

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Palestinian Bazaar Festival, a first in Canada, pairs renowned Local and International Talent

Edmonton, February 13th – The Palestinian Bazaar, proudly presented by Humanserve International, features an exciting lineup of films, art exhibits, vendors, performances and family fun. Edmonton's **Ahmed Knowmadic, 2011 Canadian Festival of Spoken Word Champion**, will be performing poetry alongside other powerful local and Palestinian spoken word artists. Don't miss this chance to witness an array of renowned Palestinian artists as they use their talents to encourage peace and justice while enticing our senses with eye-catching art displays.

Adnan Elladen, a Canadian of Lebanese descent, incorporates influences such as industrial design, architecture and automotive detailing into his eclectic work, and will have his series titled *Arthiteckture* showcased at the Palestinian Bazaar. Unique pieces of art will also be for sale.

Long-time community activist and award winning writer, journalist, broadcaster, **Minister Faust** will be the event host for an evening hip hop concert featuring local talent, **A.O.K (Assault of Knowledge), Cousin and People's Poets**. The concert brings much-anticipated international hip-hop artists **The Narcicyst, Lowkey and Shadia Mansour**, to perform for the first time together in Canada. The "First Lady of Arabic Hip Hop," UK-Palestinian **Shadia Mansour** has independently become one of the leading female MC's worldwide, while **Lowkey** was recently named one of the Top Ten MC's by MTV.

"We are thrilled to have such world-renowned artists visiting Edmonton," says Vanessa Ali, President of Humanserve. "Merged with the great Edmonton talent we are showcasing, there is a unique flair and excitement that is part of our inaugural Bazaar - guaranteed to make it a first time success!"

A fashion show along with traditional Arabic music and dance will keep families engaged while delicious food from local vendors, **Pita Bake and Cedar Sweets**, will keep them full during the afternoon. There's also merchants selling unique Palestinian products like **Zatoun** olive oil and exhibitors offering a variety of art and literature activities for children.

The Palestinian Bazaar, a full day festival celebrating the cultural richness of the Palestinian People will be held on March 17th, 2012 at the TransAlta Arts Barn, 10330 84 Ave NW. It aims to celebrate the contributions Palestinians make to society through art, film, food, goods, literature and music.

HUMANSERVE INTERNATIONAL, Society for Relief and Development, is a non-profit agency registered with the Government of Alberta and governed by a community-based board of directors. HS works with a number of local and international NGOs providing educational, community health, development and social services in Lebanon and Palestine. We aim to inform the Canadian public about humanitarian aspects in the Middle East and do so through public engagement activities such as The Palestinian Bazaar. These activities link international development with community awareness and education in Canada. By making these links, HS works to facilitate a learning process that will enable Canadians to better understand the nature and importance of global issues while encouraging the appreciation of the culture and talent of the people affected by these issues.

For more info visit humanserve.org/bazaar

www.facebook.com/hsibazaar

follow us @HSIBazaar.

For interviews or info CONTACT: Majeda Fyith at hsibazaar@gmail.com or call 780-267-1234