

PASSION CREATIVITY INSPIRATION

SENSES

CULTURAL

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Building a peaceful & healthy world by fostering understanding about autism and neurodevelopmental disorders

Senses Cultural Promotes Holistic Programs to Raise Awareness About Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Through Cutting Edge Science, Research and the Arts

This was a remarkable second year for our organization. At Senses Cultural, we launched our non-profit mission a year before, to support autism and neurodevelopmental disorders, with a specific dedication to children and women dealing with their disorders, by registering to receive a 501(c) (3) status.

What a truly remarkable year it was! So please take a moment to review our activities. Our Advocacy & Art programs were a big hit, as was our community networks to raise more awareness about health issues through the arts.

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SENSES CULTURAL and its cross-disciplinary team is proud to serve as an organization with a track record of good will to promote education on autism and neurodevelopmental disorders, and to support academic institutions that work in the field. Our ability to reach out to communities and experts, nationally and internationally, is an asset that few other organizations working in this field have. So, as we look forward to next year, I will share our work every step of the way toward promoting research projects and producing results that improve the quality of life for individuals with autism and neurodevelopmental disorders.

Tata Monfared

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tata Monfared'.

Founder and President, SENSES CULTURAL

Key Milestones in 2013

Advocacy & Arts





Displayed
Art for Healing
in art exhibitions



Launched the
Art Gallery
“Mud and Shadow”



Launched the
Art Healing program



Organized panel
on impact of sanctions
on the health sector
in Iran



Promoted the
International
Museum of
Women’s Muslima
Exhibition



Mission

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Established in 2012, **SENSES CULTURAL** is a non-profit organization based in Sacramento, California, dedicated to creating a peaceful and healthy world by fostering understanding about autism and neurodevelopment disorders. We cultivate relations with national and international networks, create partnerships with artists, scientists and cultural advocates, and organize events for health experts and artists beyond their own geographic and social borders. Senses Cultural continually offers partnership opportunities to interested organizations so that together we can sponsor, host and promote projects that fulfill our common goals of serving people and communities dealing with autism and neurodevelopmental disorders. We especially encourage projects in which we can partner with others to build cross-cultural understanding and tolerance around the theme of autism, and celebrate the diversity of the autistic community.

Together with communities, scientists, researchers, social workers, teachers, and psychologists, **SENSES CULTURAL** is slowly but surely making a global impact.



Canada



United States



Germany



Iran



China

Where we work

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Our stories, Our impact

Spotlight on Advocacy & Art



SENSES CULTURAL held the second Art Healing program at International House Davis in March, attracting 25 community members from the Davis/Sacramento area. Taught by husband and wife team, Bahram Khamjani and Jaleh Alavi, the program helps everyone turn into an artist, using canvases printed with Op Art-style figures. Through the program, SENSES CULTURAL aimed to raise funds for its activities supporting BYkids to enable young adults to produce short films, while raising awareness about autism and neurodevelopmental disorders. We held several other Art of Healing programs at the Central Davis Park and the University Retirement Center in the Sacramento/Davis area.

Launched Art of Healing

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SENSES CULTURAL held several family programs through the Art of Healing project, to raise funds and awareness about autism and neurodevelopmental disorders. We displayed all the art by our community at the Fusion International Arts Center in Sacramento, CA.



Displayed Art of Healing

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Panel on Impact of Sanctions on Human Health in Iran

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SENSES CULTURAL held a panel discussion on the Iranian Sanctions through the generous sponsorship of individuals and organizations, to raise funds and awareness about autism and neurodevelopmental disorders especially in sanctioned countries.



