



Press release

Danish and Vietnamese artists will join EU literature day 2016

Embassy of Denmark in Vietnam and Kim Dong Publishing House will contribute an exciting part of the 6th European Literature Day 2016 in Hanoi.

The first activity is an exhibition which will present the collaboration between Vietnamese and Danish artists. The exhibition will be opened at 17:00 on 4 May and last until 7 May 2016 at L'Espace, 24 Trang Tien street, Hanoi. Vietnamese audience, especially children, will have opportunity to enjoy colorful and lively illuminated picture books. These are the works of 20 Danish illustrators, from the classic masters Arne Ungermann and Ib Spang Olsen to one of Denmark's most beloved draftsmen of today, Jacob Martin Striid, whose books also have been published in Vietnam. The exhibition will also present joint works between Danish and Vietnamese artists illustrating Danish and Vietnamese proverbs. Through this project which was coordinated by Kim Dong publishing house, the artists want to show how cultures of Denmark and Vietnam seem to be so different, yet so similar.

The second activity will be held on 6 May 2016, from 15:30-17:00 at the Goethe Institute (56-58 Nguyen Thai Hoc street, Hanoi) where Danish writers and illustrator will share experience with the audience how they write historical novels. Danish writers Nanna Gyldenkærne and Sally Altschuler and illustrator Tove Krebs Lange will talk about the relation between facts and fiction and the freedom of artistic expression. Questions that are important to historical novel writers, such as 'where do you find your source material and how do you use it?' or 'how do you develop the story and stay loyal to the historical facts?' will also be addressed and discussed.

"We are very proud of the collaboration between Vietnamese and Danish artists as we know how important creativeness and cultural exchange are to the development of a society. Since 2006 Denmark and Vietnam have implemented a Cultural programme together. Through this programme we emphasize creativity, people's access, and participation in arts and the promotion of cultural diversity.", said ambassador Charlotte Laursen.

Info about Danish writers and illustrator

Nanna Gyldenkærne a freelance writer with six books for children and young adults since 2007. Her historical novel 'Sixteen sisters' tells about life in a Danish orphanage in the 1920s.

Sally Altschuler has published around 40 titles mostly for children and young adults. His two historical novels, "An angel behind the ear" and "My great grandfather was Russian and wore sidelocks" are based on his own Jewish family history.

Tove Krebs Lange is a trained illustrator and has illustrated over 200 books - partly written by her as well.

(See attached pictures for some of the illustration works of Vietnamese proverbs by Danish artists to be exhibited)

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