

PASSION FOR ART



EVENTS CALENDAR
FEBRUARY / APRIL 2014



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TICKETS REQUIRED

Tickets should be purchased from the specified points of sale in the middle page of this calendar.



FREE ENTRANCE

Entrance to these events is free of charge.



LIMITED SEATING

Seating at these venues is limited, therefore early attendance is highly advised.



FAMILY

This event is suitable for young members of the family.



EDUCATION

This group will also conduct an educational workshop that requires registration by calling the number under the Education icon on the event page.



COMMUNITY

This group will perform a separate free event for social welfare societies and others.





SPRING OF CULTURE

FOREWORD


Dear Friends,

Marhaba! Our year's most anticipated festival, the Spring of Culture, is back with Bahrain's richest cultural agenda. Our 9th edition truly is a feast for the senses and a dynamic celebration of art in all its diverse forms with the combination of *Our Year Of Art* and *Manama: Capital of Asian Tourism* programmes for 2014.

For the next two months, our many historic and culture sites come alive with local, regional and international flavors. From Mohammed Abdo and Eric Clapton's notable voices at the picturesque Arad Fort, to José Carreras and the Liaoning Ballet's power performances at the National Theatre, our lineup is charged with cultural icons in music, theatre, dance, opera and much, much more.

With unique cultural performances of Bahraini Folk Music at the highly anticipated Tree of Life Visitor Center opening to daily shows at the lively *Weaving Colors* week, Bahrain's heritage is more prominently featured than ever! This year's special exhibitions also include popular artists Abdulla Al Muharraqi and Ebrahim Busaad, whose contributions to the artistic scene ensure that they remain favorites for generations to come.

Family-friendly festivities promise a variety of cultural experiences from around the world with imaginative performances from the Chinese National Acrobatic Troupe and Festival Aix's *Child and the Magic Spells*, catering to audiences across all ages and backgrounds and creating educational and multicultural events and opportunities.



Explore your interests, develop your imagination, and indulge your passion for art in this year's Spring of Culture.

To stay connected with us for all updates and news, follow us on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook (springofculture).

The full schedule of exciting events and activities is also available through our Spring of Culture website www.springofculture.org

Shukran and Enjoy the Celebrations.



The Spring of Culture Team

Spring of Culture is organized by the Economic Development Board, the Ministry of Culture, and Shaikh Ebrahim bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Centre for Culture and Research, in collaboration with Al Barih Art Gallery, Al Riwaq Art Space and La Fontaine Centre.

EVENT PLANNER

27TH FEBRUARY - 31ST MARCH

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

- March 2nd
- Japanese Makie

- March 3rd
- Ghalia Bin Ali
 - Alwan 338

- March 4th
- Muharraqi:
Father and Son

WEEK 3

- March 9th
- The Child and The
Magic Spells

- March 10th
- Abdul Aziz Khojah

March 11th

WEEK 4

- March 16th
- Private
Conversations
in Public Spaces

- March 17th
- Hachem Saleh

March 18th

WEEK 5

March 23rd

- March 24th
- Rene Jacques
Mayer

March 25th

WEEK 6

- March 30th
- The Very Hungry
Caterpillar &
Other Eric Carle
Favourites
 - Book Fair

- March 31st
- Dr. Taleb AL Rifai
 - Memory of the
House
 - Book Fair

TICKETED EVENTS ■

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>February 27th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five Hundred Years of Islamic Calligraphy • Michel Fadel • BAB Market 	<p>February 28th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BAB Market 	<p>March 1st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BAB Market
<p>March 5th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramsey Lewis & Philip Bailey • Shaikh Mohammed AlSubah 	<p>March 6th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • José Carreras: The Legendary Tenor 	<p>March 7th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Child and The Magic Spells 	<p>March 8th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Clapton • The Child and The Magic Spells
<p>March 12th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vienna Boys' Choir 	<p>March 13th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Market 	<p>March 14th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohammed Abdo • Art Market 	<p>March 15th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Conversations in Public Spaces • World of Opera • Art Market
<p>March 19th</p>	<p>March 20th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China National Acrobatic Troupe 	<p>March 21st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China National Acrobatic Troupe 	<p>March 22nd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yal Zainah Thikreeni • China National Acrobatic Troupe
<p>March 26th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gibran The Play 	<p>March 27th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other Eric Carle Favourites • Book Fair • BAB Market 	<p>March 28th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troy • The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other Eric Carle Favourites • Gibran The Play • Book Fair • BAB Market 	<p>March 29th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troy • The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other Eric Carle Favourites • Book Fair • BAB Market

EVENT PLANNER

1ST - 30TH APRIL

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
WEEK 6			April 1st <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Fair
WEEK 7	April 6th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weaving Colors• Book Fair	April 7th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yahya Jaber• Weaving Colors• Hossam Dirar	April 8th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weaving Colors• Hossam Dirar
WEEK 8	April 13th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BuSaad Art Gallery Opening• Road of Silk• Hossam Dirar	April 14th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Haifaa Al Mansour• Recreational Purpose• Road of Silk• Hossam Dirar	April 15th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreational Purpose• Road of Silk• Hossam Dirar
WEEK 9	April 20th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreational Purpose• Hossam Dirar	April 21st <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreational Purpose• Hossam Dirar	April 22nd <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreational Purpose• Hossam Dirar
WEEK 20	April 27th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreational Purpose• Hossam Dirar	April 28th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreational Purpose	April 29th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreational Purpose

