

“Nora’s Sisters and Freedom of Expression”

Bibliotheca Alexandrina, 29-30 October 2006

Program

Sunday, 29 October

- 18:00 – 18:05 **Introduction: *Creativity and Children's Talents***
Sareya Sedki, Professor Pedagogical Arts, University of Helwan
- 18:05 – 18:15 **Film Clip: *Gifted Children***
- 18:15 – 19:00 ***Children and Freedom of Artistic Expression***
Moderator: *Maisa Abaza*, Headmistress, El-Ryada Language School
Panel Members: Group of school children (El-Ryada Language School)
Self-Expression, music, singing, painting, handcrafts and dancing
- 19:00 – 19:20 Coffee Break
- 19:20 – 20:00 Concert – Oriental music: *Maestro Sherif Mohie El Din*, Director, Bibliotheca Alexandrina Arts Center

Monday, 30 October

- 09:30 – 10:00 Registration and coffee
- 10:00 – 10:15 Arrival of principal speakers (Reception at V.I.P. Lounge)
- Opening Session: "Nora’s Sisters and Freedom of Expression"**
- 10:15- 10:45 Keynote Speech by *Ismail Serageldin*, Librarian of Alexandria, Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina: Ibsen and the Freedom of Expression.
- 10:45 – 10:55 Speech by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs *Anne Stenhammer* including presentation of gift of books.
- 10:55 – 11:10 Presentation of gift of books to Bibliotheca Alexandrina by *Ida Hjelde*, Research Council of Norway
- 11:10 – 11:25 *Nora’s sisters* – an introduction to the new publication by *Unni Wikan*, Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo
- 11:25 – 11:40 An Egyptian view – *Sahar Abdel-Hakim*, Professor of English Literature, University of Cairo
- 11:40 – 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:00 ***"It is women who must solve humanity's dilemma" - Henrik Ibsen***

Moderator: *Unni Wikan*, Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo

Panel Members:

- *Astrid Sæther*, Centre for Ibsen Studies, University of Oslo
- *Ellen Horn*, Director of Riksteatret
- *Tove Karoline Knutsen*, Member of the Standing Committee on Family and Cultural Affairs, the Labour Party
- *Trine Skei Grande*, Member of The Standing Committee on Family and Cultural Affairs, the Liberal Party

Open Discussion

13:00 – 13:20 Coffee Break

13:20 – 14:20 ***Freedom of Expression***

Moderator: *Ismail Serageldin*, Librarian of Alexandria and Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina

Panel Members:

- *Amira Noweira*, Professor of English Literature, University of Alexandria
- *Christian van Nispen*, Reverend and Professor of Philosophy
- *Helmy Abul-Eish*, Vice Chairman, SEKEM Foundation
- *Hossam Badrawy*, Chairman of Education Committee, NDP
- *Iman El-Kaffass*, Associate Dean, American University in Cairo
- *Mohamed El-Hefnawi*, Member, Higher Council for Islamic Affairs
- *Moshira Khattab*, Secretary-General, National Council for Childhood and Motherhood

Open Discussion

14:20 – 15:30 Lunch (Greco-Roman Restaurant)

15:30 – 16:30 ***Ibsen's Legacy in Egypt***

Moderator: *Sahar Abdel-Hakim*, Professor of English Literature, University of Cairo

Panel Members:

- *Hani Metawe'*, Professor of Direction, Academy of Arts
- *Iman Ezzeldin*, Associate Professor of Drama and Criticism, University of Ain Shams
- *Nehad Seleha*, Professor of Drama and Criticism, Academy of Arts
- *Poussie*, Actress
- *Sahar El-Mougi*, Writer

16:30 – 17:00 Summing up by *Unni Wikan*, Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo and *Ismail Serageldin*, Librarian of Alexandria and Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina