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Northglenn Arts Presents *Heart of Afghanistan: A Musical Journey Through Afghan Culture*

Northglenn, Colorado, April 23, 2024 - Northglenn Arts is proud to present *The Heart of Afghanistan*, a captivating musical journey that showcases the rich cultural tapestry of Afghanistan through the universal language of music. This unique performance will take place 2 p.m., Saturday, May 11 at the Parsons Theatre.

Led by Ahmad Fanoos, a masterful vocalist and harmonium player, the ensemble features his two talented sons, Elham on piano and Mehran on violin, alongside the skilled tabla player Hamid Akbar. Together, these four Afghan musicians will weave a mesmerizing narrative that spans centuries, from Afghanistan's pre-Islamic Buddhist heritage to the modern era.

The performance will delve into the soul-stirring tradition of Ghazals, drawing inspiration from the Sufi-inspired poetry of Rumi, one of the world's most renowned mystic poets. Additionally, the ensemble will pay homage to the legendary "Afghan Elvis," Ahmad Zahir, who redefined Afghan pop music in the 1960s and 70s by infusing it with elements of Western rock and roll, performed with a traditional ensemble of instruments.

The Heart of Afghanistan aims to offer audiences a comprehensive and immersive experience of Afghan culture, celebrating its music, poetry, art, and rich cultural heritage. Through a diverse repertoire that bridges the old and the new, the ensemble invites listeners to embark on a 360-degree exploration of Afghanistan's vibrant artistic legacy.

Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to witness the beauty and resilience of Afghan culture come to life on stage. Tickets for *The Heart of Afghanistan* are available now at <https://bit.ly/NGARTS-Heart-Afghanistan>

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Parsons Theatre, 1 E. Memorial Parkway, Northglenn, CO

Tickets & Info: Tickets are \$23-26; visit [NorthglennARTS.org](https://bit.ly/NGARTS-Heart-Afghanistan) or contact the Parsons Theatre Box Office at 303.450.8888.

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About Northglenn Arts: Northglenn Arts is the cultural services division of the City of Northglenn and strives to provide affordable access to the arts in north Denver by presenting live quality productions through Northglenn Arts Presents and Northglenn Youth Theatre, offering outdoor summer concerts and movies, drama classes for youth through NYT Academy, public art through Northglenn's Art on Parade and other commissions, and special events throughout the year. Northglenn Arts is generously funded by Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation, SCFD, Colorado Creative Industries, TourWest, National Endowment for the Arts, and Westaf.

About the City of Northglenn: Home to 38,900 residents located 13 miles north of downtown Denver, Northglenn is a diverse and welcoming community that celebrates its small-town character, urban energy, and thriving businesses. Learn more by visiting www.northglenn.org. Like us on Facebook @cityofnorthglenn and follow us on Twitter @northglennco.