TICKETED EVENTS ■

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 2nd <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weaving Colors• Book Fair	April 3rd <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ahmed Jamal• Weaving Colors• Book Fair• Opening of Bait Al Ghus	April 4th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gloria Gaynor• Weaving Colors• Book Fair	April 5th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Songs of Spring: The Tree of Life• Weaving Colors• Book Fair
April 9th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weaving Colors• Hossam Dirar	April 10th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entropy of Fusions• Liaoning Ballet of China• Art Market• Road of Silk• Hossam Dirar	April 11th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art Market• Road of Silk• Hossam Dirar	April 12th <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art Market• Road of Silk• Hossam Dirar
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CURRENT

FIVE HUNDRED YEARS OF ISLAMIC CALLIGRAPHY

MASTERPIECES FROM SAKIP
SABANCI MUSEUM



DATES:	CURRENT - SUN 13TH APRIL
TIME:	8:00AM - 8:00PM
VENUE:	BAHRAIN NATIONAL MUSEUM
TYPE:	EXHIBITION
COUNTRY:	TURKEY

The exhibition is a breathtaking showcase of the "Art of the Book" from Ottoman-era Turkey. Held in collaboration with the Sakıp Sabancı Museum in Istanbul, the exhibition features intricate examples from the museum's collection, considered to be among the finest of its kind. Displays include rare Korans, prayer books, calligraphy, landscapes, and illuminated manuscripts by leading artists working under the patronage of Ottoman sultans from the 16th to early 20th centuries.



FREE
ENTRANCE



27/02

MICHEL FADEL

DATES:	THUR 27TH FEB
TIME:	8:30 PM
VENUE:	BAHRAIN NATIONAL THEATRE
TYPE:	MUSIC
COUNTRY:	LEBANON
MINIMUM AGE:	8 YEARS

In his extraordinary show, renowned musician Michel Fadel mixes traditional Arabic songs and music from 60 different artists in a modern fusion presentation. In taking on this grand risk, Michel Fadel pioneers a new wave within the music industry, and reveals different dimensions within the genre that invites audiences to enjoy Arabic music from an entirely original perspective.

نهاية الأسبوع من كل شهر
Last weekend of every month



27/02

BAB MARKET

DATES:	THUR 27TH FEBRUARY – SAT 1ST MARCH THUR 27TH – SAT 29TH MARCH
TIME:	THUR & FRI: 5:00 – 9:00 PM SAT: 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
VENUE:	BAB AL BAHRAIN AND MANAMA SOUQ
TYPE:	EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS
COUNTRY:	BAHRAIN

Following the success of BAB MARKET 2013, the Ministry of Culture hosts this contemporary outdoor festival featuring local designers, creative participants selling products and taking part in a series of interactive events. Located in the heart of Manama, Bab Al Bahrain, the event will showcase the island's heritage and entrepreneurs.

www.moc.gov.bh





02/03

JAPANESE MAKIE EXHIBITION

DATES:	SUN 2ND MARCH - SUN 6TH APRIL
TIME:	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
VENUE:	BAHRAIN NATIONAL MUSEUM
TYPE:	EXHIBITION
COUNTRY:	JAPAN

Japanese Makie is a traditional craft technique with a rich history. This exhibition showcases lacquer objects sprinkled with gold and silver powder to form decorative images that are distinctly Japanese. The art form spread from Imperial courts to the rest of the world as it flourished in the 16th century. The exhibition will trace the makie art form through the centuries, featuring diverse items ranging from grand ceremonial pieces to household items.



03/03

GHALIA BIN ALI

A TRIBUTE TO UMM KULTHUM

DATES:	MON 3RD MARCH
TIME:	8:00 PM
VENUE:	SHAIKH EBRAHIM CENTER FOR CULTURE AND RESEARCH
TYPE:	SONG
COUNTRY:	TUNISIA

Ghalia Benali is one of the musical surprises to emerge from the Arab world at the turn of the millennium. A successful actress, she played a leading role in the film "La saison des hommes", crafted graphical designer and talented singer, composer and songwriter. Singing Arabic folk and jazz traditions to contemporary chillout and Indian Classical music, joining her on stage is oud and piano player Moufadel Adhoum, violin player Ayman Asfour percussionist Ayman Mabrouk.

FREE FREE ENTRANCE





03/03

ALWAN 338

DATES:	MON 3RD MARCH – SAT 19TH APRIL
TIME:	ALL DAY
VENUE:	AL RIWAQ ART SPACE, BLOCK 338
TYPE:	EXHIBITION
COUNTRY:	BAHRAIN

Al Riwaq Art Space is excited to present its annual public arts festival “Alwan338.” Under the theme of “foundations” and with a focus on the neighbourhood of Adlya, Alwan338 offers a packed schedule of exhibitions, workshops, screenings, talks, food, music and more!

Interact with exciting new art works exhibited all over Adlya, made by local, regional, and international artists.

Check the project’s blog for daily updates and further information:
alwanfestival.wordpress.com and www.alriwaqartspace.com

04/03

MUHARRAQI: FATHER AND SON

CREATIVITY THROUGH GENERATIONS

DATES:	TUES 4TH MARCH - THUR 3RD APRIL
TIME:	7:00 PM
VENUE:	BIN MATTAR HOUSE
TYPE:	EXHIBITION
COUNTRY:	BAHRAIN

This joint exhibition offers a unique trans-generational insight through the works of acclaimed Bahraini artist Abdullah Al-Muharraqi, one of the country's pioneering contemporary artists, and his son Khalid Al-Muharraqi, a leading digital artist and urban planner. Held under the patronage of HRH the Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the exhibition is the first-ever collaboration between the father-son duo, in which they present a wide range of their latest artworks that trace the evolution of art from generation to generation.



