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Media music not properly defined: official

Tehran Times Art Desk

TEHRAN — Chairman of the Music Office Board of Directors Mohammad Sarir is convinced that media music is not properly defined and is influenced by the personal taste of policymakers.

In a session at the Mehr News Agency on Friday, several musicians exchanged views on the issue of media music.

Sarir said, "Media music and its role in promoting the art of music is not a clear issue.

"The major point is that a great number of viewers and listeners are young people and it is natural that the media are interested in attracting the youth."

He also gave a report in which he said that 74 percent of the programs broadcast on TV and radio contain music, some of which pay special attention to their background music, while other programs make limited use of music.

Sarir pointed out, "The report

Fajr Intl. Theater Festival winners announced

Tehran Times Art Desk

TEHRAN — The winners of the 26th Fajr International Theater Festival were announced during a ceremony at Vahdat Hall on February 15.

In a short speech at the ceremony, Iranian Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance Mohammad-Hossein Saffar Harandi pointed to the motto of the festival, 'Theater for All', and said that in the past, theater belonged to intellectual and academic people but nowadays the common people can enjoy the performances, too.

Stage actors and directors Golab Adineh, Hossein Mosafer Astaneh, Mahmud Azizi, and Akbar Zanjapur were honored during the ceremony.

Following is a list of winners of the international section of the festival:

Best play: "Mother Courage" (Germany), directed by Claus Peymann

Playwright: Ayub Aqakhani ("Emperor and Angelo", Iran)

Actress: Deborah Lamy ("Macondo", France, directed by Sarkis Tch-eumlekdjian); and Soheila Golestani ("Yerma", Iran, directed by Reza Guran)

Actor: Ali Sarabi ("Machismo", Iran, directed by Mohammad Yaqubi); and Sascha Gersak



Swiss actor Sascha Gersak dramatically kisses the trophy he received for his role in "Rashomon" during the closing ceremony of the 26th Fajr International Theater Festival at Tehran's Vahdat Hall on February 15. Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance Mohammad-Hossein Saffar Harandi (C), Deputy Culture Minister for Artistic Affairs Mohammad-Hossein Imani Khoshkhu (L), and Center for Dramatic Arts Director Hossein Parsaai are seen in the background. (Mehr/Ra'uf Mohseni)

("Rashomon", Switzerland, directed by Bernhard Mikeska)

Stage designer: Yuri Kharikov ("Russian Jam", Russia, directed by Iosif Raykhelgouz)

Music: Mehdi Farajpur and Shima Zare-Fard ("Sudalaiyadi", Iran, directed by Mehdi Farajpur)

Following is a list of winners of the student experiences section:

Best play: "Reyra" directed by Sajad Afsharian

Director: Erfan Nazer ("The Cen-

ci")
Playwright: Sajad Afsharian ("Reyra")

Actress: Rasa Kojuri ("Atsumori")
Actor: Mohsen Nuri ("The Cen-

ci")
Stage designer: Ahmad Kechachian ("Tehran 1386")

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Tehran Times

TEHRAN — The second edition of Ice Festival, which was organized by Mahal Bakhtiari Province, was announced on Friday.

Iranian sculptor Chelgard near Kahrizkuchak to create snow sculptures for a four-day event. Some of the event was divided into 33 groups to participate in the festival.

The snow sculptures of Imam Hussein (A.S.) by a team of artists led by Mehdi Farajpur, won first prize, and the second prize went to "Yazd Architecture", which was created by Mehrdokht Dini.

"Ferdowsi and the Garden of Eden", created by a team led by Mehdi Farhadi, won the third prize and the fourth prize went to "The Garden of Eden", created by a team led by Mehdi Farhadi.

This year's festival was held under the themes "historical and architectural signs" and "abstract design".

Chelgard in Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari Province is known as the city of ice because of the snowfalls in winter. The festival is a celebration of the source of the snow in the city of Zavandehrud and the snowfalls in winter.