Bardolators: The Shakespeare Society

Events 2022 - 2023

Bardoratory 2023: Slam Poetry Competition

Bardolators, The Shakespeare Society of Janki Devi Memorial College organised its annual competition, Bardoratory: Shakespearean Slam Poetry Competition, under the Annual College Cultural Fest - Symphony 2023. The competition was held on 12 January 2023, the second day of Symphony, in the Girls' Common Room at 12 PM.

The judges for the competition were Ms. Komita Dhanda and Mr.Samiran George Ghissing. Ms. Komita Dhanda, has been working as an organiser, actor, director and writer with the famous street theatre group, Jana Natya Manch, in Delhi, since 2004. Mr. Samiran George Ghissing is an Assistant Professor in the Department of English of Janki Devi Memorial College.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from 43 participants from various institutions in Delhi NCR, ranging from Gargi College, Kamala Nehru College, Amity University, Indraprastha University, to name a few.

The winners of Bardoratory were: First Prize - Trisha Pandey, PGDAV College Second Prize - Chaitanya Bhardwaj, Kamala Nehru College Third Prize - Vidisha Narula, SGTB Khalsa College Special Mention - Reet Malik, Kamala Nehru College

The judges then addressed the participants and praised them for their efforts. They also mentioned how they found it extremely difficult to choose some winners out of all the amazing talents.



Poster for Bardoratory: Shakespearean Slam Poetry Competition held on 12 January 2023



The judges, Ms. Komita Dhanda and Mr. Samiran George Ghissing, during Bardoratory held on 12 January 2023



Judge, Mr. Samiran George Ghissing and Convenors, Mr. Ankan Dhar and Ms. Ruchi Kalita, with the Prize Winners of Bardoratory held on 12 January 2023

Screening of Angoor

Bardolators, the Shakespeare Society of the college, held an online movie screening of Gulzar's *Angoor* (1982), an adaptation of William Shakespeare's play *The Comedy of Errors* on 24 September 2022. The screening was followed by a discussion of various aspects of the movie. The students discussed what struck them the most about the movie which were then written down and collated together.



Poster for the Screening of Angoor held on 24 September 2022



A Glimpse of the Screening of Angoor held on 24 September 2022

Screening of Maqbool

Bardolators, the Shakespeare Society of the college, held an online movie screening of Vishal Bhardwaj's *Maqbool* (2004), an adaptation of William Shakespeare's play *Macbeth* on 23 July 2022. The screening was followed by a discussion of various theories of adaptation, a comparative analysis of the play and the movie and the most striking aspects of the movie.



Poster for the Screening of Maqbool held on 23 July 2022

Orientations and Auditions

Bardolators held an Orientation for the newly admitted first year students on 27 November 2022. The student members introduced the Society to the students. To give a better understanding of the Society's activities, the student members performed snippets of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. They also presented a monologue from Vishal Bhardwaj's *Haider*, an adaptation of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, to demonstrate the Society's focus on Hindi and Bilingual performances along with performances in Shakespearean language. The attending students were also invited to participate in an impromptu activity which was met with a great response. The Orientation received enthusiastic participation from the students.



Poster of the Orientation conducted by Bardolators held on 24 November 2022



Convenor, Ms. Ruchi Kalita, addressing the Audience during the Orientation conducted by Bardolators held on 24 November 2022



The Student Members addressing the Audience during the Orientation conducted by Bardolators held on 24 November 2022

Bardolators conducted auditions over two rounds; one round on 13 and 14 September 2022 for second and third year students, and the second round on 19 and 20 December 2022 for the first year students. Both rounds of the auditions saw enthusiastic participation from the students and the Society added many new talented members to its rolls.



Poster for the First Round of Auditions of Bardolators held on 13 and 14 September 2022



Glimpses from the First Round of Auditions of Bardolators held on 13 and 14 September 2022



Poster for the Second Round of Auditions of Bardolators held on 19 and 20 December 2022



Glimpses from the Second Round of Auditions of Bardolators held on 19 and 20 December 2022

Student Meetings

The student members have been holding regular meetings, starting in the month of September, to encourage teamwork and to learn various aspects related to performance and theatre. They conduct different activities to reinforce the aspects that they have discussed. To give importance to Shakespeare, the students have also held discussions on various plays of the Bard.