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05/03

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN A DISORDERLY WORLD

SHAIKH MOHAMMED
ALSUBAH

DATES:	WED 5TH MARCH
TIME:	8:00 PM
VENUE:	SHAIKH EBRAHIM CENTER FOR CULTURE AND RESEARCH
TYPE:	LECTURE
COUNTRY:	KUWAIT

Sustainable development presents a way to navigate this fast-changing world and set a roadmap for natural preservation and human development. Dr. Shaikh Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al Subah, former deputy prime minister and former minister of foreign affairs of Kuwait, and member of the UN Elders Advisory Council, will deliver a lecture on sustainable development as an alternative strategy to address issues related to economic, environmental, and human trajectories.



05/03

RAMSEY LEWIS & PHILIP BAILEY

DATES: WED 5TH MARCH

TIME: 8:30 PM

VENUE: ARAD FORT

TYPE: SONG

COUNTRY: USA

MINIMUM AGE: 8 YEARS

The great performer, composer, pianist and jazz legend. The three-time Grammy winner and recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters Award Ramsey Lewis unites with soul, gospel, funk singer, songwriter and percussionist Philip Bailey for an enticing evening of jazz and R&B classics that grew out of their legendary careers. Bailey has won seven Grammy Awards and has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Song-writers Hall of Fame.

www.ramseylewis.com



TICKETS
REQUIRED





06/03

JOSÉ CARRERAS

THE LEGENDARY TENOR

DATES:	THUR 6TH MARCH
TIME:	8:00 PM
VENUE:	BAHRAIN NATIONAL THEATRE
TYPE:	SONG
COUNTRY:	SPAIN
MINIMUM AGE:	8 YEARS

Opera legend José Carreras' golden voice keeps audiences mesmerized in a night of pure operatic enchantment. Considered one of the most important opera singers in the latter half of the 20th century, the Spanish tenor has been performing his moving renditions of timeless masterpieces on the stages of the world's leading opera houses and chart-topping albums over an illustrious solo career, but also including his work with the "3 Tenors"



07/03

THE CHILD AND THE MAGIC SPELLS

DATES: FRI 7TH – SUN 9TH MARCH

TIME: FRI: 4:00 PM
SAT: 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM
SUN: 11:00 AM

VENUE: CULTURAL HALL

TYPE: THEATRE

COUNTRY: FRANCE

MINIMUM AGE: 8 YEARS

Production of the Festival d'Aix 2012, in coproduction with Théâtre du Jeu de Paume and Opéra de Dijon.

This magical tale follows the exciting journey of how a once-naughty child who never listened to his mother became a caring person. Featuring fun song and dance numbers and a large colorful cast of animals and animated objects, the enlightening family-friendly play teaches kids how their actions and decisions can affect all those around them.

www.festival-aix.com



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08/03

ERIC CLAPTON

DATES: SAT 8TH MARCH

TIME: 8:30 PM

VENUE: ARAD FORT

TYPE: SONG

COUNTRY: UK

MINIMUM AGE: 8 YEARS

One of the world's pre-eminent Blues/Rock guitarists, Eric Clapton is the only triple inductee into The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, he has earned numerous Grammy's and other awards from all over the world. Dubbed 'The Musicians Musician', the driving force behind Eric's success has always been and will remain the Music and in particular the Blues. This first love inspired a boy from the small village of Ripley in Surrey, to pick up a guitar and attempt to emulate his heroes. In doing so he himself became a hero to millions.

www.ericclapton.com



10/03

ABDUL AZIZ KHOJAH

DATES:	MON 10TH MARCH
TIME:	8:00 PM
VENUE:	HOUSE OF POETRY
TYPE:	POETRY
COUNTRY:	SAUDI ARABIA

Abdulaziz Khoja, a prominent poet in modern Saudi literature acquires a collection of published poems and scientific articles in chemistry and reaction mechanism. Currently the Minister of Culture and Information to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, he began his carrier as a chemistry teacher at the University of Mecca. He joined the diplomatic corps in the 80s as Saudi ambassador to various countries.



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12/03

VIENNA BOYS' CHOIR

DATES: WED 12TH MARCH

TIME: 7:00 PM

VENUE: CULTURAL HALL

TYPE: SONG

COUNTRY: AUSTRIA

MINIMUM AGE: 6 YEARS

Vienna's youngest ambassadors give over 300 concerts and performances each year in front of almost half a million people in Europe, Asia, America and Australia. Today there are around 100 choristers between the ages of ten and fourteen, divided into four touring choirs. The Vienna Boys' Choir strives to create an environment in which boys can fully develop and realize their personal and musical potential.

www.wieneresaengerknaben.at



M A R K E T

13/03

ART MARKET

DATES: THUR 13TH - SAT 15TH MARCH
THUR 10TH - SAT 12TH APRIL

TIME: THUR 5:00 - 9:00 PM
FRI 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
SAT 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

VENUE: BAB AL BAHRAIN & MANAMA SOUQ

TYPE: EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

COUNTRY: BAHRAIN

As part of the "Our Year of Art" initiative, art comes alive at Bab Al Bahrain! The historic market will provide the perfect setting for Art Market, a kaleidoscope of color and endless activity. The venue showcases the creations of the nation's next generation of artistic minds on the second weekend of each month for the entire year, giving the public a chance to snap up everything from paintings, to handicrafts, furniture, accessories, graphics, woodworks, prints, photographs, and much, much more. Not only that, but audiences will also surely enjoy live concerts from a wide range of music genres and interactive fun family-friendly activities. Shopping, art, music, and fun... What more could one want?

www.moc.gov.bh



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Culture & National Heritage



14/03

MOHAMMED ABDO

DATES: FRI 14TH MARCH

TIME: 9:30 PM

VENUE: ARAD FORT

TYPE: SONG

COUNTRY: SAUDI ARABIA

MINIMUM AGE: 8 YEARS

The Artist of Arabs, the legend, Mohammed Abdo has been entertaining the Gulf region and the Arab world for more than half a century.



