

# Daniel Pearl FOUNDATION



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We are proud to share with you this biannual update on the progress of the Daniel Pearl Foundation, and take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in our mission and accomplishments.

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Together, for a better world!

Judea and Ruth Pearl, Co-Founders

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## MUSIC

### 8th Annual Daniel Pearl World Music Days - October 1-31, 2009



The Daniel Pearl Foundation is proud to invite our friends and supporters to be part of the 2009 Daniel Pearl World Music Days - a month long global network of concerts dedicated to tolerance and humanity.

Last year, musicians at more than 1,100 events in 63 countries empowered audiences with a sense of unity and purpose by dedicating their music to the theme of "Harmony for Humanity." 2009 World Music Days coincides with what would have been Danny's 46th birthday, October 10. This year, we invite you, your musician friends (professional and amateur), houses of worship, non-profit organizations, embassies, schools and youth groups to dedicate their

musical performances to our global symphony. Dedications can be made from the stage, or in the printed program of either previously scheduled performances or specifically organized ones. There is no financial obligation.

To register an October performance, or learn more about this unique program, please visit [www.danielpearlmusicdays.org](http://www.danielpearlmusicdays.org). Events taking place outside the October 1-31, 2009, time frame are welcome as "Tribute Events" and are also featured on the website.

A companion to World Music Days network of concerts is "Harmony for Humanity" [eStage](#) - - a 24/7 dedicated internet radio station that is broadcast worldwide throughout October. eStage features original compositions dedicated to the principles by which Danny lived, as well as music by the World Music Days Honorary Committee, winners of the [Daniel Pearl Memorial Violin](#), and Danny's own music. Recent compositions dedicated to Danny include [I Don't Believe in That](#) by Chip Taylor, [Third Mother](#)\* by Sharon Farber and [Remember My Song](#)\* by Sally K. Albrecht and Jay Althouse.

\* Score is available for high schools and community choirs for 2009 World Music Days.

## LECTURES AND DIALOGUE

### **Daniel Pearl Memorial Lecture with Anderson Cooper at UCLA**



CNN Anchor Anderson Cooper delivered the 7th Annual Daniel Pearl Memorial Lecture on May 17, 2009, at UCLA's Ackerman Grand Ballroom. Introduced by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Cooper spoke to an audience of more than 1,000 about how he started as a journalist, what journalists in conflict zones encounter, and how, like Daniel Pearl, he strives to show the human side of the often unreported sufferings in these zones. Cooper mentioned that he keeps a photo of Danny on his bulletin board for daily inspiration. The event was co-sponsored by the Burkle Center at UCLA and UCLA Hillel. For photos and press coverage [click here](#).

### **Lectures by Judea Pearl**

Judea Pearl, President of the Daniel Pearl Foundation, has delivered numerous public lectures this year on topics ranging from "Advocating Peace in a Peace Deaf Campus," "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: A Personal Perspective," "I am Jewish: Personal Reflections Inspired by the Last Words of Daniel Pearl" and "Zionism and Anti-Zionism." His most recent [Op-Ed pieces](#) published in the *Los Angeles Times* and *The Wall Street Journal* elicited hundreds of comments and responses from readers around the world. According to the *WSJ* website, Judea's Op-Ed, "Daniel Pearl and the Normalization of Evil," was the most read, e-mailed and commented-on article during the week of its publication.

## JOURNALISM

### **Daniel Pearl Journalism Fellowships**



Sherine El Madany



Shahzada Irfan Ahmed

The [Daniel Pearl Journalism Fellowship](#) brings promising, mid-career foreign journalists to work

for six months in a U.S. newsroom. This year's Daniel Pearl Fellows are Shahzada Irfan Ahmed (Assistant Editor and Special Correspondent, The News International, Lahore, Pakistan), working at the *Houston Chronicle*, and Sherine El Madany (Business Reporter, The Daily News Egypt, Egypt), joining the *Los Angeles Times*. The Fellowship program expanded this year to include an introductory course in journalism at the University of Missouri, in addition to a week at the Poynter Institute in Florida. This program is conducted in partnership with the [Alfred Friendly Press Fellowships](#).

A public discussion with the two Daniel Pearl Fellows, on their personal experiences during the fellowship and how America is viewed from abroad will be moderated by Rob Eshman, Editor in Chief, The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles and will take place on August 13 at the [Los Angeles Press Club's](#) Steven Allen Theater. The event is open to the public at no cost.

### **PEARL World Youth News**

The PEARL Program for high school students, in partnership with [iEARN](#), held its first online journalism festival in April 2009. Secondary school students from Brazil, Romania, U.S., India, Ghana, Kenya, Oman, Canada, the Philippines and Uzbekistan collaboratively reported on issues that matter to them. After online discussions and meetings, five groups worked with an advisor from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism to produce multimedia reports on social networking, water usage and deforestation, solid waste disposal, politics and child labor. Based on a vote by participants and readers, one team will attend iEARN's international conference in Morocco and present a workshop on the PEARL project. The final stories, slideshows and videos will be posted on the [PEARL website](#).

The PEARL Reporter Training and Certification Course is adding multimedia training modules which will be available online beginning in July 2009.

### **TRIBUTES AND AWARDS**

#### **Daniel Pearl Freedom of the Press Act**

Representatives Adam Schiff (D-CA) and Mike Pence (R-IN), recently introduced [legislation](#) in the U.S. Congress to highlight and promote freedom of the press worldwide. The legislation will establish an annual State Department report on the status of press freedom in every country in the world and create a grant program aimed at broadening and strengthening the independence of journalists and media organizations. "I can think of no better way to honor the memory of Daniel Pearl," Pence said. "This legislation takes valuable steps in highlighting and supporting the critical work of investigative journalism, while putting on notice those countries who choose to ignore the freedom of the press..."

#### **Daniel Pearl Award For Courage and Integrity in Journalism**

Robyn Dixon, *Los Angeles Times* Bureau Chief in Johannesburg, South Africa will be awarded The Daniel Pearl Award For Courage and Integrity in Journalism on June 14, 2009, at the Los Angeles Press Club's [51st Annual Southern California Journalism Awards](#). Robyn Dixon started as a cub reporter in her home city of Melbourne, and spent nine years covering the former Soviet Union and Afghanistan for Australian Newspapers. In 1999 Dixon started at the *Los Angeles Times*' Moscow bureau, and since 2003, has been based in Johannesburg.

#### **Daniel Pearl Memorial Journalism Internship – Stanford**

Ketaki Gokhale, a Stanford graduate student, has been awarded the 2009 [Daniel Pearl Memorial Journalism Internship](#), which she will spend in a foreign bureau of *The Wall Street Journal* this summer. In her award-winning essay, Gokhale reported on the plight of Punjabi farmworkers, "who suffered because the Indian American farmers who employed them were either ignorant of pesticide safety regulations or ignored them."

#### **Three Daniel Pearl Prizes Awarded to Journalism Students in Paris**

*The Wall Street Journal*, in collaboration with Paris' Ecole de Journalisme de Sciences Po, presents the Daniel Pearl Award annually to students whose submissions best embody Danny's commitment to journalistic excellence. The 5th Annual [Daniel Pearl Award](#) was presented on May 28th, 2009. The first prize of \$1,000 Euro went to Jérôme Lefilliatre for his article "The Double," the second to Julie Trassard for "Jafar" and the third to Marie Naudascher for "Scavanging in India."

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