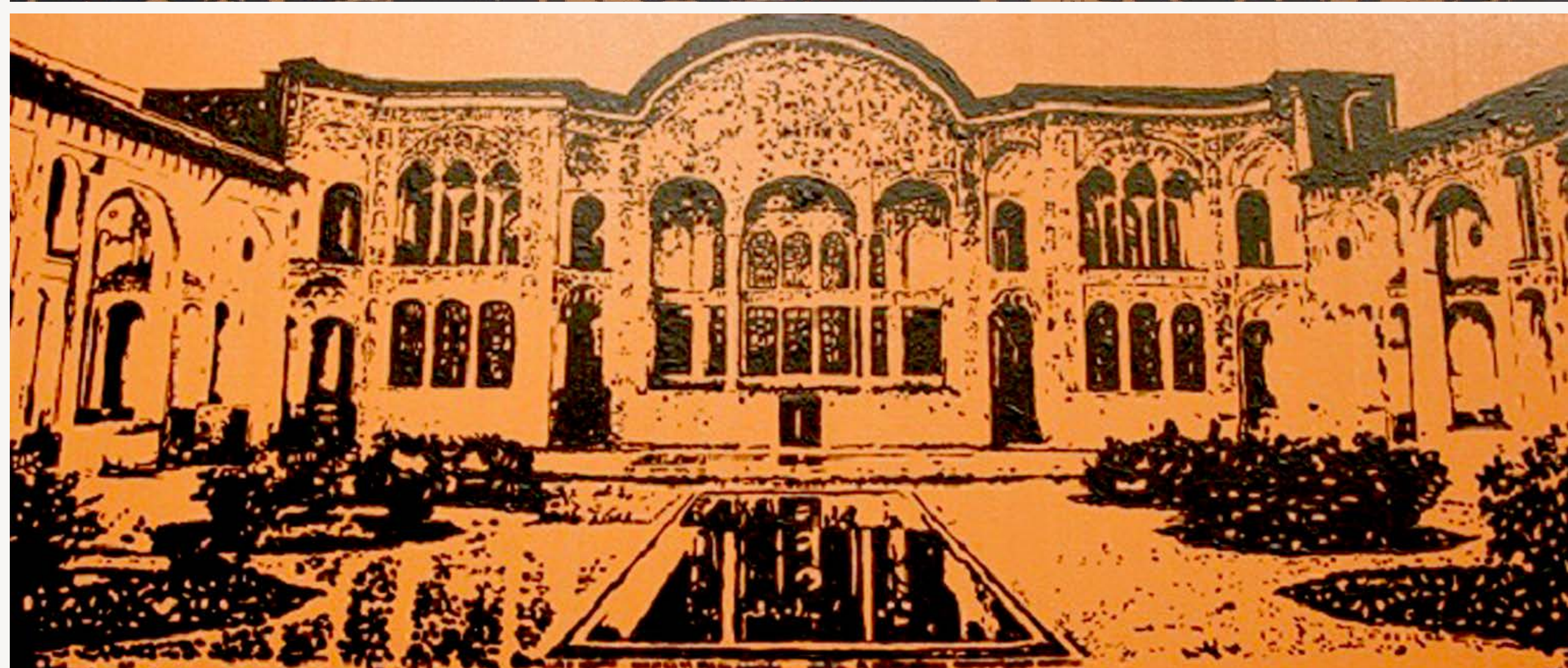


Launched Art Gallery “Mud and Shadow”

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SENSES CULTURAL honored the themes of humanity and peace by dedicating an exhibition to the cause, led by artist Bahram Khamjani, entitled “Mud and Shadow.” The exhibit raised awareness about the impact of sanctions on the health sector in Iran, especially with respect to autism and neurodevelopmental disorders.







SENSES CULTURAL supported the International Museum of Women (IMOW) to inspire creativity, awareness and action on vital global issues for women. We promoted the innovative online museum that showcases art, stories and ideas to celebrate and advance the lives of women around the world, especially through art by contemporary Muslim artists. Through this support, we raised awareness about the role of women in helping communities and individuals dealing with autism and neurodevelopmental disorders.


Promoted International Museum of Women's Muslima Exhibition





Annual Financials

Senses Cultural receives the bulk of its funds from Ms. Monfared, and a few individuals as well as community donors, and through your financial contributions to the organization.



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