



Afghan Communicator

The Most Active Afghan Organization In North America

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2005 Accomplishments

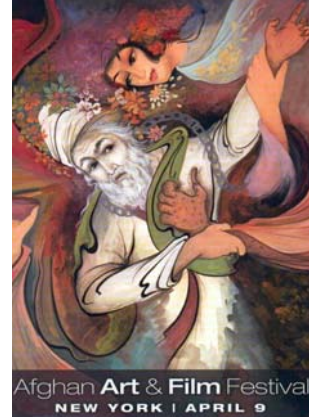
Apr – Jun

Afghan Art & Film Festival

For the first time in North America, Afghan Communicator hosted a seven city tour of Afghan Arts, Handicraft and Films in New York, Boston, Virginia, Toronto, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. The aim of this tremendous and historic cultural event was to promote Afghan Art & Culture and support Afghan artists. Through this event we presented a different side of Afghanistan, the cultural side with 5000 years of beauty and history, to serve as a contrast to the distorted news reports on national media.

This large undertaking was co-hosted by a number of Afghan organizations and individuals dedicated to Afghan culture such as Ms. Licsi Aniko Szatmari, Dr. Beatrice Manz, and Ms. Asiya Ahmadi in Boston; American Society of Afghan Professionals, Mariam Aliwardak, Behnaz Babazadeh, and Dr. Sara Ayubi in Virginia; Afghan American Association and American Society of Afghan Professionals in Chicago; Tar-o-Taaza Radio, Afghan Student Association of York University and Enough Online Magazine in Toronto; Afghan American Youth Council and Afghan Future Generations- UC Irvine in Los Angeles and Society of Afghan Professionals in San Francisco. Without their assistance the task would have been difficult, if not impossible www.afghancommunicator.com

North America



Sep 13 - 20

Istanbul International Biennial

As a result of the success of the festival, Afghan Communicator had the honor to lead Afghan artists to attend the International Istanbul Biennial (www.iksv.org/bienal). For the first time, artists from Afghanistan participated in such a prestigious art event. Many in the audience were moved by their stories of courage and dedication in safeguarding Afghan culture in the cruelest of circumstances.

The artists were **Rahraw Omarzad** from Faculty of Fine Arts in Kabul University, Director of Center for Contemporary Art Afghanistan (CCAA) and founder and Editor-in-Chief of Gahnama-e Honar, Afghanistan's only art magazine; **Tawfiq Rahmani**, President of Herat University's Faculty of Fine Arts; **Ghafaar Ghafoori**, Member of Herat's Center For Visual Arts, an independent fine arts organization; **Leeza Ahmady**, Independent Curator, Critic and Art Administrator, Specializing in Contemporary Art of Central Asia, and the Central Asian Diasporas.

Turkey

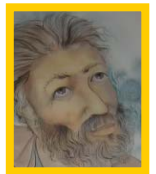


Oct 1 - 2

National Geographic: ALL ROADS

Afghan Communicator was invited to display and sell artwork by Afghan artists at the National Geographic's All Roads Film Festival. The festival was a collection of art work by artists from around the world. Afghan Communicator had the opportunity to further Afghan culture and support Afghan artists by selling their artwork. Similar endeavors will be pursued in the future so that more people are familiar with Afghan art.

DC



Nov 12 – 13

Inter Afghan Youth Summit VII

Over forty young Afghans from US, Canada and Asia attended this event at the Empire State Building. Created by Afghan Communicator in 1999, this event is a gathering of active, young Afghan professionals from all over the US, Canada, Europe and Asia to discuss issues concerning the Afghan community. Since then, it has been held in New York, California, Virginia and Toronto. In 2003, AC created the Most Active Young Afghan Award at the IAYS, intended to encourage leadership and participation in the community. Mr. Najeeb Azizi of Young Economist Society (studying PhD in Japan) was elected the Most Active Young Afghan.

NY



Aug 15

Afghan Heritage Day

This outdoor cultural picnic is held each year in August in New York. It is a cultural celebration for over 25,000 Afghans in NY, and over 60,000 Afghans in the Northeastern US. We invite community leaders, elected officials, state officials, celebrities, non-profit organizations as well as vendors to add flavor to these festivities. This year Mahmood Aslamy performed to thousands of Afghans in SUNY Old Westbury College.

NY



2005

Helping Afghanistan

We have helped a number of charitable causes in Afghanistan in 2005, including building classes and purchasing supplies for the Amir Shir Ali Khan school in Kabul. Thanks to the efforts of Raritan Valley Community College in New Jersey, the children and teachers have needed supplies and space for a better educational experience.

Afghanistan



Afghan for Afghans is a humanitarian and educational people-to-people project that sends hand-knit and crocheted blankets and sweaters, vests, hats, mittens, and socks to the beleaguered people of Afghanistan. AC's Kabul office assisted them with their efforts in Kabul. www.afghansforAfghans.org

Created in Afghanistan over the last two years, Beyond the Mirror is a visual journey through years of war portrayed through the myths, memories and first-hand accounts of ordinary Afghans. Traditional dance, live music, visual effects, filmed montages, and creative physicality bring this tapestry of stories to life. We are honored to have the live music of Quraishi playing the traditional Afghan rubob. AC was honored to help Bond Street Theater in welcoming Afghanistan's renowned artist, Ms. Anisa Wahab and the Exile Theater to the US. (www.bondst.org)



2005

Kabul Office, Guest House, Karyaby

AC's Kabul office became operational as of April 2004. The Kabul office serves as a conduit for distributing small aide coming from the West directly to charities of donors' choice. For example, say you are a donor in North America with no contacts in Afghanistan and want to send money to buy necessary supplies for a middle school (or other charitable institutions) in Afghanistan. If you do not have one in mind, contact AC and we will identify a school of your specification and buy the necessary materials and deliver it to the school. In return for 5% commission, we will send you pictures and/or video tape of the delivery as confirmation of receipt and the ongoing project progress.

Afghanistan



Kabul Guesthouse

To supplement the Kabul office expenses, AC is running a low budget guesthouse for a very nominal fee for travelers inside Afghanistan. All proceeds go to charitable efforts in Afghanistan. Our capacity is 4 persons maximum.

Karyaby: Job Journal

Karyaby is a Kabul based independent, non-political, non-partisan, bi-weekly publication founded by Afghan Communicator in December 2004. Karyaby is Afghanistan's first classified publication. The aim of this publication is to assist the reconstruction of Afghanistan by providing means for thousands of disarming militia, graduating students, Afghans expatriates, and internally displaced people to find better jobs in Afghanistan.



2005

Helping Our Community

We believe in helping other organizations to build their capacity so that we can serve the community together more productively and efficiently. Throughout the year Afghan Communicator assisted many other organizations.

USA

Afghan America Youth Council Jeshen – Los Angeles, August 21

AAYC Jeshen held at Marina Del Rey Park. Celebrate Afghan Independence Day with music and other entertainment, kids games, kites, food and beverages and lots of fun. Everyone is welcome www.aayc.org



Basketball Tournament – San Diego, December 17-18

Solid River organized the tournament at UCSD Rimalc Arena, in San Diego. 20 men's, 8 Jr.'s & 4 girls teams participated. www.afgbasketball.com



Farhad Darya Concert – Anaheim, December 31

Afghan TV Network organized this concert at Anaheim, with Farhad Darya and the Ay Sanam group. www.farhaddarya.info/tours_upcoming.htm

