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Daniel Pearl
WORLD MUSIC DAYS

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Dear User20_Placeholder,

As 2010 comes to a close, we would like to share highlights of Daniel Pearl Foundation's programs and events. Empowered by our son's spirit and driven by his calling, we continue the struggle to contain the culture of hatred that took Danny's life.

Journalism, music, and dialogue are our tools - Daniel's legacy, our strength.

With best wishes for a happy holiday season and new year,

The Pearl Family

Your generous support will enable us to sustain and expand the scope and impact of these vital programs.

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MUSIC

9th ANNUAL DANIEL PEARL WORLD MUSIC DAYS SETS NEW RECORD



In the spirit of Danny's love of music, the Foundation organizes a global network of concerts each October to unite people in the theme of "Harmony for Humanity." In October 2010, the 9th Annual Daniel Pearl World Music Days inspired dedications at [1,643 concerts in 84 countries](#), empowering audiences with a sense of unity and purpose. Highlights included performances by [Honorary Committee members](#), [U.S. Embassies](#), foreign embassies, schools, orchestras, festivals, cultural centers, and talented musicians from every genre. President Barack Obama issued a [Statement](#) for this month-long event.

"Harmony for Humanity" eStage now features a streaming radio station on [Yahoo! Music](#) that broadcasts music by artists who have participated in this program. eStage also features original compositions inspired by Danny, a year-round [photo gallery](#), [video page](#), as well as poetry and lyrics inspired by his legacy.

Recent original compositions dedicated to Daniel Pearl include "[Homecoming](#)" by M80 featuring Liz Berlin of Rusted Root, "[The Lord Must Have Been Lonely](#)" by Dean Morrison & The Saturday Night Revolution, "[Pearl](#)" by Rez Abbasi, and "[Izkor](#)" by Gil Shohat.

DANIEL PEARL MEMORIAL STRING INSTRUMENTS

In 2002, master violin maker Jonathan Cooper crafted a special Daniel Pearl Memorial Violin to carry on Danny's tradition of connecting people through music. A second violin, crafted by Cooper, was donated by the Samuel Lawrence Foundation in 2005. This year, a cello made by Cooper was donated by Ann Swanson, and R. G. Niederhoffer Capital Management has commissioned a viola from Cooper, completing the Memorial String Quartet, in honor of Daniel Pearl. Each summer these instruments are awarded for a period of one year to talented musicians attending Mark O'Connor's String Camp.

The 2010 Memorial Violin recipients are Jonathan Raveneau and Malachi Provenzano. The inaugural 2010 Memorial Cello recipient is Sarah Chaffee. The past [12 recipients of the Daniel Pearl Memorial Violin](#) are actively promoting the Daniel Pearl World Music Days among their fans and musician friends, and many have dedicated original compositions to Danny.

JOURNALISM

DANIEL PEARL JOURNALISM FELLOWS PUBLIC DISCUSSION



On August 12, 2010, this year's Daniel Pearl Fellows, Nasry Ahmed Esmat (Egypt), who worked at the *Los Angeles Times* and *ProPublica*, and Aoun Sahi (Pakistan), who worked at the Atlanta bureau of *The Wall Street Journal*, participated in a public discussion on "How America Is Viewed from Abroad." Both Fellows shared their personal experience of their Fellowship and how it has motivated their aspirations as journalists. Nasry is planning to write a book in Arabic on social media and develop a workshop with a journalist syndicate back home. Aoun is contemplating starting a community newspaper and plans to blog at the Jewish Journal to help bridge the conflict between Pakistan and Israel. This annual event is co-sponsored by the [Los Angeles Press Club](#) and is moderated by Rob Eshman, Editor in Chief of the [Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles](#).

UPDATES ON PAST DANIEL PEARL FELLOWS

Umar Cheema, our 2008 Fellow from Pakistan, was abducted on September 4, 2010; he was tortured and threatened with death if he continued to write against the military or the government. In compliance with the [Daniel Pearl Freedom of the Press Act](#), the State Department intervened on Cheema's behalf. This highly publicized case encouraged five additional reporters to file police complaints in Pakistan.

Utku Cakirozer, our 2008 Fellow is currently the Bureau Chief of *Cumhuriyet*, the oldest and most respected newspaper in Turkey.

PEARL WORLD YOUTH NEWS

PEARL (Prepare and Educate Aspiring Reporters for Leadership) is a unique Internet-based student news service that teaches high school students journalistic skills and respect for cultural differences. Once certified, students collaboratively write articles and act as international correspondents for secondary school newspapers around the world. This program is currently under revision and will be re-launched on our website in 2011.

LECTURES AND DIALOGUES

5TH ANNUAL DANIEL PEARL MEMORIAL LECTURE AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY



Wolf Blitzer, CNN's lead political anchor and anchor of The Situation Room with Wolf

Blitzer, together with David Bohrman, CNN's Senior Vice President of Programming and Washington Bureau Chief, delivered the Fifth Annual Daniel Pearl Memorial Lecture at Stanford University on November 14, 2010. Titled "The War on Terror: From the Headlines to the Back Pages," both speakers provided an overview of shifting trends in public opinion over the past decade using voter exit polls. Video clips, interspersed with behind-the-scenes commentary, offered a compelling glimpse into the public's concerns as they fluctuated from terrorism to the legitimacy of the Iraq war to the economy.

After the lecture, Stanford students, alumni, and other audience members engaged both speakers with thought-provoking questions. The lecture was co-sponsored by the Daniel Pearl Foundation, the ASSU Speakers Bureau, and Hillel at Stanford.

9TH ANNUAL DANIEL PEARL MEMORIAL LECTURE AT UCLA

The 9th Annual Daniel Pearl Memorial Lecture at UCLA will be delivered on February 11, 2011 by [Leon Wieseltier](#), literary editor of *The New Republic*. Admission is open to the public. Details are posted on our [Events Page](#).

JUDEA PEARL LECTURES AND OP-EDS

Judea Pearl, president of the Daniel Pearl Foundation, has delivered public lectures across the country on topics such as:

- "Carving a Path for Interfaith Dialogue"
- "The Middle East Conflict: The Case For Coexistence"
- "Being a Western, American and Jewish in the Post 9/11 Era"

View his most recent [Op-Ed pieces](#).

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