



News Release

Magic of Persia: Magical Nights in Dubai 21 – 24 November 2007, Dubai.

Iran's most distinguished artists support Magic of Persia for Magical Nights in Dubai

Magic of Persia is delighted to announce **Magical Nights in Dubai**, their charity fundraiser and major auction of Iranian art taking place in Dubai from 21-24 November 2007. There will be an auction preview at the Godolphin Ballroom foyer at 10:30 which will conclude with the auction at 19:30 on 24 November.

This year guests are invited to Dubai to take part in 4 **Magical Nights** of activity and will have the unique opportunity to buy auctioned art works by the major Iranian contemporary artists of our time.

Magical Nights in Dubai will bring together the work of Iran's most distinguished artists to create a unique auction not to be missed by serious art collectors the world over. All of the esteemed artists will be attending the four day event and will be present for the live auction. Art works by Y.Z. Kami, Shirin Neshat, Kiarostami and Farhad Moshiri to name but a selection, will all go under the hammer of auctioneer and president of Christie's Europe, Jussi Pylkkanen, during one fantastical evening of music, art, dinner and dance.

Magic of Persia seeks to raise \$1 million during the 4 **Magical Nights in Dubai**. Shirley Elghanian, Chair of the Board of Trustees explains 'with the generosity and donation from such world-renowned artists, we really feel able to aim for an unprecedented success with this event. We are truly delighted with the support these artists have shown us and are so excited to be working with them to benefit others.'

The Magical Nights in Dubai auction will be the climax to a 4 day extravaganza that will offer guests the finest experiences in golf, art, Persian music, dance and fine dining. The event will culminate in a star studded gala at the glorious venue of the Godolphin Ballroom in the Emirates Towers.

Funds raised at auction will support Encyclopaedia Iranica, Professor Ehsan Yarshater's lifelong project and the Magic of Persia Education Programme, which sponsors educational workshops as well as free family days in leading museums around the world. In addition, humanitarian grants will be awarded to The Future Centre for Special Needs, Abu Dhabi and Al Noor Training Centre for Children with Special Needs, Dubai.

For further information including details of how to attend visit www.magicofpersia.com

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Notes to editors:

- Magic of Persia is a non-profit, non-political charity, registered in the UK and the USA, which educates young people on the value and unique contribution of Persian culture to society. Magic of Persia achieves its mission through the development and promotion of education and communication programmes, in partnership with world-class institutions.
- A full list of artists participating in the auction is attached

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Artist List

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POOYA ARYANPOUR
ANDISHE AVINI
BITA FAYYAZI AZAD
BEHZAD BEHNAM
HENRY DALLAL
MOHAMMAD EHSAI
YAGHOUB EMDADIAN
SHAHAB FOTOUHI
SHADI GHADIRIAN
ROKNY HAERIZADEH
RAMIN HAERIZADEH
BAHMAN JALALI
Y.Z. KAMI
ABBAS KIAROSTAMI
AVISH KHEBREZADEH
FARIDEH LASHAEI
FARHAD MOSHIRI
SHIRIN NESHAT
NASSER OVISSI
BEHROUZ RAE
GHASS ROUZXHOSH
SHIRANA SHAHBAZI
PARVIZ TANAVOLI
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