15/03

PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS IN PUBLIC SPACES

DATES:	SAT 15TH - SUN 16TH MARCH
TIME:	4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
VENUE:	BLOCK 209, MUHARRAQ - NEAR THE HOUSE OF COFFEE
TYPE:	LECTURE IN ENGLISH

A two-day program of presentations and conversations that will gather a number of regional and international architects, artists and writers, around the topic of public practices and design of public spaces. The talks will be held outdoors at the two first squares in the Old City of Muharraq, designed by Office Kersten Geers and David Van Severen and Bureau Bas Smets as the urban trail of the Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy UNESCO World Heritage site.





15/03

WORLD OF OPERA

DATES: SAT 15TH MARCH

TIME: 8:00 PM

VENUE: LA FONTAINE CENTER
OF CONTEMPORARY ART

TYPE: SONG

COUNTRY: INTERNATIONAL

World of Opera™ presents the treasures of vocal art, the most beautiful arias and songs performed by international artists. Sopranoist Verica Grmusa, sopranoist Anna Karadimitrova and pianist Bartek Rybak join together to perform a number of solo pieces as well as arias for duo and trio. Program of concert includes works of Bizet, Chopin, Gounod, Haendel, Mozart, Puccini, Rossini, Verdi and others.

www.lafontaineartcentre.net



TICKETS
REQUIRED



17/03

THE STRUGGLE FOR ARAB ENLIGHTENMENT

HASHEM SALEH

DATES:	MON 17TH MARCH
TIME:	8:00 PM
VENUE:	SHAIKH EBRAHIM CENTER FOR CULTURE AND RESEARCH
TYPE:	LECTURE IN ARABIC
COUNTRY:	SYRIA

Residing in Paris, the intellectual, author and translator Saleh has published a book on Islamic fundamentalism in Arabic. He promotes the fact that Arab philosopher should introduce a new perception of the reading of the Islamic message, one which is in harmony with the modern world rather than contradicting it.



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20/03

CHINA NATIONAL ACROBATIC TROUPE

DATES:	THUR 20TH – SAT 22ND MARCH
TIME:	6:30 PM
VENUE:	ARAD FORT
TYPE:	THEATRE
COUNTRY:	CHINA

The renowned China National Acrobatic Troupe was founded in 1950, and actively blends Chinese tradition with innovation. As a result of the company's 7th decade of artistic experience, this enchanting family event combines acrobatics, music, dance, drama, Chinese Kung fu, and theatrical magic. To date, the troupe has won 48 gold medals in a variety of domestic and international acrobatics competitions.

This is a family event to be enjoyed by all, therefore, please ensure that children attending the event are able to sit in their own seat quietly without disturbing other guests. Parental discretion is advised prior to purchase as this show will contain darkness, loud noise and strobe lighting. As a further courtesy to our patrons, the organizers recommend one parent or chaperone for each one child in attendance. Strollers will not be allowed in the venue.

All attendees must hold a ticket regardless of age

www.chinaculture.org



22/03

YAL ZAINAH THIKRENI

A TRIBUTE TO SHAIKH ISA
BIN RASHID AL KHALIFA

DATES:	SAT 22ND MARCH
TIME:	7:00 PM
VENUE:	CULTURAL HALL
TYPE:	TRIBUTE
COUNTRY:	BAHRAIN

One of our region's most prominent and personable figures in poetry and sports, Sh. Isa bin Rashid Al-Khalifa has created a unique niche within the Gulf's cultural fabric. His iconic collection of poems centers around patriotic and nostalgic themes. On the occasion of World Poetry Day, Bahrain's writers and poets pay tribute to Sh. Isa bin Rashid in a celebration of his contributions to Bahraini poetry and literature.

24/03

GRAFTING BEAUTY: A WAY FOR A COUNTRY TO EXPRESS ITS CULTURAL IDENTITY

RENE JACQUES MAYER

DATES:	MON 24TH MARCH
TIME:	8:00 PM
VENUE:	ABDULLAH AL ZAYED HOUSE
TYPE:	LECTURE IN ENGLISH
COUNTRY:	FRANCE

Chairman of Designer's Days, the Paris design festival, Mayer knowledge in developing applied research in ceramics and related arts is overwhelming. His first post was project manager at the Louvre Museum. He later became Secretary General of the Manufacture Nationale de Sèvres. He oversaw the production, diffusion and influence of the institute's activity and the development of the design, architecture and decorative arts sector.



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26/03

GIBRAN

THE PLAY

DATES:	WED 26TH & FRI 28TH MARCH
TIME:	8:00 PM
VENUE:	CULTURAL HALL
TYPE:	THEATRE
COUNTRY:	ENGLAND
MINIMUM AGE:	12 YEARS

Based on the life story of Gibran Khalil Gibran. The Arab visionary and thinker's legacy continues to inspire people globally. This production artfully combines drama and comedy, celebrating the Arab sense of humor and family warmth through the relationship of Gibran and his sister Miryanna as they struggle to survive in America, providing insights into the environment and the people who had a profound impact on this revered poet's life.

www.gibrantheplay.com



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16th
BAHRAIN
INT'L BOOK
FAIR

27/03

BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR

DATES:	THUR 27TH MARCH - SUN 6TH APRIL
TIME:	DAILY: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 4:30 PM - 9:30 PM FRI: 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
VENUE:	BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AND CONVENTION CENTRE
TYPE:	EXHIBITION
GUEST OF HONOR:	EGYPT

The 16th Bahrain International Book Fair is a biennial event that showcases publishers and booksellers in all subject areas under one roof. The book fair has built a sound reputation and has fostered the participation of Arab and foreign publishing houses. The event aims to encourage readers at all levels, interest and ages to experience the joy of reading.

