



## News Release

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

**The most distinguished contemporary Iranian artists support Magic of Persia during four magical nights in Dubai.**

**Magic of Persia** is delighted to announce **Magical Nights in Dubai**, a charity fundraiser and auction of significant Iranian art taking place in Dubai from 21-24 November 2007.

There will be a preview of the art at the Godolphin Ballroom foyer from 11am to 5pm on 24 November. The auction will commence at 9pm at The Magical Nights Gala.

This year's guests are invited to Dubai to take part in 4 magical nights of activity and will have the unique opportunity to buy auctioned works by important contemporary artists of today.

**Magical nights in Dubai** will bring together the work of distinguished Iranian artists to create a unique auction, not to be missed by enthusiastic art collectors the world over.

All of the esteemed artists will be attending the four day event. Art works by Y.Z. Kami, Shirin Neshat, Abbas Kiarostami and Farhad Moshiri to name but a few, will go under the hammer of Jussi Pykkänen, the President of Christie's Middle East and Europe, during a spectacular evening of music, art, dinner and dance.

**Magic of Persia** seeks to raise US\$ 1 million. Shirley Elghanian, Chief Executive says "we are truly overwhelmed by the generosity of our world renowned Iranian artists and certain that the success of this event will surpass all expectations. Magic of Persia is delighted to partner with artists who share in our vision in order to continue our efforts in educating today's youth about Persian culture.

The four day event will include a Pro/am golf tournament, evenings of Persian music, dance and fine dining, culminating in the live fundraising art auction and gala.

Funds raised at auction will support the **Magic of Persia** Education programme which sponsors educational workshops as well as free family days in leading museums around the world and Encyclopaedia Iranica, Professor Ehsan Yarshater's lifelong project. 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](http://www.magicofpersia.com)

### **Ends**

#### **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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AFSOON  
NADER AHRIMAN  
SHIRIN ALIABADI  
KAMROOZ ARAM  
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  
SADEGH TABRIZI  
PARVIZ TANAVOLI  
MOHAMMAD TATARI

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