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Newsletter of Visual and Performing Arts Department

Message from Head



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As we look back on the fruitful academic year of 2023-2024, and look forward to the coming year of 2024-2025 with eager anticipation; we are grateful and give thanks to our God most high for what we have achieved. I shared in the first newsletter that we would be experiencing a new Sound of Music on campus. Indeed, this musical sound has been resonating in every corner of the Forman campus during this past year. Students are beginning to be influence musically and they are bringing their musical knowledge into other academic realms.

A group of students won the second price in the sci-Novation 2024 with the creation of the 'Laser Harp'. This can be referred to as fruit from the music sessions. It has been very exciting to see the developing musical fruit within the regular music classes and shown magnificently in our Mega Christmas Gala 2023. This year we entered into the history of Forman with a FC College Anthem being launched. we also achieved commendable results at the All Pakistan Competition this year.

In terms of 'Teaching and Learning Music', we still have some challenges, but we will keep doing our best to progress in developing different 'concepts' in music. This is a great motivation for us in striving forward.

19th APMC at Chand Bagh School

Forman Christian College students showcased their talents at the 19th All Pakistan Art and Music, Essay Writing Competition held at Chand Bagh School on 18th November 2023. Notably, it was the second time that the FCC team consisted exclusively of college students. The experience proved enriching for both the students and the faculty. We participated in the different competitions in Ghazal & Folk song category. Our students exhibited remarkable skill in the music competition. Many different schools and colleges participated from different cities of Pakistan.

We proudly announce that **Sameed Butt** from 2M1 secured the 2nd position in the Ghazal category during the finals. This achievement stands as a testament to the exceptional talent and hard work fostered at FCC. Experiencing a big crowd was also a valuable learning experience for students. We are pleased that FC College provided an opportunity to our students to showcase their skills on a larger platform.



Sameed Butt 2M1

2nd Position in Ghazal Category



Momin Ashraf - 2E8
Participant of Folk Category



Team FCC
Faculty and Students

Christmas Gala 2023



Christmas Gala

"Emmanuel God with Us."

Part 1

God With Us

"The baby born is the Almighty God"

Part 2

God **With** Us

"God is here, with us"

Part 3

God With **Us**

"Now, We are a new creation"

After the resounding success of last year's Christmas Gala, FC College once again welcomed the Christmas Season with open arms by hosting a magnificent event under the theme of "Emmanuel God with Us." This year's Gala promised to be even grander, with a special focus on celebrating the spirit of togetherness and joy that defines the Christmas season.

The main idea of the Christmas gala is from our Vice Rector College, Dr. Ivan Suneel. Under the vision of the Vice Rector, Ms. Joy brought the Gala to the stage. Through auditions of singers and musicians and speakers, we had approximately 50 students who performed in the Gala.

Ms. Susan Bakker who is teaching Christian studies prepared the speakers. Faculty members of English department also rendered their services to assist Ms. Susan to help with the pronunciation. After tireless efforts of 3 months practice, the heart of the event was a magnificent choir beautifully directed by Ms. Joy.

14 songs were prepared in 5 different languages respectively English, Urdu, Korean, Punjabi and Dutch.



Finally, on the evening of December 8th, 2023, the much-anticipated performance day arrived. As the choir took to the stage, their voices filled the air with the timeless melodies of the season, sharing the true message of Christmas with all the audience, Emmanuel - God with us.



The Rector Dr. Jonathan Addleton, extended his heartfelt appreciation to all the Faculty, Staff and Students who dedicated their time and talent to make this event a success. The entire audience thoroughly enjoyed

the mesmerizing performance.

While the choir undoubtedly stood as the main highlight of the show, it's essential to acknowledge that the success of the Christmas Gala wouldn't have been possible without the immense cooperation of countless individuals.



Mr. Rehan Sohail played a vital role in making the Christmas gala a great success. A beautiful stage, sound system, and all other support would not have been possible without his untiring efforts. Stage decorations were crafted and created by Ms. Hina & her team. The collective efforts truly embodied the essence of the FCC motto 'By love, serve one another'.



Gratefully, The Vice Rector College, Dr. Ivan Suneel, extended a warm invitation of a dinner party to all the participants at his house to commemorate the success of the Christmas Gala.

FC College Anthem

It brings us a great joy to highlight the remarkable initiative undertaken by two esteemed faculty members of FC College. Ms. Joy and Ms. Susan made history by creating the first-ever FC College anthem. In April 2023, Ms. Joy proposed the idea to have our own College song to Dr. Suneel, and he enthusiastically accepted it. Ms. Susan Bakker, a native English speaker, wrote the lyrics drawing on her poetic talent. The lyrics reflect FC's core values and motto, expressing our pride. Ms. Joy then composed the music and the anthem was taught in every music class.



We worked on recording by our college choir. It's now sung on every occasion, filling us with pride and unity. Recording sessions were held throughout the month of January. It was a great new experience for the FCC students.