www.bookfair.bh

27/03

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR & OTHER ERIC CARLE FAVOURITES



DATES:	THUR 27TH – SUN 30TH MARCH
TIME:	27TH & 30TH: 3:30 PM & 5:30 PM 28TH & 29TH: 10:00 AM & 4:00 PM
VENUE:	ALUMNI CLUB
TYPE:	THEATRE
COUNTRY:	CANADA
MINIMUM AGE:	3 YEARS <i>Original ID required (CPR / Passport)</i>

Eric Carle's beloved tales are brought to life by Canada's acclaimed Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia. The Very Hungry Caterpillar munches through an amazing menu to become a beautiful butterfly. Little Cloud's playful transformations introduce whimsical creatures in the sky. The Mixed-Up Chameleon's visit to the zoo leads to surprise adventures. A family performance not to be missed!

www.mermaidtheatre.ca



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28/03

TROY

DATES:	FRI 28TH – SAT 29TH MARCH
TIME:	8:30 PM
VENUE:	ARAD FORT
TYPE:	THEATRE
COUNTRY:	TURKEY
MINIMUM AGE:	8 YEARS

Fire of Anatolia Dance Troupe dazzles the historical myth of TROY in a spectacular live production that blends modern dance, ballet, traditional oriental rhythms, folk dances and special effects. With no less than 64 dancers to the stage dressed with beautiful costumes, every minute bursts with tremendous energy.

www.fireofanatolia.com

31/03

CULTURAL TOURISM: URBANISM IN HISTORIC CITIES

DR. TALEB AL RIFAI

DATES:	MON 31ST MARCH
TIME:	8:00 PM
VENUE:	SHAIKH EBRAHIM CENTER FOR CULTURE AND RESEARCH
TYPE:	LECTURE IN ARABIC
COUNTRY:	JORDAN

With a diverse history in the Jordanian government, Mr. Rifai is the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization. He has held this position since being unanimously elected in 2010. He is based in Madrid, Spain. Rifai is a firm believer that the Travel and tourism industry plays a vital and highly efficient roll in job creations globally creating a spin off for jobs in other industries.



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31/03

MEMORY OF THE HOUSE

DATES: **MON 31ST MARCH**

TIME: **7:00 PM**

VENUE: **SHAIKH EBRAHIM CENTER FOR CULTURE
AND RESEARCH**

TYPE: **EVENT**

COUNTRY: **BAHRAIN**

Shaikh Ebrahim bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Center for Culture & Research, a pioneer institution established in 2002 in Muharraq as a forum for dialogue in various cultural pursuits, has undergone many changes in its structure due to urban changes in the area. Recently, 12 years since its establishment, a small room which was part of the original house where the center is located was discovered in its original condition. The pristine room will be opened to the public, enabling viewers the opportunity to re-discover the old homes of Muharraq through the eyes of its original owner.



02/04

WEAVING COLORS

THE 22ND ANNUAL
BAHRAIN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

DATES:	WED 2ND – WED 9TH APRIL
TIME:	4:00 – 9:00 PM
VENUE:	BAHRAIN NATIONAL MUSEUM
TYPE:	EXHIBITION AND EVENTS
COUNTRY:	BAHRAIN

Since its launch in 1992, the Bahrain Heritage Festival reflects the country's keen interest in preserving and developing Bahrain's deep-rooted and rich heritage for the future generations with an annual showcase. This year, the popular celebration focuses on textiles and traditional costumes of Bahraini men and women, featuring a textile exhibition, market, daily Bahraini music, food and specialized workshops, as well as a chance to see some of Bahrain's finest craftsmen at work.

This event will be held outdoors.

www.moc.gov.bh





03/04

AHMED JAMAL

DATES: THUR 3RD APRIL

TIME: 8:00 PM

VENUE: CULTURAL HALL

TYPE: SONG

COUNTRY: EGYPT

MINIMUM AGE: 6 YEARS

Lovers of classical Egyptian tarab music are in for a treat with the young singer Ahmed Jamal, whose exceptional performances made him one of the breakout stars of the talent show "Arab Idol" broadcast on MBC, in which he captured the attention and hearts of viewers and the show's judges with his strong voice and genuine emotion.



03/04

OPENING OF BAIT AL GHUS

DATES:	THUR 3RD APRIL
TIME:	6:00 PM
VENUE:	MUHARRAQ
TYPE:	EVENT
COUNTRY:	BAHRAIN

The Al Ghous House is one of the 16 world heritage properties that make up the *Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy* UNESCO World Heritage site in Muharraq. The house allows an insight into the life of a diver, the first person to make contact with the pearl, which stimulated the far-reaching pearling economy. The house will accommodate an exhibition facility offering visitors the opportunity to experience the living conditions of the lower income members of the society during the late pearling era. The conservation works have been financed by Bahrain-based Rashid Investment Holding (RIH) and were started in March 2013.

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04/04

GLORIA GAYNOR

DATES: FRI 4TH APRIL

TIME: 8:30 PM

VENUE: ARAD FORT

TYPE: SONG

COUNTRY: USA

MINIMUM AGE: 8 YEARS

The Queen of Disco Gloria Gaynor electrifies Arad with the, greatest disco anthems of all time. Gloria made history with her version of "Never Can Say Good-Bye" that became the first Dance Song to reach #1 status in dance music. 2014 marks the 35th Anniversary for the song that grew into the banner for social survival, I will Survive.

www.gloriagaynor.com



05/04

SONGS OF SPRING: THE TREE OF LIFE

DATES:	SAT 5TH APRIL
TIME:	6:00 PM
VENUE:	TREE OF LIFE
TYPE:	EVENT
COUNTRY:	BAHRAIN

The Tree of Life, a natural wonder and longtime symbol of Bahrain, will provide a spectacular backdrop for a unique cultural performance of Bahraini Folk music. The performance will mark the official opening of the Tree of Life Visitor Center, a landmark project set to transform and preserve this uniquely Bahraini cultural asset for future generations.



