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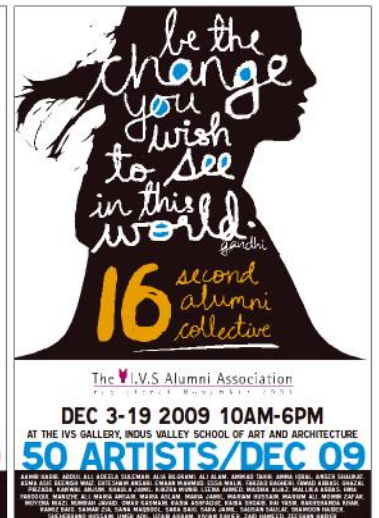
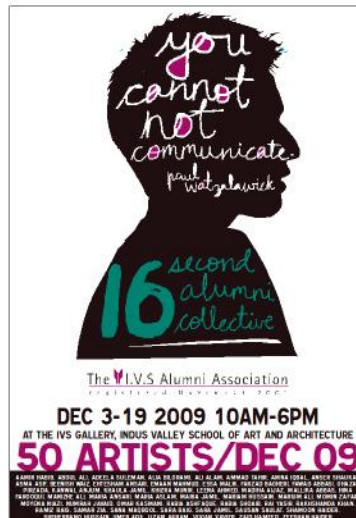
## The IVS Alumni Collective 2009

2009 marks the second year for the Alumni Show. With 50 artists participating this year, we have decades worth of shows in line.

The IVS Alumni Show Committee 2008-2010 (*Imran Khan, Sara Jamil, Mariam Hussain, Ramiz Baig and Maria Ansari*) worked diligently to put this second show together. The aim of this show, in addition to presenting the talent that the Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture creates, is to bring the Alumni members together – forming a network that functions to support the talent cultivated and skills mastered. By creating a platform to display Alumni work – not only are the members able to showcase how they have progressed in the ‘real world’ so to speak but we are also able to reach out to the general public – making them aware of the talent that IVS has schooled.

The show, which opened to great reviews, both in the newspapers and TV is our way of presenting how the years in IVS have transitioned us as individuals in our own right.

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show invite and poster design by Mariam Hussain



**Congratulations to the Batch of 2009- and welcome!**



Held at the IVS Gallery on Campus and curated by Alumnus **Adeela Suleman** (FA 1999), the Second Alumni Collective (called 16 to celebrate the 16th year of graduates) opened to a packed buzzing crowd, on December 3, 2009. There was a welcome address by **Imran Khan** (Comm Des 2000), Alumni President and performance pieces by **Leena Ahmed** (Arch 1999) who entertained the audience with her tabla renditions followed by **Rakhshanda Khan** (Comm Des 2001) who capped the mood off perfectly with her throaty versions of Every Breath You take and Faith in the beautifully decorated Nusserwanji Courtyard.

*(We thank Owais from third year Textiles for providing us with his amazing handmade lamps- for orders he can be contacted on owais.siawo@gmail.com)*

# Arshad Abdulla- 1946-2009

by Moyena Niazi (Arch 1996)

This year the alumni mourn the loss of Architect Arshad Abdulla, a founder of the Indus Valley School and a teacher and mentor to all of us who had the privilege of his acquaintance. As a student, like all others I was in awe of his indepth knowledge, professional experience and perfectionism. We proudly walked for The Kidney Centre, raising funds for a cause. I learnt that if we ask someone to donate for a cause we are actually giving them something; "The opportunity to do a good deed." After graduating, working at Arcop, I learnt that he had envisioned a School of Art and Architecture for Karachi years before it actually materialized. A vision to have a school of excellence that will produce better human beings, an island in the turbulent ocean of current times. Over the years I saw his commitment to The Citizens Foundation and its tremendous success. I discovered that he designed major hospitals in the public sector as a philanthropist. I knew that my mentor is a renowned well reputed Architect, recipient of various prestigious awards. I knew that he is committed to his profession, served with exemplary sincerity as President for the Pakistan Institute of Architects and Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners. He always continued to inspire with his dedication to discipline, his principles, commitment to help the under privileged, willingness to guide his students, leadership qualities and humility. Having known all that, it seems strange that his demise led to discovering even more.

At a gathering organized by the PCATP and IAP to honour his memory, his attributes described by many led me to realise his contribution to a generation of architects and related professions. He had actually influenced the lives of so many...friends, colleagues, students and employees. Akeel Bilgrami elaborated on his sincerity, selflessness, humaneness, values, vision, professional principles and his persistent commitment. Ejaz Ahed spoke of his commitment to his principles which led to achievement of all his aspirations in a short lifespan: Pakistans tallest building, an art school for his city and schools to educate the poor. Samar Khan and Tariq Qaiser were grateful for his contribution to their professional and personal life, claiming that he had profound influence on the architects that were fortunate to have worked with him. Abbas Akber Ali remembered him as a sincere and reliable friend. *(contd next page)*

# ALUMNI-FOUNDATION YR CLASS HAPPENINGS 2009

## THE BIG HUNT FOR PAKISTAN



**A Scavenger Hunt in the name of Pakistan.** Things to be searched: a quotation that sums up the situation and issue in Pakistan today, examples of news that reflect Pakistan in a positive global light, a video clip of the entire group singing a national song against an appropriate backdrop, video clips of 5 people talking in 5 different languages/dialects of Pakistan, mithai that is a common favourite in your group, Quaid's words at Partition time, as many names of Karachi localities as you can collect, a creative variety of local toffees and much more.

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## Arshad Abdulla- 1946-2009 (contd)



Always a great supporter of the IVS Alumni, Arshad Sahab always insisted that IVS was made for us to own one day. We will miss you.  
 (Photo taken in Feb 2002 at the opening of our first office with the first Board of Governors of the IVS Alumni Association 3 months after formation.)