The Forman Heart

- FC College Anthem -

Composed by. Seun (Joy) Cho

Lyrics by. Susan Bakker

♩ = 96



1. There - in the heart of La - hore, we ho - nour with one voice Our
2. With - in the famed walls of For - man, the tea - chers are our guide
3. On this sub - conti - nent es - tabl - ished is our re - pu - ta - tion, De -
4. When in our future days, to For - man often re - turns our gaze Re -



For - man Chris - tian Co - llege, in you we all re - joice. A -
De - di - ca - tion, ex - cell - ence, they im - part to us with pride
veloping in - tegrity and fair - ness, through cha - rac - ter transfor - ma - tion
membering with thank - ful - ness, those who in - ves - ted in this phase



mong - the ma - jes - tic green lanes of trees a - ri - sing high, The
E - du - cating with a vi - sion and com mit - ment for our gain They
We ce - le - brate a - chieve - ments, our pur - pose deep - ly share ins -
This song of - cele - bra - tion, still - plays with - in our heart May



red - brick buil - dings el - e - gant, tow - ering to the sky. We
lead, in - stil and sa - cri - fice so we never in spi - rit wane. We
piring each other with dig - ni - ty, to a future be - yond com - pare. We
our college grow and flour - ish, me - mo - ries never to de - part. We



seek to learn in wis - dom spread, God's truth and know - ledge shines a - head as



bro - ther stands with bro - ther For - man Chris - tian Co - llege by love serve one a - no - ther

Anthem Teaching Session for faculty and staff

Additionally, Visual & Performing Arts Department organized a special 1 hour teaching session for all the faculty & staff members to learn the FC Anthem on 20th February, 2024. This initiative was aimed to bring everyone to foster a sense of ownership of the Anthem. Ms. Joy had 1 hour college anthem teaching session for all the faculty and staff members. Every individual enjoyed the learning session thoroughly.



Anthem Performances at Various Significant Events

Our college anthem has become the essence of every event at the college, proudly performed by our students amidst large gatherings and consistently appreciated by audience at a wider level. Its resonating melody echoes the motto of FCC “By Love, Serve One Another”.



1st Performance of College Anthem at the Sci-Novation 2024



On 31st January, FC College organized another mega event, the Annual Science Fair named Sci-Novation. On that stage, the event started with the singing performance of college anthem choir. It marked a significant milestone as we

launched the college anthem officially for the very first time. The college anthem garnered attention from various schools and news channels who were invited and shared the limelight with the event.



A Memorable Meeting with Friends of Forman

This year, the college faculty and students had an incredible meeting with the Friends of Forman on 19th Feb, 2024. During this event, students had a wonderful opportunity to showcase their musical learning, talent, and skills. Notably, students performed the FC College Anthem and two melodious Christmas Carols which received appreciation from the Friends of Forman. It was a delightful occasion where we shared our experiences of campus life and discussed the enriching journey of music classes together.



Performed at English and Urdu Play



College Valedictory 2024



Farewell Dinner



At the farewell party on the 5th of March, our choir of first-year students' prepared a beautiful farewell song to bid a final goodbye to their seniors. With enthusiasm and heartfelt emotion, they not only sang the college anthem but also dedicated a touching performance to honor their departing seniors. It was a poignant moment, symbolizing the passing of the torch from one batch to the next, all bound together by the love that they share.



Certificate Distribution Ceremony

Before commencing the new academic session, The Visual & Performing Arts Department organized a special event on 13th March, 2024 to express appreciation to the college choir for their remarkable performances,



and outstanding contributions to the music activities throughout the year. We were honored to have esteemed dignitaries from FCCU, including the Rector Dr. Addleton, Registrar Dr. Nayer and the Vice Rector Dr. Ivan Suneel among others in attendance. During the event, students fondly revisited the beautiful memories of the Christmas Gala by singing two carols and the college anthem. It was a heartwarming moment and certificates were distributed to all the participants by the honorable FCC leaders. At this ceremony we also celebrated the renovation of D block with the guests.



Visit of Dr. Jim Tebbe and his team

On the 16th of April, Dr. Jim Tebbe visited the College accompanied by his team. Faculty and students of the college extended a warm welcome to the guest. The Gala choir sang the FC anthem and a carol which was performed on Christmas Gala 2024. Students from the Christian Studies class also shared their testimonies. Ms. Joy shared the inspiring story behind creating the college anthem and about preparing for the Christmas gala. The guests thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and were enthusiastic about the new journey we have begun.



Music Teacher's Seminar

The Visual & Performing Arts Department planned a series of seminar from April 17th to 3rd May, spanning three weeks. This session was pivotal for the music teachers to discuss the music syllabus. Ms. Joy (HOD of Music) delivered a comprehensive overview of the music syllabus of 2024, equipping teachers with valuable insights for the regular classes in Western music. The Music teachers focused on their teaching goals: first-years focusing on reading music scores (HRMS) and second-years diving into World music appreciation. This seminar series proved to be an incredible opportunity for professional growth and knowledge sharing among the music teachers.



Departmental Affairs

The Visual & Performing Arts Department organizes department meetings twice in a month, which is led and conducted by the Head of Department, Ms. Joy (Seun Cho).

These meetings consistently yielded fruitful results, serving as valuable forums

for collaboration, planning, and discussion. Under Ms. Joy's guidance, the department fostered a culture of innovation and excellence, resulting in continuous improvement and growth in our teaching skills in music.



Introducing a new member of department



Mr. Ahsan Suleman
Music Demonstrator

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of the Music Department, Mr. Ahsan Suleman who has joined us as a music Demonstrator. Mr. Ahsan Suleman officially became part of the department on December 5th, 2023. With his expertise and passion for music, we are confident that he will make valuable contributions to our team and further enrich the musical experiences of our students.

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