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ENTRANCE



07/04

THE MATERNAL MAN

YAHYA JABER

DATES: MON 7TH APRIL

TIME: 8:00 PM

VENUE: HOUSE OF POETRY

TYPE: POETRY

COUNTRY: LEBANON

Famed Lebanese poet, playwright, and journalist Yahya Jaber accompanies audiences for an evening of poetry from some of his best known works. Known for his unique provocative style, Jaber delves into controversial topics which unveil the many often contradictory layers and nuances within him, his adult-themed poems from some of his published works such as *You're A Divorced Woman*, *Plasma Lake*, *Bullies*, and *Love in the Washing Machine*.



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07/04

HOSSAM DIRAR

DATES:	MON 7TH - SUN 27TH APRIL
TIME:	OPENING 7:00 PM SAT - THUR: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
VENUE:	AL BAREH
TYPE:	EXHIBITION
COUNTRY:	EGYPT

Albareh is proud to introduce the artworks of Hossam Dirar, with his first Solo in the region and also Bahrain. One of Egypt's most significant contemporary artists, included in Saatchi's portfolio of emerging artists to invest in during 2013, Dirar is a multi-disciplinary artist working across painting, photography, installation, video and graphic design. His works are conceived as a re-interpretation of Egypt's rich visual heritage, overlapping between the multi-cultural character of Cairo, the city's complex and ever expanding urban façade, the region's traditional iconography and the influence of contemporary media in shaping cultural referents.

www.albareh.com



10/04

ROAD OF SILK EXHIBITION: TRADITION AND FASHION OF CHINESE TEXTILES

PART OF THE CHINESE
CULTURAL WEEK

DATES:	THUR 10TH – SAT 19TH APRIL
TIME:	(OPENING NIGHT AT 7:00 PM) 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
VENUE:	ART CENTRE NEAR BAHRAIN NATIONAL MUSEUM
TYPE:	EXHIBITION
COUNTRY:	CHINA

China is synonymous with silk, that valuable commodity discovered by the ancient Chinese which remained a closely guarded secret for many centuries. The Road of Silk exhibition, part of Chinese Cultural Week, is a beautiful showcase of garments and equipment which highlight the role silk played in spreading Chinese culture and inter-cultural communication, as well the evolution of this industry from ancient times to present day. This April marks the 25th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bahrain and China.



10/04

LIAONING BALLET

PART OF THE CHINESE
CULTURAL WEEK

DATES: THUR 10TH APRIL

TIME: 8:00 PM

VENUE: BAHRAIN NATIONAL THEATRE

TYPE: DANCE

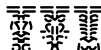
COUNTRY: CHINA

MINIMUM AGE: 8 YEARS

Chinese Cultural Week activities continue with the Liaoning Ballet, widely recognized as the preeminent group of its kind in China. Its talented dancers are set to perform select ballet masterpieces, with a distinctly Chinese flavor. Established in 1980, the Liaoning Ballet's performances are charged with the spirit of exploration and innovation, illustrating the value of ballet as an artistic medium.



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11/04

ENTROPY OF FUSIONS

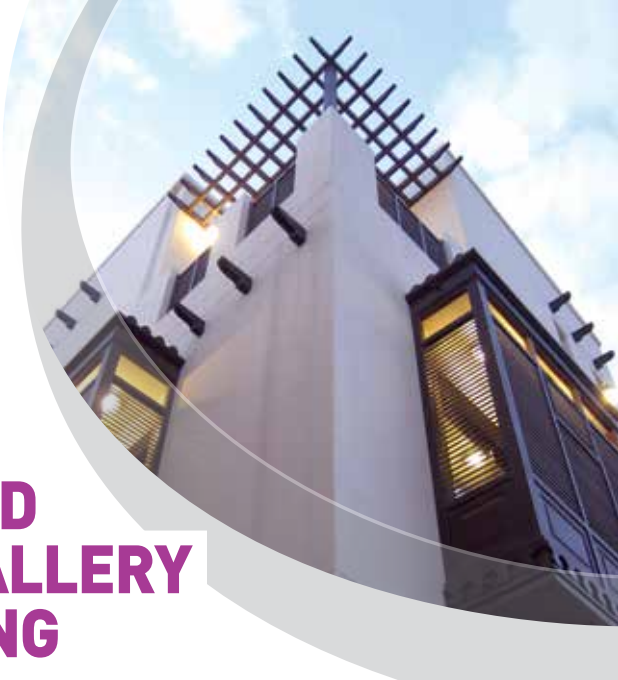
DATES:	FRI 11TH APRIL - MID JUNE
TIME:	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
VENUE:	LA FONTAINE CENTER OF CONTEMPORARY ART
TYPE:	EXHIBITION
COUNTRY:	TURKEY

Ali Abayoglu, composes abstract sculptures, paintings and installations made of wood, metal and other materials through fusion with glass technique. His works "Sukufe" and "Ekmeek" were exhibited in Pera Fine Arts Gallery in Pera, Istanbul. His thesis, Reflections of Ottoman Ornaments on Glass, a hot fusion sample of the Ottoman Motives is exhibited at Faculty of Fine Arts Gallery. His illumination work, created by pattern collapse technique, is currently exhibited in some high-end hotels.

