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

This has been an extraordinary year for the Daniel Pearl Foundation. We want to thank you for your support and participation – our accomplishments are yours as well. This year we re-launched a program for student journalists, set a record for World Music Days and tenaciously carried forward the work to which Daniel dedicated his life. We’re proud to share it all with you.

We wish you joy, peace and happiness for the New Year.

— Daniel Pearl Foundation

**Your generous support will enable us to sustain and expand these vital programs, steadily carving a path toward a hate-free world.**

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JOURNALISM

2012 DANIEL PEARL JOURNALISM FELLOWS

Each year, Daniel Pearl Journalism Fellows come from countries in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia – areas Danny covered as a journalist – to work five months in the newsrooms of major U.S. publications and experience the dynamics of a free press. Each Fellow also attends orientations and seminars, spends one week at the Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles, and participates in a public panel discussion titled “America’s Image Abroad.” Since 2003, we have run this fellowship in partnership with Alfred Friendly Press Fellowships (AFPF.)

In 2012, Ms. Maria Amir, from Pakistan, will be working at The New York Times, and Ms. Aida Ahmad, from Malaysia, will be placed with the Los Angeles Times.

PEARL-SHAHZAD FELLOWSHIP

Joining our two 2012 Fellows is Mr. Adnan Rashid, the inaugural Pearl-Shahzad Fellow who was selected from among 14 graduates of AFPF’s newly launched Pearl-Shahzad Media Training Program. He’ll be working at the North Adams Transcript/Berkshire Eagle in Berkshire County, Mass., and at radio station WAMC in Albany, N.Y.

DANIEL PEARL JOURNALISM FELLOWS PUBLIC DISCUSSION

On August 25, our 2011 Daniel Pearl Fellows – Mr. Emal Nahweed Haidary from Afghanistan, and Mrs. Aatekah Ahhmad Mir from Pakistan – participated in a public discussion in Los Angeles. In a frank conversation, moderated by Rob Eshman, editor-in-chief of the Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles, they shared their personal experiences living and working in the United States at the Los Angeles Times and The New York Times respectively, and they responded to questions about the political and cultural differences in their own countries. Eshman subsequently wrote a moving op-ed in the Journal about Emal and Aatekah.

UPDATES ON PAST DANIEL PEARL FELLOWS

Daniel Pearl Fellows are now writing in nine Muslim-majority countries. Each is having a tremendous impact on society, from Ammara Durani, a special aide to the Pakistani Minister of Information, is responsible for an anti-terrorism campaign, to Walid Al-
Saqaf, from Yemen, 2012 TED Senior Fellow who developed an anti-censorship award-winning software program that allows uncensored access to the internet. We are proud of our Daniel Pearl Fellows – for their accomplishments, of course, but also for their courageous stand for press freedom in their home countries.

**PEARL WORLD YOUTH NEWS**

We have just re-launched [PEARL Youth News (PYN)](http://www.danielpearl.org/news_and_press/newsletter_11_Dec_vol8_ed2.html) a Web-based journalism course and international news service for secondary/high school students. PYN embraces the ideals Daniel Pearl embodied and introduces students to the ethics and basic skills of journalism. Students who take this online course write news articles with the help of a mentor, get certified as PEARL Reporters, and continue to publish articles on PYN while interacting with PEARL reporters worldwide.

**MUSIC**

**10th ANNUAL DANIEL PEARL WORLD MUSIC DAYS**

“Harmony for Humanity” is the theme of [Daniel Pearl World Music Days](http://www.danielpearl.org/news_and_press/newsletter_11_Dec_vol8_ed2.html), a global network of concerts held each October around Danny’s birthday. Danny traveled the world with a pen and a fiddle connecting people through words and music. President Obama issued a statement and several U.S. Governors issued proclamations in support of World Music Days. This year’s 10th Annual Daniel Pearl World Music Days set a new record of 2,091 concerts in 84 countries.

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\text{Daniel Pearl World Music Days Events By Year}
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Since its inception in 2002, this month-long global symphony has brought together
musicians of every genre who have dedicated more than 8,900 concerts in 119 countries to the ideals for which Danny stood, affirming unity through music. For a full list of participating artists, participating concerts, event photos and videos, please visit www.danielpearlmusicdays.org.

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**DANIEL PEARL MEMORIAL STRING INSTRUMENTS**

For the ninth year, as part of the Mark O'Connor String Camp, instruments crafted by master luthier Jonathan Cooper were awarded to two exceptional young musicians to use for one year. In 2011, the Daniel Pearl Memorial Violins were awarded to Gracie Hays, 16, from Gulfport, Miss., and Philip Glenn, 23, from Santa Fe Springs, Calif. Additionally, a newly donated Daniel Pearl Memorial Cello, was awarded this year to Keizo Oshioka, 18, from Boston, Mass.

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**LECTURES AND DIALOGUES**

**10TH ANNUAL DANIEL PEARL MEMORIAL LECTURE AT UCLA**

David Remnick, editor of The New Yorker, will deliver the 10th Annual Daniel Pearl Memorial Lecture on January 30, 2012, at UCLA’s Korn Convocation Hall at 5 p.m. The event is currently sold out; information regarding possible space availability will be posted on our events page.

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**JUDEA PEARL LECTURES, OP-EDS AND AWARDS**

Dr. Judea Pearl, President of the Daniel Pearl Foundation, lectures nationwide on topics ranging from interfaith dialogue to the Middle East peace process. All earnings from speaking engagements, op-eds and book royalties go directly to the Daniel Pearl Foundation.

Dr. Pearl has been awarded the 2011 Harvey Prize in Science and Technology from The Technion, Israel Institute of Technology. First awarded in 1972, the Harvey Prize celebrates outstanding efforts in the areas of science, technology, human health and peace. A portion of the proceeds from the prize will be donated to the Daniel Pearl Foundation.

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**TRIBUTES AND AWARDS**

**The International Press Institute World Press Freedom Heroes**

In September, Daniel Pearl and South African editor Raymond Louw were named World Press Freedom Heroes for 2011. This award is given to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the defense and promotion of freedom of the press.

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**The Center for Public Integrity Daniel Pearl Award for Outstanding International Investigative Reporting**
This is a biennial award to encourage cross-border investigative reporting. In 2011, the international award went to Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project for the article "Offshore Crime, Inc." The U.S. award went to documentary photographer Mimi Chakarova for her film "The Price of Sex."

**Stanford University Daniel Pearl Memorial Internship**

This yearly award is presented to a Stanford graduate student whose career goals reflect Daniel’s own pursuit of excellence in journalism. In 2011, the award went to Alexandra Wexler, who interned at the *Wall Street Journal's* Hong Kong bureau.

**South Asian Journalists Association Daniel Pearl Award**

This honor, initially awarded to Danny in memoriam in 2002, was presented in 2011 to Steve Inskeep, Julie McCarthy and Phillip Reeves of NPR; Christopher Chivers, Mark Mazzetti and Dexter Filkins of *The New York Times*; Jason Gale of *Bloomberg News*; and Aryn Baker of *TIME Magazine*.

**Chicago Journalists Association Daniel Pearl Award**

CBS News Correspondent Lara Logan was the 2011 recipient of the Chicago Journalists Association's Daniel Pearl Award – conferred upon foreign correspondents who exemplify Daniel's spirit and impeccable professional standards.

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Through your generosity we continue to expand our programs to educate, unite and inspire future generations to work for a hate-free world.

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