



## Imam Ali (AS):

Overlook and forgive the weaknesses of the generous people because if they fall down, Allah will help them.

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#### News in Brief

#### Iran Daily's Rajabi Awarded

Iran Daily's caricaturist and cartoonist, Mohammad Ali Rajabi, has been awarded at the 18th International Exhibition of Press and News Agencies held at Tehran's Vahdat Hall on Saturday.

The artist ranked second in the cartoon for the press section, and third in the special section themed on 'Making Subsidies Target-Oriented'.

The artist topped the previous edition of the event in 2011. He has also received numerous domestic and international awards. He ranked first at the Third Press and News Agencies Oil Festival.

He was also awarded at the International Gaza Cartoon Contest held at Palestine Museum of Contemporary Arts in summer 2008. The event, titled 'Gaza Suffering', marked the 60th anniversary of the occupation of Palestine and the establishment of the Zionist regime.

Rajabi has so far participated in many group exhibitions, and has held three solo exhibits. In his latest exhibit at Tehran's Shahed Gallery in June 2008, he put on display 40 works on international events and nuclear energy.



#### Christie's Will Offer 'The Raglan Collection: Waterloo'

On 4 April 2012, Christie's will offer 'The Raglan Collection: Waterloo, Wellington and The Crimea' at the South Kensington saleroom, 85 Old Brompton Road.

This private collection from Cefntilla Court, Monmouthshire—the ancestral home of the Barons Raglan since 1855—includes important historical medals, arms and armor, pictures, furniture, silver, books, Indian weapons and works of art, as well as a selection of ethnographic art.

The collection is being sold by order of the Executors of Fitzroy John Somerset, 5th Baron Raglan (great-great-grandson of the 1st Baron Raglan). The collection comprises over 300 lots and is expected to realize in excess of £750,000, Art Daily reported.

Amelia Elborne, Specialist and Head of Sale commented, "FitzRoy Somerset, 1st Baron Raglan, was one of the most well-known British soldiers of the early 19th century. His career spanned service at the right hand of Britain's greatest soldier, the first Duke of Wellington for almost 40 years, during the Peninsular War, at Waterloo, and as Private Secretary, through to his command of British forces in the Crimean War—Raglan's legacy of foremost importance. This fascinating collection chronicles Lord Raglan's role in some of the most famous battles in British history, as well as featuring more personal items stemming from his relationship with 'the Iron Duke' and the family he created with his wife, Lady Emily Wellesley-Pole, Wellington's favorite niece."

"The collection comes to auction from Cefntilla Court, the Monmouthshire home to which was given by a group of admirers to the son of Lord Raglan after the Field Marshal's death in June 1855—before what would eventually be victory in The Crimea."



#### 'The Help' Wins Big at Image Awards

'The Help', which chronicled the experiences of black maids in the 1960s, and the comedy 'Jumping the Broom', were honored at the NAACP Image Awards on Friday.

The box-office hit about black maids speaking out against their white employers in Mississippi in the early 1960s won best movie and acting awards for Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer. The film, Davis and Spencer have been nominated for Academy Awards.

Davis said 'The Help' was an important movie because "the maid hadn't been humanized before. I felt she remained a cardboard cut-out" before the movie was made, Reuters reported.

'Jumping the Broom' also took home three awards, for best actor Laz Alonso, Salim Akil and supporting actor Mike Epps. The NAACP Image Awards celebrate the accomplishments of people of color in the fields of film, television, music and literature, and also honor individuals or groups who promote social justice.

In television, Tyler Perry's 'House of Payne' won best comedy series and 'Law & Order: Special Victims Unit' took home the best drama series prize.

Regina King won best TV actress for the police drama 'Southland', and LL Cool J won best TV actor for his role in 'NCIS: Los Angeles'.

Grammy and Oscar-winner Jennifer Hudson took home the album of the year for 'I Remember Me', Cee Lo Green was voted best creator artist.

'Star Wars' creator George Lucas, whose latest movie chronicles the story of African-American Tuskegee airmen in World War Two, received a special award.