www.lafontaineartcentre.net



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13/04

BUSAAD ART GALLERY OPENING

DATES:	SUN 13TH APRIL
TIME:	(OPENING 8:00 PM) SAT - THUR: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
VENUE:	BUSAAD ART GALLERY - MUHARRAQ NEAR SH. ISA BIN ALI MOSQUE
TYPE:	OPENING / EXHIBITION
COUNTRY:	BAHRAIN

Situated in a traditional house in old Muharraq, Busaad Art Gallery opens on April 13th with a special exhibition entitled "Shade of Pink," showcasing fine artworks by renowned Bahraini artist Ebrahim Busaad. The house, originally constructed in the 1930's by the artist's grandfather in the distinctive Muharraqi style, was restored again in 2011 to create a truly unique gallery space to present Ebrahim Busaad artworks.

www.busaad.com



14/04

CINEMA IN THE GULF REGION, THE VOICE OF WOMEN AND THE YOUNG GENERATION

HAIFAA AL MANSOUR

DATES:	MON 14TH APRIL
TIME:	8:00 PM
VENUE:	SHAIKH EBRAHIM CENTER FOR CULTURE AND RESEARCH
TYPE:	LECTURE IN ARABIC
COUNTRY:	SAUDI ARABIA

Haifaa Al Mansour is the first female filmmaker in Saudi Arabia and is considered one of its most significant cinematic figures. The success of her films 'Women Without Shadows' and 'Wadjda' influenced a new wave of Saudi filmmakers and made the issue of opening cinemas in the Kingdom front-page news.



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14/04

RECREATIONAL PURPOSE

DATES:	MON 14TH APRIL - FRI 15TH AUGUST
TIME:	(OPENING 7:00 PM) 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
VENUE:	BAHRAIN NATIONAL MUSEUM
TYPE:	EXHIBITION
COUNTRY:	INTERNATIONAL

Recreational Purpose is a group photography exhibition commissioned on the occasion of Manama, Capital of Arab Tourism 2013. Six photographers from across the Arab World were invited to Bahrain for a short-term residency to work. The exhibition offers 11 personal and subjective readings of the urban and natural landscape and as many interpretations. The diversity of the photographic portfolio questions the increasingly homogenous and flattening branding initiatives for cultural tourism.

Participating artists: Taysir Batniji, Nicène Kossentini, Hrair Sarkissian, Ghada Khonji, Jamal Penjwery, Waheeda Malullah, Eman Ali, Steve Sabella, Haya Al Khalifa, Camille Zakharia and Wed Abduljawad.



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**OUTREACH
PROGRAMMES**



EDUCATION

This year's Spring of Culture invites you to be a part of its innovative and stimulating educational programme in the various forms of Art. Here lies the chance to enrich your cultural experience and develop your imagination. Pick up and practice some tricks from the amazing China National Acrobatic Troupe or join the Mermaid Theater behind the scenes to experience the puppets mechanism first hand. Polish your writing skills and follow in the footsteps of international literary icon, Gibran Khalil Gibran with a writers' workshop. Gather your kids for a fun-filled cooking session with the Enkiru Children's Club. For little artists, a meet and greet with the Vienna Boys Choir is the perfect chance to explore and expand on their hobbies.

Take a closer look at what each workshop has to offer by visiting the site below and call the education number listed for each workshop to reserve your space.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DATES, TIMINGS AND REGISTRATION,
PLEASE VISIT WWW.SPRINGOFCULTURE.ORG/OUTREACH/EDUCATION

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

WORKSHOP	DATE	TIME	VENUE	AGE	RESERVATION #
ONE DAY WITH THE VIENNA BOYS' CHOIR	TUE 11th March	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	St. Christopher's School (Isa Town)	9 - 13 years	39998745
COOKING WITH ENKIRU	THUR 13th March	4:30 - 6:00 pm	Qal'at al Bahrain Site Museum	8 -12 years	17567174
CHINA NATIONAL ACROBATIC TROUPE	SAT 22nd March	3:30 - 4:30 pm	Arad Fort	6 years and above	39999521
GIBRAN: HOW STAGE ACTORS GET PREPARED FOR THE BIG SHOW	THUR 27th March	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Cultural Hall	10 - 14 years	39998745
GIBRAN: SHORT ESSAY ON GIBRAN KHALIL GIBRAN	FRI 28th March	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Cultural Hall	15 - 18 years	39998745
THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR AND OTHER ERIC CARLE FAVOURITES	SAT 29th March	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Alumni Club	Teachers, Parents, children age 5 - 8 years	39999521



TALENT

In its 5th consecutive year, the Spring of Culture Talent Programme continues to invest in developing young Bahraini talents through its initiatives and dedication in providing workshops headed by international experts.

The Economic Development board in collaboration with Albareh Art Gallery present Nadim Kufi, a renowned visual artist who works on developing a close relationship between the disciplines of printing, etching, sculpture and design, in a two day creative thinking workshop.

Monia Touiss an artist, who had several exhibitions both in Europe and in North Africa, will host a workshop on mixing colors and preparing drawing paints from raw materials.



COMMUNITY

Spring of Culture Community Programme offers specialized groups workshops in psychodrama and the art of sand sculpture, hosted by the Economic Development Board in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the Royal Charity for Orphans and the Arabian Gulf University.

Fifty children and their supervisors from the Royal Charity for Orphans will take part in the psychodrama full day workshop while 30 public school students participate in an educational curative play transforming the book, A World of Paper, into a drama performance. Additionally, more than twenty public schools teachers and Arabian Gulf University Master Degree students come together in a psychodrama practicum entitled Hakawati. All of these will be presented by the renowned psychodrama professional Dalal Makari-Pausch.

