

IAACP UK: Canvas of Cultures Celebrates Art, Poetry and Music in London

Sangita Swechcha
January 25, 2025



London, United Kingdom – The "Canvas of Cultures: A Celebration of Art, Poetry, and Music" held in London on January 25, 2025, brought together talented artists, poets and musicians to celebrate the transformative and unifying power of creativity across cultures.



The program was organized by the International Association of Art and Culture for Peace (IAACP), operating under the UPF umbrella, and highlighted how art, poetry and music transcend boundaries to foster dialogue, empathy and peace.



Special guest **Mr. Ian Pelham Turner**, an international TV broadcaster, graced the event, along with **Duchess Nivin ElGamal** of Lamberton, patron of UPF-UK, who gave the welcoming address. From UPF-UK, **Mr. Robin Marsh**, secretary general, and **Ms. Margaret Ali**, director, spoke about UPF's activities and the role of the arts in building bridges of understanding.

The chair of IAACP, **Dr. Sangita Swechcha**, said: "This event takes us on a journey through the transformative power of art. We are privileged to hear from extraordinary individuals whose works transcend boundaries and speak to the universal values of peace, resilience and unity."

She continued, “Today, we are not merely spectators; we are participants in a collective celebration of creativity and culture. Together, we are making a difference.”



The event featured a discussion with **Ms. Amina Art Ansari**, a celebrated British Pakistani artist with works in Windsor Castle’s Jubilee collection, and **Ms. Rhoslyn Singh**, a 20-year-old artist from Nepal whose work reflects British and European influences.



Poets from around the globe, including **Ms. Shahd Kardeen** from Palestine, **Dr. Rupak Shrestha** from Nepal, **Ms. Nayeema Mahjoor** from India, and Britain’s **Ms. Catherine Tuitt**, shared verses on resilience, heritage and unity. Musical performances by Italian opera singer **Ms. Marisa Di Muro** and oud player **Mr. Saife Al-Naffak** from Iraq captivated the audience with their unique talents.

The IAACP and UPF-UK thanked all attendees and participants for their support in making this event a success, demonstrating the profound impact of art, poetry and music in fostering peace.