



AMHS CONNECT

The Alumni Newsletter

AUGUST '22

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Modernites,

We are 'Connecting' after a little longer than usual. Not because we didn't have much to share, but because we've been busy ideating, organizing and planning. Let me try and bring you up to speed. The Alumni MHS Committee, met up soon after its formal appointment and within a few minutes, we were bursting like a classroom of girls with excitement and ideas, some of which we've already well delivered.

The 'Alumni Idol', a much-awaited inter-alumni platform that brings forth latent musical talents marked its 7th year successfully with melodious voices commanding a rousing applause. As we speak, plans are afoot for a gala Modernite to be celebrated later this year in December and we would be more than happy to hear from ex-students who maybe interested in participating, volunteering, fund-raising or even just attending. We need all hands on deck!

Finally, let me extend my warmest greetings to each one of you on the occasion of our country's 75th year of Independence. Hopefully, in the coming years we will only grow into a responsible, mature democracy – one that exercises its rights with as much fervour as it fulfills its duties.

See you at Modernite'22!

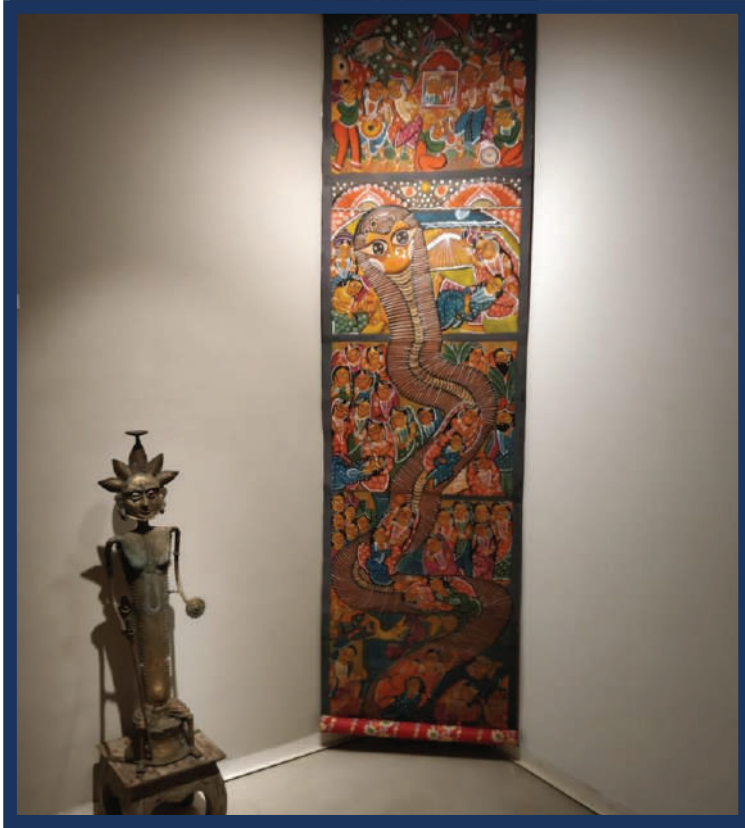


Warmly,
Supriya Newar

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A dozen Modernites with a penchant for art got together recently for a walk of a different sort; a guided art walk, by none other than the Director & Curator, CIMA Art Gallery, Rakhi Sarkar who also happens to be a distinguished ex-student of Modern High. The evening thus was very much an affair, of, by and for MHS!

The group was given a personalised walk-through of the overall visual space shaped by 75 years of Independence by various generations of artists in India. The curation featured excerpts from two landmark films, *Sholay* and *Pather Panchali*, textiles, indigenous subaltern art and of course masterpieces from veteran and young Indian artists such as Bikash Bhattacharjee, Manjit Bawa, Ganesh Pyne, Husain, Jogen Chowdhury, S.H. Raza, Samir Aich, Subodh Gupta amongst other luminaries.

Titling it 'Colours of Freedom', Ms. Sarkar described the curation as a celebration of the wonderful amalgamation of ideas, forms, iconography and colours that Indian art has imbibed, resulting in a fascinating visual vocabulary, uniquely its own.



MIKE TESTING 1..2..3...

ALUMNI IDOL SEASON 7

The 7th edition of 'Alumni Idol' that was recently held in July at Rotary Sadan by the Alumni Association of Modern High School for Girls (AMHS), saw enthusiastic participation from the alumni associations of leading schools of Kolkata.

Now in its 7th year, the 'Alumni Idol' gives a chance to various alumni to interact and reconnect with each other, as well as showcase their singing talent, live. Such is the popularity of this calendar event that in 2020 it had to be arranged online due to Covid restrictions.

The eleven participating schools included Albany Hall, Ashok Hall, Assembly of God Church, La Martiniere for Girls, Nava Nalanda, Nopany Vidyalay, Park English School, South Point, St. Thomas, St. Xavier's and of course Modern High. Each school was represented by one of its ex-students and every performance was heartily cheered by a packed auditorium.