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Sahand ski resort in Tabriz, East Azarbaijan province. (Photo by Bahram Tondaran)



## Bologna New Horizons Award for Shabaviz

Farideh Khalatbari's book 'Misunderstanding' has been honored at the New Horizons awards of Bologna 2012.

Released by Shabaviz Publications, the book is a re-writing of an old fable from Rumi's 'Masnavi Ma'navi'.

For the fourth time in the history of Bologna Ragazzi Awards, Shabaviz Publications wins the New Horizons Award, IBNA said. The book is illustrated by Ali Boozari and its graphic design is done by Saeid Ensafi.

Farideh Khalatbari, manager of Shabaviz Publications

said, "Bologna Awards consists of four sections, one of which is called 'The New Horizons Award' that is usually granted to an innovative book that opens up a new creative way in children's book illustration."

"The New Horizons Award is given to the publisher for all the activities made for best management of the writer's and the



publisher's works," she added.

This is the fourth time that Shabaviz has won the Bologna award. It received the first new Horizons Award in 2004 for all its publications.

In 2006, the book 'Top Top Top' penned by Fatemeh Mashadi-Rostam and illustrated by Afra Nobahar won the New Horizons Award.

Shabaviz also won the 2010 award for Hoda Haddadi's 'Two Friends'.

The New Horizons Award will be awarded to Shabaviz on March 19 in Bologna.

## Sculptor Tanavoli To Exhibit Works in US

Acclaimed Iranian sculptor Parviz Tanavoli will relate his experiences as a modern Iranian artist during a conversation with the Asia Society, a US institute promoting cultural ties between Asia and the United States.

He will have a conversation with the society's Vice President Melissa Chiu which will be aired live on AsiaSociety.org/Live on February 27.

Melissa Chiu is Director of the Asia Society Museum in New York and Vice President of the Society's Global Arts Programming. She was appointed director in 2004 after serving for three years as the Museum's first curator of contemporary Asian and Asian American art, according to Mehr News Agency.

During the program, Tanavoli as one of Iran's foremost artists will talk about his journey as Iran's first significant modern sculptor. A central figure in the formation of the Saqqakhaneh School—a neo-traditional style of art that derives inspiration from Iranian folk art and culture—Tanavoli has created works in bronze, ceramic, fiberglass and scrap metal.

Tanavoli will also discuss his early years as an artist, later as head of the sculpture department at the University of Tehran and his passion about Iran's artistic heritage and craftsmanship, including rugs, locks and metalwork.

"The program has an international aspect and I am happy that I will be able to speak in such a program as a representative of Iranian artists," he said.

The Asia Society is the leading global organization working to strengthen relationships and promote understanding among the people, leaders, and institutions of Asia and the United States. We seek to enhance dialogue, encourage creative expression, and generate new ideas across the fields of policy, business, education, arts and culture. Founded in 1956, Asia Society is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational institution with offices in Hong Kong, Houston, Korea, Los Angeles, Manila, Melbourne, Mumbai, Shanghai and Washington, DC.

## In Tehran Galleries

Tehran's Homa Gallery is hosting to an exhibition of paintings by Shahriar Hatami entitled 'Suddenly'.

The exhibit will run until February 22 at the venue located at #58, Chehrizi St., near the intersection of Niayesh Highway and Vali-e Asef Ave.

Paintings created by the winners of three editions of Iran's Visual Arts Festival held by the Damounfar Company are on display during a showcase at the Aoun Gallery, Mehr News Agency reported.

Leila Rashidi, Nafiseh Omran, Bahman Mohammadi and Marizeh Baqeri are among the artists whose works are on display during the show.

The Damounfar Company is the Iranian representative of France's Pebeo and Germany's Faber-Castell, two companies which manufacture art materials.

The showcase will run until February 22 at the gallery which can be found at #40, Seoul St. off Vanak Sq.

Illustrations by 40 female artists from 40 Iranian cities are currently on display during a group exhibition at Terneh Gallery. The gallery is located at #1287, North-Eastern corner, Seyyed Khandan Bridge.



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