), Glodi (NL), Hussein
Nhaba (Iraq), Ramon Haniotis
(Uruguay), Hilal Kuta (Iraq),
Mahboubah Ehbrahimi (Iran),
Juan Carlos Tajés (Uruguay),
Karina Miñano (Perú),
Bruno Mercier (writer of Les
Gens de Laak, SW),
Youetta de Jager (NL),
Mahboubah Afshari (Iran),
Zahir Al Ghafri (Oman/Sweden),
Anita Poolman (NL),
Aida Acosta Alphonso (Spanje),
Nelly Lausberg van Os (NL),
Khalid Raissouni (Marocco),
Uchaidani (NL).



Saturday June 25th

13.00 to 21.00 hrs - Mesopotamia Book Fair - free

15.30 to 21.45 hrs - Theatre program (Hosts Fatma Aktas and Mohammad Al-Amin)

On screen: the Kurdish film Walnut Tree (Iran) - introduced by Nihad Al Kadi and a poetry program with a.o. Ali Sahli (Iran), Arjen Duinker (NL), Aida Acosta Alphonso (Spanje), Nelly Lausberg van Os (NL), Khalid Raissouni (Marocco) and Uchaindani (NL). Presentation '100 books' by Khazal Al Majidi. The opening of the exhibition Art Not War! and music from Mesopotamia. Contributions also by filmmaker Faiz Sabri and novel writer Mohamad Hayawi (Iraq-NL).

Sunday June 26th

13.00 to 21.00 hrs - Mesopotamia Book Fair (incl. bookpresentations) - free

13.00 to 15.00 hrs - Program for children (incl. short films, poetry and art workshop) - free

15.30 to 21.45 hrs - Theatre program (Host Mohammad Al-Amin)

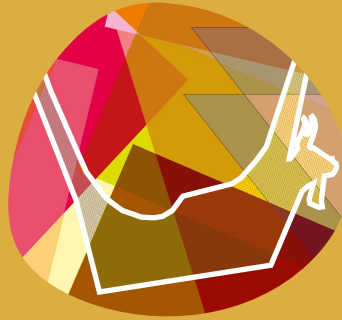
Poetic sounds from Latin-America. Flowers for Gülümser Kalender and other poets a.o. Maram Al-Masri (Syria), Adnan Sayegh (Iraq), Abdul Razak (Irak/Oman), Pedro Enriquez (Spain), Glodi (NL), Jamal Nessari (Iran), Hussein Nhaba (Iraq), Ramon Haniotis (Uruguay), Juan Carlos Tajés (Uruguay), Karina Miñano (Perú), Bruno Mercier (SW), Youetta de Jager (NL), Zahir Al Ghafri (Oman/Sweden) and Anita Poolman (NL).



Mesopotamia Book Fair June 25th & 26th

At the Arabic book fair you can find the following publishers:

Safahat, Kashkoolbooks, Ebjed, Lapis Lazuli, Al-Darawish and Bayt Alkitaab Alsiwmarii
(Sumerian publishing house)



Special guests



Waciny Laredj



Arjan Duinker



Sayet Ali Salehi



Maram Al-Masri



Jouomana
Al-Tarawneh

Music: Mashgh eshgh

Especially for our festival the famous Iranian band Mashgh eshgh (Lessons of love) will perform on our theatre stage.



Kourosh
Teymourzadeh

Practical Information

Tickets

The book fair is free, including the presentations by the publishing houses.
The theatre program is €10,- per day for all poetry presentations, films and music.
Tickets are available on the Laaktheater website www.laaktheater.nl.

Location

The Mesopotamia Festival will take place in Laaktheater, Ferrandweg 4T, 2523 XT Den Haag.

Route

Laaktheater can be reached by car and public transport. Tram 16 (From Den Haag CS, Den Haag Centrum and Den Haag HS, tramstop Van Zeggelenlaan, Bus 26, busstop Stieltjesstraat, in walking distance from NS Station Den Haag Moerwijk. By car: follow motorway A13, E19 direction Den Haag/Delft. Exit 7 (Rijswijk). Follow the S107. Turn left to the Laan van Hoornwijck. Turn left at the Jan van der Heidenstraat. At the Lorentzplein follow the Goeverneurlaan. At the end of the Goeverneurlaan turn right to the Ferrandweg. Daytime parking is free. Payed parking is between 18:00-00:00 hrs.



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