Though none of the performances were by professional singers, each one coming from diverse professions and occupations, they kept the audience entertained with their zealous renditions.

Dr. Biswaroop Mukherjee of the St. Xavier's School Alumni (ALSOC) was declared the winner. A dentist by profession, Dr. Mukherjee enthralled the audience with yesteryear gems like 'Jaane wo kaise log the' from Guru Dutt's Pyaasa and 'Ganga aaye kahan se' from Kabuliwala. The Runner Up was bagged by Mr. Sanjay Tharad of Nopany Vidyalaya. The contestants were judged by Rabindra Sangeet maestro Dr. Pramita Mallick and the classical duo from the Benaras gharana, Pandit Deepak and Prakash Mishra.

Winners from previous seasons also took the stage to belt out a few hits. Vasundhara Mantri, an ex-student of MHS and winner of Alumni Idol Season 2, paid a tribute to Lata Mangeshkar while Dr. Suman Mitra of the Nava Nalanda Alumni Association and winner of Season 5 took the stage to sing 'Khamoshiyan' by Arijit Singh. The program was emceed by Swati Kheria of the batch of 2002.

AMHS was generously supported by many sponsors who came on board in various capacities. Hindi daily Sanmarg was media partner and lots of prized goodies and gifts were sponsored by Earthyy Bags, Vasundhara, Linc Pens, Walkooze and Chamong Tea.

Until the next edition, AMHS wishes you continued melody and music!



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ALUMNI IDOL SEASON 7

Winner



Dr Biswaroop Mukherjee

ALSOC

Alumni
Idol
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Runner Up



Sanjay Thard

Nopany Vidyalay

Alumni
Idol
SEASON 7

ModernitE²²
MEMORIES & MORE

An evening of reminiscing
& rejoicing!

Saturday, December 17

SAVE THE DATE



4 pm onwards
at School Grounds

ALUMNI OF MHS MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

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(for life membership)

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Ritu Singhania - Batch of 1989
Sushma Nevatia - Batch of 1989
Supriya Newar - Batch of 1994
Sayantani Sen - Batch of 2005
Harshita Goenka - Batch of 2010

एलुमनी एसोसिएशन ऑफ मॉडर्न हाई स्कूल फॉर गर्ल्स की इंटर एलुमनी प्रतियोगिता



कोलकाता: गाने सुनना हर किसी को अच्छा लगता है। हालांकि हर कोई गाना या नहीं गाता है। कोलकाता के रोडवे सदन में आयोजित 'एलुमनी आइडल सीजन 7' के प्रतिभागियों ने इस बात को सुदृढ़ता दिया। विविध क्षेत्रों में मुकाम हासिल कर चुके प्रतिभागियों में कोई भी पेशेवर गायक नहीं था। इन सभी ने अपनी सुरीली आवाज से दर्शकों का दिल जीत लिया। पिछले 23 जुलाई को एलुमनी एसोसिएशन ऑफ मॉडर्न हाई स्कूल फॉर गर्ल्स द्वारा इंटर एलुमनी प्रतियोगिता 'एलुमनी आइडल सीजन 7' का आयोजन किया गया था। इस प्रतियोगिता में कोलकाता के ग्याज़ प्रसिद्ध स्कूलों के सदस्यों ने हिस्सा लिया। सेंट जेवियर्स स्कूल एलुमनी के पूर्व छात्र डॉ. बिस्वनाथ मुखर्जी को विजेता घोषित किया गया। फेरे में दोन चिकित्सक डॉ. मुखर्जी ने 'जाने वो कैसे लोग थे' और 'गंगा जायी कहाँ से' जैसे पुराने गीतों को गाकर दर्शकों को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया।

विद्यालय के व्यवसायी संजय धरत को मिला। रवींद्र संगीत वादक डॉ. प्रमिता मलिक और बनारस घराने के शास्त्रीय गायक पंडित दीपक प्रकाश मिश्रा इस कार्यक्रम में जज के तौर पर उपस्थित थे जिन्होंने विजेताओं का चयन किया। इसके अतिरिक्त पिछले दो संस्करण के विजेताओं ने भी मंच पर जाकर दर्शकों को कुछ गाने सुनाए। एमएचएस को पूर्व छात्र और एलुमनी आइडल सीजन 2 की विजेता वसुंधरा मंत्री ने लता मंगेशकर के लोकप्रिय गीत 'आप को नदरों में समझा', 'लग जा गले' और 'अजीब दास्तान' सुनाकर मशहूर गायिका के प्रति श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित की। नव नारद एलुमनी एसोसिएशन के सदस्य और सीजन 5 के विजेता डॉ. सुमन मिश्रा ने 'छानोसिंधी' गाकर सबका दिल जीत लिया। 2002 के बैच की स्वाति खेरिया ने इस कार्यक्रम का संचालन किया। इस कार्यक्रम का मोडिफा पाठन सम्मान था। गायकों के लिए अर्था बैच, वसुंधरा, लिक पेन, वांकुल और चार्मिंग टी द्वारा उपहार प्रदान किया गया था।

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