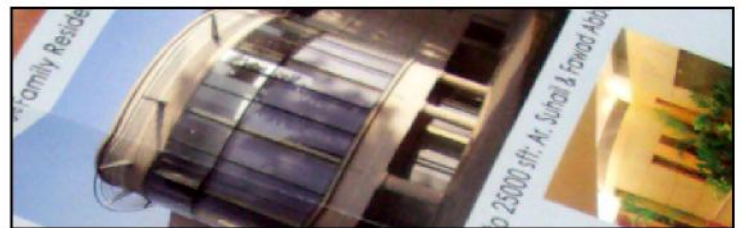
Maria Aslam made me realise the fact that he was always accessible to all his students and to anyone who needed sound advise despite his busy schedule. I cannot recollect more, there were many who spoke that day and many who could not express in words. My tears clouded my comprehension and all I can recall clearly is that I kept wondering if death can be inspirational. I struggled to comprehend how he did so much for so many people and causes; and managed to do them all so well too. I felt so grateful to Allah that I knew him and prayed that He give us all His guidance too. Arshad Abdulla undoubtedly was a man who achieved far beyond his years and his spirit, the ideals he lived by and shared with us, will continue to live within many that he inspired and motivated.

# alumniFEVER

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.



Doing the Textile Department proud were **Sanam Chaudhri-Shaikh** (Tex 2000) and **Mahin Hussain** (Tex 2002) who participated in the much anticipated and hugely successful Pakistan Fashion Week this fall. Modelling both Sanam's clothes with their distinct elegant flair and and Mahin's bold splashes of colour in her accessories and bags line is Alumnus **Iraj Manzoor** (FA 1999).



Islamabad-based alumnus **Fawad Suhail Abbasi** (Arch 2002) was awarded the IAP Design Excellence Award 2009 by the Institute of Architects Pakistan this year for the Covered Swimming Pool and Fitness Facility Building for Islamabad Club.

**Abdul Ali Khan** (Arch 2008) received the "Mehdi Ali Mirza Award for Academic Excellence in Architecture for the year 2008" awarded by Institute of Architect Pakistan (IAP) to the top students of the 5-year long Architectural program throughout Pakistan. Abdul Ali, along with six architects and a marketing maestro, has launched an architectural practice by the name of "Coalesce Design Studio". The concept behind Coalesce is the coming together of distinct minds under one roof and stunning the masses with creative and contemporary design solutions.



Alumnus **Seemi Saeed** (Arch 2001) is a versatile architect who created the interior for "Siamin" a Thai restaurant; situated at the Radisson Blu hotel at the upscale locality of Dubai Marina, with one of its branches in Paris.

The design was a result of her sheer passion and dedication, the interior is based on simple lines and planes with, deep and rich saturation of colors keeping traditional forms in mind.

([www.siamin.com](http://www.siamin.com))



**Maria Ansari** (Arch 1999) who has her own consultancy, recently forayed into furniture design. Her solo exhibition- of simple yet impeccably designed pieces was held in November 2009, and it was met by a huge response, especially by the architectural community. Her work is on sale at the Alumni Show too.

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

**AUGUST 14, 2009**

The IVS Alumni Association stall at the annual IVS Mela was a complete hit with merchandise celebrating student life with the theme "Confessions of an IVS Graduate". Also at the stall were plank artworks by Alumni and Faculty to help raise money towards the IDP of Swat cause.



## PLANNING 2010

### SEMINARS/DESIGN CONFERENCE

We plan to have some interesting icons in for a series on Creativity.

### CONCERTS/SHOWS/EVENTS

The part of student life we want to carry on the most!

### DRAMA/THEATRE

It's time to liven up the theatre act again- anyone interested please write in.

### THINK TANKS

A difference needs to be made- where do we start?

### TRIP TO THE BEACH/FARM

Some of the best conversations and ideas happen away from routine life.

## THE AGM 2009

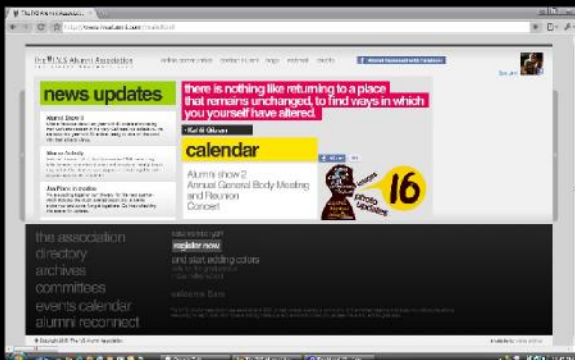


Part and parcel of the new BOG's responsibilities is to have an Annual General Meeting within a year of its election and to have an open forum with all members on ideas and issues. Held on October 7, 2009, we had a good quorum this time- people coming in to become members, make suggestions and most importantly, to support what we have been doing.

Amongst the topics that were addressed were the problem of giving time, of newer and more activities, of formalizing the membership to include more facilities and holding an Annual Reunion Dinner every year. Thank you all who came!

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

## WWW.IVSALUMNI.COM



After a long wait and massive compiling, we are finally online and it must be said it was definitely worth the wait. The website was designed by **Vakas Siddiqui**, currently in second year Communication Design. The very talented not-yet-alumnus has a number of great projects-both web and design- under his belt already. His contact and work can both be found on his own url [www.vakassiddiqui.com](http://www.vakassiddiqui.com). Some of his projects include [www.ivssc.com](http://www.ivssc.com) and [www.zeeshanhaider.net](http://www.zeeshanhaider.net). Do visit the site and any suggestions are welcome.