Noted sand sculpture expert Sudarsan Pattnaik will take charge of an interactive workshop at Al Zallaq Beach for thirty students, teachers and public school supervisors to teach them unique carving skills.

Accompanying Festival Aix's production of popular children's show, The Child and The Magic Spells, are theatre music and painting sessions dedicated to students interested in expanding their theatre education and exposure. All performances of the show are open to students aged 8 and above, their families, and educators. The Spring of Culture team also invites children from the Royal Charity for Orphans to attend The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Other Eric Carle Favorites performance by The Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia.

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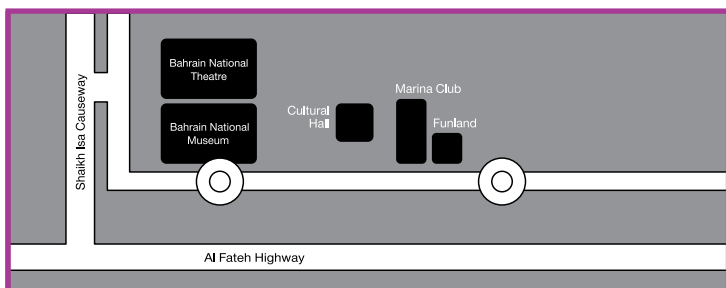


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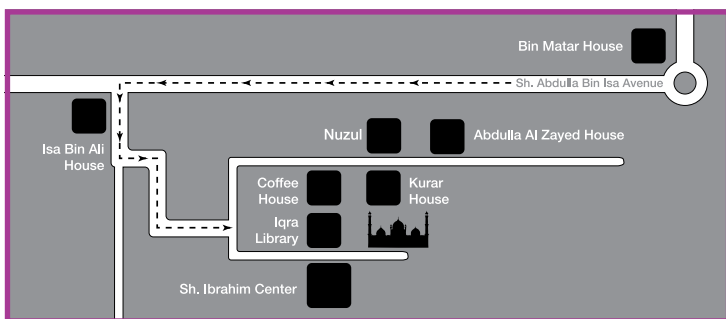
- Attendance would be greatly appreciated 45 minutes prior to all performances.
- Admission is not guaranteed to ticket holders arriving late.
- Ticket holders are kindly requested not to leave the performances before the end, this is out of courtesy and respect to the performers.
- Doors will only reopen at the end of the performances except in the case of an emergency.
- Ticket holders are requested to be seated according to their ticket category and seat number if applicable.
- All attendees must hold a ticket.
- Tickets are neither exchangeable nor refundable.
- Minimum age of attendance must be abided by according to what is specified in each event page and website.
- Tickets holders with special needs should make prior arrangements for seating through the Spring of Culture hotline. There will be an assigned area for special needs ticket holders separate from accompanying ticket holders.
- Ticket holders consent to the recording and filming of themselves as members of the audience.
- The organisers of the events reserve the right to change the announced programme.
- Mobile phones must be silenced prior to entering the venue.
- No glass bottles, food, cameras or camcorders or any form of recording devices are permitted inside the venue.
- Smoking is not permitted in the venue.
- Due to an unexpected drop in temperatures in the evenings, ticket holders of outdoor events are advised to be prepared by dressing warmly.

**VENUES &
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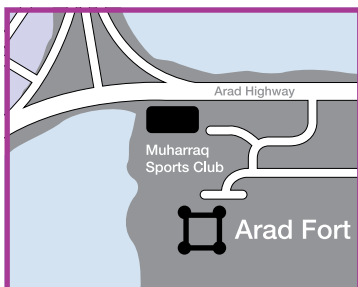
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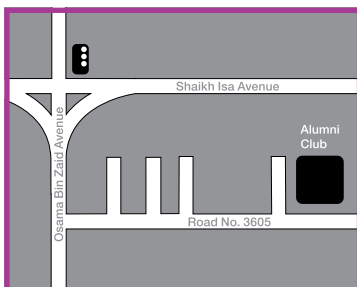


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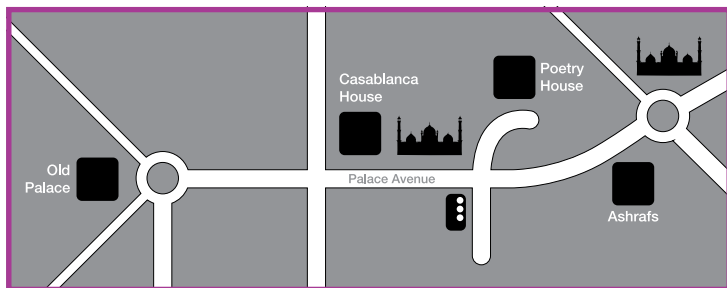
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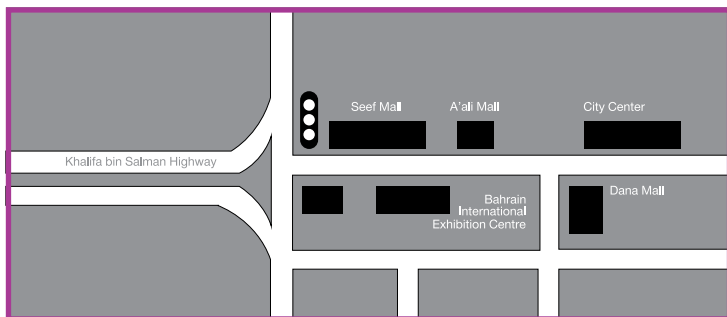


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LA FONTAINE CENTRE	17230123

Tickets for Arad events and The Alumni club are sold on line through www.springofculture.org and Bahrain City Centre - Entrance 1

Tickets for Bahrain National Theatre events are sold at Virgin Megastore and online at:

Tickets for La Fontaine Centre will be sold at the centre itself

