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Dear Friends and Alumni,

First of all I would like to thank the previous board, which was lead by Ramiz Baig for setting new standards and providing us with a most productive term. The previous term saw the first Alumni Show, which was a huge success, amongst the alumni as well as our supporters. Stay tuned for info on the second Alumni Show and if you are not a paying member yet, do make sure you come on board soon.

Now coming to what we are planning for the next year. Obviously we won't be making promises on the same lines as our politicians but I can assure you that, we, as a group, have decided upon what we need to achieve and with your support I'm sure, we will manage to meet our goals.

Before the beginning of the term, we had a meeting with Executive Committee of IVS, in which it was reiterated that the Association needs to take more responsibility to give rise to the feeling of ownership and giving back amongst both the alumni and the students. In order to do that we need to work on our base, where we collect enough people to work as a group on either a social or a professional level so we can take our ideas ahead with the support of a number of enthusiastic individuals. Who believe in themselves, who have achieved new heights in life and most importantly, who are willing to give back.

Several platforms come to mind. We will be hosting career workshops, which is an off-shoot of the previously held "Career Seminars". The workshops will be based on the practical aspect of it all. The first of such workshops will be "Drama Workshop" conducted by members of SAVAI (IVS Alumni Drama Committee) which will hopefully lead to the first Alumni Drama Event early next semester.

We are also working on different events, and we will keep you informed with all the updates. One of such events is the Anniversary of IVS, where we are planning to go back in time and collect memories of the last 16 years and celebrate them, creating a working plan with which to now move ahead into the future. That said... I would like to mention that Alumni Association, looks forward to your participation, your feedback and suggestions for making this year memorable and productive. Thank you,

Imran Khan-
IVS Alumni Association President 2009-2010

are you a member yet? register NOW.

The IVS Alumni Association Board of Governors elected by you for the 2009-2010 term are: Imran Khan (President), Manizhe Ali (Vice President), Sara Jamil (Gen Secy), Saba Rafique (Joint Secy), Yusra Askari, Abdul Ali (Treasurer) and Zeeshan Haider.

It has been 15 years of Artists.
15 years of searching, evolving,
growing, imagining and creating.
15 years and here we are.
The IVS Alumni Collective 2008.

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The IVS Alumni Association's main mission in the last seven years has been to uphold the Founders' vision of creating a community of thinking artists, leaders, change-makers, shakers and movers. We continue to attempt to bring together all the far flung IVS Alumni together on one platform for a positive creative interaction.



the world over. Graduates from the IVS have gone on to become well known artists, pioneering designers, award winning TV anchors, great architects, ceramists, interior designers and leading fashion designers and entrepreneurs. It was indeed time to bring them together under one roof. Keeping this in mind, earlier this year the IVS Alumni Show Subcommittee, comprising mainly of Alumni *Ramiz Baig* (Architecture 2001), *Mariam Hussain* (Communication Design 1999), *Maria Ansari* (Architecture 1999) and *Sara Jamil* (Communication Design 1999), was formed, with the main intent of showcasing the alumni in their first very own group exhibition, curated by *Adeela Suleman* (Fine Arts 1999).



photograph by Farzad Bagheri

Featuring 41 alumni from the last 15 years, the concept behind the show was simple- to put forward a representation of personal work and projects as a sort of testament to the world for all that the IVS people stand for and have achieved both individually and collectively on both a commercial and non commercial basis. Held at the Zahoor-ul-Ikhlauque Gallery on the IVS Campus, the Alumni Collective, aptly called 15, opened to an avid crowd in the beautifully lit Nusserwanji Courtyard, on the evening of December 3rd, 2008 with a world music performance and video projection by the Chand Tara Orchestra- the idea of which was put forward by *Babar Shaikh*, Communication Design Alumni 1999, now a filmmaker and musician.

Welcome speeches by *Ramiz Baig* (Alumni Association President 2006-2008) and *Ms. Samina Khan* (Executive Director, IVS) started the evening off on a note of high energy and excitement, also tinged with nostalgia as faculty and students mingled with the alumni of many years and several of the Schools Founder members took time out to come to support their Alumni Association's flagship Show.

The IVS Alumni Show 2 is now underway. If you have not received the details and dates, send us an email on info@ivsalumni.com with the subject title "ALUMNI SHOW 2" and we will send it to you again. With your support, we look forward to making this year's show even better.

The Alumni are making their mark on the IVS Campus also, with *Adeela Suleman* (IVS Fine Arts Alumni, 1999) as Coordinator of the Fine Arts Department, *Manizhe Ali* (IVS Fine Arts Alumni, 1996) as Coordinator of the Film Department, *Subia Wyne* (IVS Architecture Alumni, 2000) as Coordinator of the Interior Design Department, *Imrana Raza* (IVS Textile Alumni, 1998) as the Coordinator of the Textile Department, *Sadia Salim* (IVS Ceramics Alumni 1995), Coordinator of the Ceramics Department and *Tazeen Hussain* (IVS Communication Design Alumni, 1998) as the Coordinator of the Foundation Year. Other than these, many other Alumni have joined the ranks as teachers, advisors, and even on a voluntary basis. *Maria Ansari* (IVS Architecture Alumni 1999) and *Sadia Qutbuddin* (IVS Communication Design Alumni, 2000) are currently part of the Executive Committee and all Board of Studies have at least one Alumni member on an advisory basis.

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Shows/exhibitions/plays/concerts/book launches/design work/awards etc: Tell us what you are upto and we would love to plug in your news.

