This year APPNA Annual Mushaira will be held on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1130 pm in Hyatt Regency, Orlando. The time and budget were decided by the Local Host Committee.

We are working as a committee of two, Dr Syed Saeed Akhtar Naqvi and me, with close contact with event manager Tipu Ahmed and Dr Asif Mohiuddin.

The event will be presided by Ifkithar Arif. He is the leading poet in Pakistan at this time. Many of us know him from his TV program kasooti days.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4Q7ujDOr9U

Other poets from Pakistan include Yasmeen Hameed. She is a well known and published poet and perhaps the leading poetess in Pakistan at this time. She is scholar in residence at LUMS these days <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZ7pVrhh0jk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZ7pVrhh0jk</a>

There are two other poets from Pakistan. They represent the voice of young. Abbas Tabish has made a name of himself with his distinct style. He has several published collections of poetry and teaches in a degree college in Lahore. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYzEMVHIQ-g">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYzEMVHIQ-g</a>

Shaukhat Fehmi is another poet from Pakistan, who is rapidly becoming well-known for his individual way of writing. Both of them would be here in the USA for a Mushaira tour with another organization so they will be made available to us with considerable less travel expense.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNIdmBFPPNU

Form USA and Canada, will have the following confirmed poets

Zamin Jaffri: From Toronto. He writes humorous poetry and some of his poems are very well known, like molvi Jannat main. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3mgNw3H8ts">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3mgNw3H8ts</a>

Arif Imam: A very engaging poet from Texas with agitational style

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPax5s5SRfI

Majeed Akhter. A seasoned poet from California

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VqMJ2RWkxw&t=77s

Ifran Sattar: A not so new name whom APPNA members need to hear from.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8ZAjFmxqSQ

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