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Tirgan Returns for Its Biennial Celebration This Summer 2015

Harbourfront Centre Hosts the World's Largest Iranian Arts & Culture Festival

Toronto, ON – April 21, 2015 - Tirgan, the world's largest Iranian arts and culture festival returns to the Harbourfront Centre in Toronto, Canada, this summer from August 20-23, 2015.

The festival's ancient roots can be seen in a programme which showcases the tremendous ethnic diversity within Iran and celebrates the country's music, dance, theatre, cinema, literature, visual arts and cuisine. The central theme of "Homeland" unites the festival programme of Tirgan 2015.

RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Tirgan is proud to announce that Ms. Homa Sarshar, the award-winning journalist and writer, will serve as honorary chair this year. She exemplifies outstanding achievement and embodies the festival's mission of supporting the arts. Past Chairs include Anousheh Ansari, the "First Female Private Space Explorer & First Space Ambassador" and Dr. Reza Moridi, Minister of Research and Innovations & Minister of Colleges and Universities.

The festival creates a cultural dialogue between the Iranian community and the global community at large. **With over 130,000 visitors during the 2013 festival, Tirgan expects to attract 150,000 visitors this year.** Guests can enjoy a variety of world class entertainment and activities for everyone: music and dance performances, film screenings, a children's activity area, food fair and cooking demonstration, workshops and a bazaar.

TIRGAN BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER MAY 3, 2015

If you love playing backgammon or you think you can win our final prize, join us for an exciting game and help raise funds to support the cultural initiatives of Tirgan. Date and cost: Sunday May 3, 2015, at 2 p.m. \$20/person. Tickets and registration in advance by e-mail: backgammon@tirgan.ca

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