A documentary titled 'Benazir and Democracy' (shown on Benazir Bhutto's first death anniversary, December 27, 2009 on private as part of its tribute to a strong personality in the Pakistan political scenario and who has shaped the future of the democratic agenda for Pakistan won the Certificate of Merit in the Category of Documentary on History and Biography at the Chicago Film Festival Hugo Television Awards. The award was received by Farah Jamal-Uddin (IVS Fine Arts Class of 1998), the producer of this documentary which won the hearts of all the judges.

Manizhe Ali (IVS Fine Arts Alumni 1996) recently worked on a documentary film 'WAGHA', which won the Berlin Today award 2009 and the film was also screened at the award ceremony of the Berlinale Film Festival 2009. This was the first time that a film from the Berlin Today award was screened at the main Berlinale. Manizhe was the Production manager and Set photographer (Pakistan Team). It was a co-directed project between India and Pakistan.

A design competition was recently organized by Institute of Architects Pakistan Karachi Chapter for the IAP House Design Competition has been won by DCET Graduate Architect Farhan Zia. Architect Sikandar Ajam Khan Design was declared a runner-up and Architect Sayem Ghayur (IVS Graduate Class of 2001) was declared third in the competition. Three educationists who participated too in this competition and much worthy of note are Aasiya Polak, Najeeb Omer and Shakeel Qureshi.

Marking the 30 years of Tehrik-e-Niswan, a wonderful festival with all their best plays was held earlier this year i which included brilliant performances by all the original Tehrik performers, including IVS Fine Arts Alumni Asma Mundrawala.

Launched by IVS Architecture Alumni Maria Aslam, Architecture Design Art is a hip, glossy elite magazine that spotlights the creative work flourishing in Pakistan today. Visit www.adapk.com or call 021-5846501

Making waves as half of the WowFactor design team is Omar Omari (IVS Architecture Alumni), whose recent event designs include that of the Faysal Bank Relanuch and Nida Azwer (also an Alumni!)'s very creative fashion show.

This year, we have more people to add to the growing list of IVS Alumni who have received the prestigious Fullbright scholarship. In addition to Nigel Xavier, Zarmeeneh Ali, and Fauzia Hussain who were already availing great educational opportunities through this American scholarship, this year we have Auj Ali Khan (Long Island), Monica Pinjani (Columbia, NY), Umair Jangda (Academy of Art, SF) and Khaula Jamil (Parsons, NY) joining them abroad to pursue their Masters, all expenses paid as well. We wish them the best of luck and also to all those applying for the next year.

FOUNDATION YR/ALUMNI ACTIVITIES 2008-2009



Walk in the name of education : Foundation year with the IVS Alumni at the TCF IImathon 2009. All dressed in red, shouting in excitement and walking in the Karachi heat, we managed to raise Rs.30,000.

CINEMA NIGHTS 2008



Cinema Nights was held by Foundation Year in May 2008 as part of the Alumni Karachi City Orientation Class as a tribute to cinema. Written, directed and choreographed by the Foundies, this was the third such grand scale event (first being 80's Night in 2004 and then Karachi Nights in 2006) to rock IVS since this class started in 2002.



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SIT BACK AND TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING LATELY.

PLANS for 2009-10

Since a 100+ people graduate each year, our strength should only get better. However, we need your participation, your ideas and support to make things happen. Join the Association. Even if its just by writing in with an idea or a good word or simply showing up at an event, do your bit to help make the idea of an Alumni platform possible. At our 20th year mark (only 4 years away) we would like to be established as a society that is geared for some strong, positive changes.

BOOK READINGS

Read a passage that you liked and want to share? Soon we will be starting book readings in different areas of the city.

TRIPS

International? Domestic? We are making some fun plans. Are you in?

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

Always helps to stay in touch- and stay ahead with whats happening.

CONCERTS/SHOWS/EVENTS

Great to meet some old faces, some new. Any ideas for an event?

IVS REUNIONS

With work and kids and life, its so easy to lose touch. Remedy that!

THINK TANKS

All great ideas first need a sounding board. Lets talk- then act. Join us.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: THE FIRST BATCH THAT HELPED BUILD THE IVS LOGO- 1990



photo courtesy Alumni Shamila Zuberi

Obituary: Asiya Zubair, IVS Architecture Alumni 1995, who passed away in tragic circumstances 6 months ago is remembered by her friends as a soft spoken, talented person whose main aim in life was to make a difference. She is survived by 2 children. May her soul rest in peace. Please remember her in your prayers.



A THESIS COMES TRUE.

Raw Life, the final thesis project of **Khaula Jamil** (Com. Design Class of 2006) was picked up the year after her graduation by Stillwaters Publishing, a stylish new luxury publishing house with the main aim promoting the more creative, less chaotic side of Pakistan. The book launch (very nicely designed by Alumni Omar Omari as part of the Wowfactor) was held at the IVS campus itself- the place where the idea first took seed and was attended by many alumni, journalists and people from the "creative scene". A month later, Raw life was amongst the 3 titles in the Dubai launch of Stillwaters Publishing.

Mapping the creative ups and downs of 10 not-so-mainstream creatives hailing from Karachi, Raw Life is a visual treat of photographs, thoughts and ideas. Perfect for that day when you are feeling uninspired and need a jumpstart.

Raw Life is available at all Liberty Book outlets for Rs.3000.



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sun, sand, conversation and brilliant gulab jamuns



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when conversations need to turn into action