

Daniel Pearl FOUNDATION

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GREETINGS. Based on your interest in the Daniel Pearl Foundation (DPF,) we are pleased to send you this inaugural edition of the Daniel Pearl Foundation Newsletter which will arrive via e-mail three or four times a year to keep our community of friends updated on the DPF's activities and projects. Our first 18 months have been busy and productive in large part thanks to your support.

In this first newsletter we highlight some of our accomplishments and other news. Please feel free to forward it to others who might be interested in the Foundation and to contact us with suggestions and ideas that might help our activities. If you would prefer not to receive our newsletter, please see the subscription information at the bottom of this e-mail.

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Daniel Pearl Music Day: Global Concerts Carry Note of Tolerance

In the spirit of Danny's love of music and commitment to dialogue, the Second Annual Daniel Pearl Music Day saw musicians in 29 countries dedicate 230 concerts with the message of "Harmony for Humanity." The concerts were held on and around October 10, 2003 which would have been Danny's 40th birthday. See the [slide show](#) of 2003 concerts. Among the notable artists on the 2003 Music Day Honorary Committee were Sir Elton John, Salman Ahmad, Barbra Streisand, Yo-Yo Ma, Herbie Hancock, Ravi Shankar, and Itzhak Perlman. See Elton John's video [invitation](#) to join Music Day or see the full [listing](#) of concerts.

Daniel Pearl Fellow at the Wall Street Journal

Mr. Fasih Ahmed, an editor for the Lahore, Pakistan-based Friday Times and Daily Times, was the DPF's first [Daniel Pearl Fellow](#). The Daniel Pearl Fellowship was established by the DPF in partnership with the Alfred Friendly Press Fellowships to bring Pakistani journalists to the United States to work with Danny's colleagues and get to know the U.S. press from the inside. From June to November 2003, Fasih Ahmed wrote for the Wall Street Journal's Washington DC bureau, where Danny worked from 1993 to 1996. This was the first such Fellow at the Wall Street Journal. Mr. Ahmed also spent the first week of December at the

Jewish Journal in Los Angeles, CA. The DPF will expand the program in 2004/2005 to two Daniel Pearl Fellows from South Asia, the Middle East, or North Africa in two U.S. newsrooms. Visit [Alfred Friendly Press Fellowships](#) for more information.

[NPR's Daniel Schorr to Speak at Daniel Pearl Lecture Series](#)

Daniel Schorr, senior news analyst at National Public Radio, will deliver the second Daniel Pearl Lecture Series in Journalism and International Relations at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) on February 4, 2004. The event developed by DPF and Hillel at UCLA features journalists who have contributed original analysis or constructive approaches to problems of international concern. The lecture is free and open to the public. Last year, New York Times foreign affairs columnist Thomas Friedman gave the inaugural lecture on "American Foreign Policy and the Middle East" to an overflowing hall. See this year's [announcement](#) for more information.

[Interfaith Dialogue Forum Launched](#)

A series of interfaith public dialogues have been initiated between DPF President Judea Pearl and Professor Akbar S. Ahmed, Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies at American University in Washington DC, and author of "Islam Under Siege" (2003). "Towards Interfaith Understanding: A Journey Through Dialogue" took place on October 23, 2003 in Pittsburgh, sponsored by the American Jewish Committee. "Choosing Hope: A Dialogue in Search of Common Ground" will take place on January 20, 2004 in Philadelphia. Forums are planned for Detroit, San Francisco and other cities in 2004. Read about the [dialogues](#). For more information or to attend the Philadelphia meeting contact Ilana Wilenski at 215.665.2300 or wilensiki@ajc.org.

[Press Under Fire Symposiums Initiated](#)

In early 2003, the DPF and schools of journalism organized "Press Under Fire" symposiums, where panelists reflected on the risks that journalists around the world continue to face. Events were held in New York, Boston, Paris, and Jerusalem. If you or your organization would like to host a "Press Under Fire" discussion for February 2004, please contact Marianne Scott at msscott@danielpearl.org. See the DPF [annual memorial](#) observances page for information.

[New Addition to the DPF Honorary Board](#)

Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan has joined the [Honorary Board](#) of the Daniel Pearl Foundation. We issue her a warm welcome and thank her in particular for her commitment to children, the arts, education and cross-cultural understanding.

[DPF Hires New Executive Director](#)

Marianne Scott, a Stanford University classmate and friend of Daniel Pearl's became the DPF's executive director in September 2003. Ms. Scott brings to the DPF a great deal of experience in international exchange, cross-cultural work, international policy, and nonprofit management. She spent 16 years as a career diplomat, serving in Guatemala, Mexico, Kenya and Washington DC. Most recently she was the deputy executive director of the American Committees on Foreign Relations. She is the author of "A Citizen's Guide to Global Economic Policymaking" (League of Women Voters 2003.) Ms. Scott is fluent in Spanish and is based in Washington, DC. She can be reached at msscott@danielpearl.org.

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The Daniel Pearl Foundation is grateful to the many volunteers and supporters who are sustaining Danny's hopes and dreams of tolerance and understanding. Most of our funding comes from the generosity of individual donors and foundations. To see our list of major

donors and support us with donations, visit our online [donations page](#). Thank you for helping us create a better world!

Other News

Winners Announced for Daniel Pearl Youth Writing Contest

More than 500 students nationwide responded to the challenge to write about cultural intolerance or an incident of hatred they experienced and to offer suggestions on promoting respect and tolerance. Congratulations to the [winners](#)!

DPF Honored with Two Prestigious Awards

The Daniel Pearl Foundation was honored as a 2002 Search for Common Ground [award winner](#) and with the 2003 Roger E. Joseph Prize for its "distinctive contribution to humanity."

Interfaith Memorial Services Mark Anniversary of the Death of Daniel Pearl

In February 2003, the DPF encouraged those who wished to remember Danny to organize or attend an interfaith memorial service as a demonstration of solidarity against terrorism and intolerance. Thousands around the world attended services, concerts, and discussions, while another 70,000 people lit virtual candles in Danny's memory as part of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Internet campaign. We welcome the continuation of interfaith memorials for the second anniversary, February 21, 2004. See the DPF [annual memorial observances page](#) for information.

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