



POLAR MUSIC PRIZE

Afghanistan National Institute of Music (ANIM) and Dr. Ahmad Sarmast

ANIM provides a dynamic, challenging, and safe learning environment for all students regardless of their gender, ethnicity, religious sect, or socio-economic circumstances. We focus especially on supporting the most disadvantaged children in Afghanistan – orphans, street-working vendors and girls.

Aims

Assure Musical Rights
Transform Lives through Music
Revive and Preserve Afghan Music
Train Future Music Educators
Lead Cultural Diplomacy between Afghanistan and the International Community

History

Music in Afghanistan thrived for centuries; in the 1980's alone there was a thriving pop and film music industry, hundreds of ensembles and a unique radio orchestra with Western and Afghan instruments. All of this was destroyed by the civil war in the 1990's and its aftermath. Between 1996 and 2001, music was completely banned in Afghanistan. In 2006, Dr. Ahmad Sarmast, then a Research Fellow at the Monash Asia Institute, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, initiated the Revival of Afghan Music (ROAM) project. His father had been a very famous conductor and Dr. Sarmast had been in exile from his homeland for fifteen years. In April 2008 after two years of planning, and with the full support of the Ministry of Education and the Deputy Ministry for Technical Vocation and Educational Training, the vision of ANIM was taken by Dr. Ahmad Sarmast to the donor community. With support from the World Bank, the Embassy of the USA, the German Government and many other donors, the Afghanistan National Institute of Music was inaugurated on June 20, 2010. The project "Revival of Music Education in Afghanistan" received the IMC Music Rights Award in 2009 as an encouragement to the project and a signal to the donor community.

<https://www.anim-music.org/>

Film links:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Osb5iBGMovg&list=PLVHjd1IIJW5bS24hxc41_7dBte-V7Kxo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_-AEVuYQ00&list=PLtVyK45yykR5Dai7H0z6VZR4Lm7CtZgLF

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE9EWFk8zk0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HcTSDh6AfSM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMEb7GAUwJQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMBfPdKq4a8>