

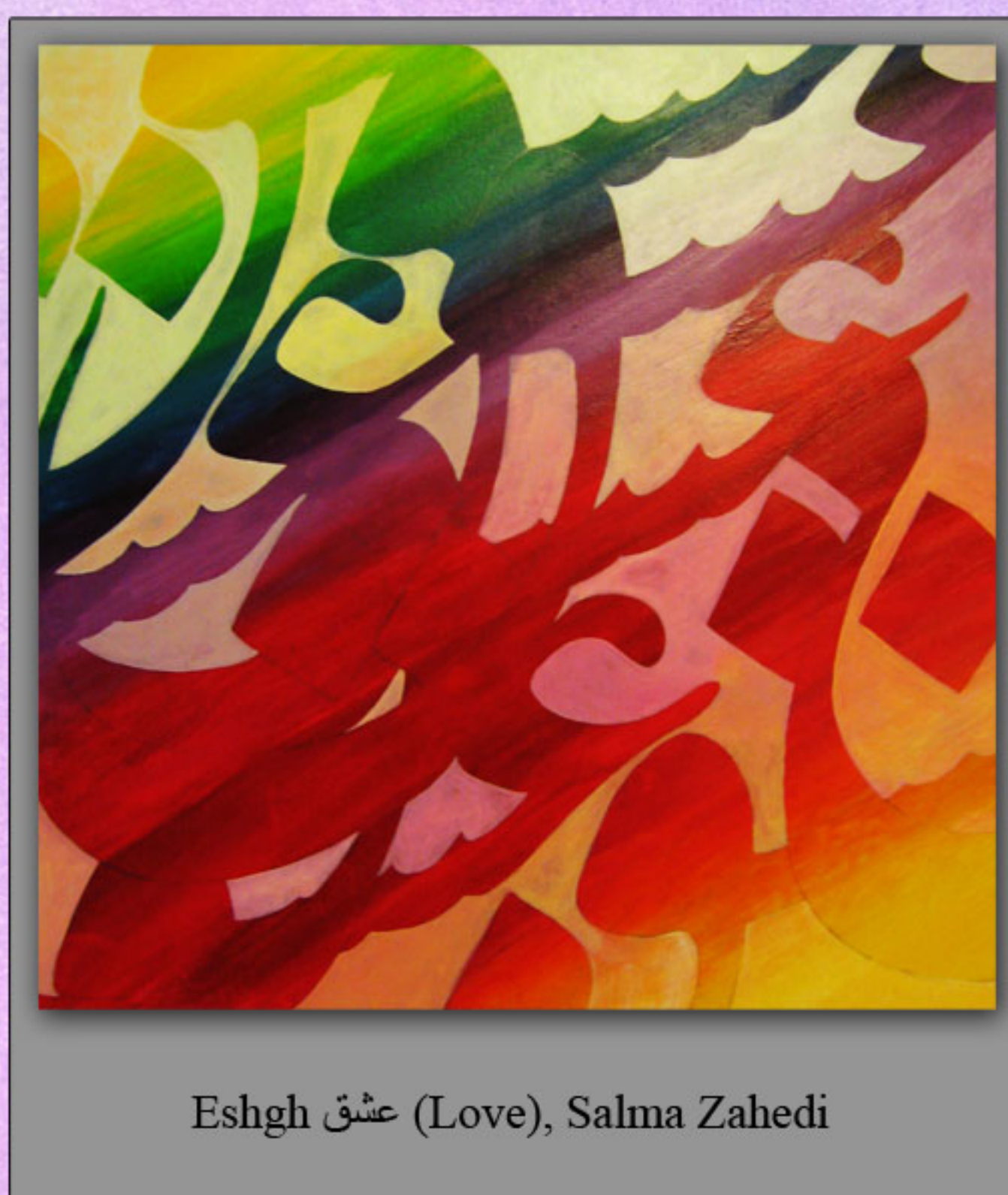
Interfaith Art Exhibit

**“Finding Common Ground through Sacred Words”
interfaith art exhibition breaks new ground with
record number of exhibiting artists**

**Opening Reception: May 11, from 5 - 8 pm
ICCNC: 1433 Madison St., Oakland, CA**



Tree of Life for the Peoples of
the World, Naomi Teplow



Eshgh عشق (Love), Salma Zahedi



KNOCK (Matthew 7:7),
Ann Lofgren

The artistic focus of the exhibiton is on sacred text, with 130 works of art on display including calligraphy, needlework, paintings on silk, oil paintings, watercolor, photography, quilts, stained glass, sculpture, clay, digital art, and paper collage. Each work somehow incorporates words, text or letters in unique expressions that underscore interfaith understanding, spirituality, peace and cultural dialogue.

Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California (ICCNC) is one of three congregations that, along with Kehilla Community Synagogue and Montclair Presbyterian Church, make up the 'Faith Trio,' an interfaith initiative that has coordinated this exhibition.

Opening reception

Saturday, May 11, 5 - 8 pm at the ICCNC in Oakland. Refreshments will be served, and the reception is open to all and is free of charge.

Exhibition Viewing Hours

The exhibition opens May 11th and closes on June 7th, and is open for viewing on Wednesdays 10 am - 4 pm and Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm between May 15th and June 5th. Special viewing hours can be arranged in advance to accommodate groups and schools.

Other Related Events Taking Place at ICCNC During the Exhibition

* Saturday, May 18 from 5 - 7 pm

Screening of award winning documentary *Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World*
Produced and directed by Robert Gardner, and narrated by Susan Sarandon

* Friday, June 7 from 5-7 pm

Artist Meet-And-Greet during Oakland First Friday/Art Murmur
Last chance to see exhibition; Conversations with local artists, live music, and food

Costs for each program: \$10 adults, \$5 students.
ICCNC: 1433 Madison St., Oakland CA

Acknowledgments

This exhibition was funded in part with support from the San Francisco Foundation's FAITHS fund, the Alliance of California Traditional Arts (ACTA) and East Bay Community Foundation.

In addition to the three main sponsors, the Faith Trio congregations, many organizations are generously cosponsoring this exhibition, either through funding, publicizing efforts, inviting artists to participate, or logistical support. These cosponsoring organizations include spiritual communities, arts organizations, and local businesses and include: Afikomen Judaica, Albany Arts Gallery, Alliance of California Traditional Arts, Aquarian Minyan, Berkeley Covenant Church, California Arts Council, Chaplaincy Institute, CARE (The Center for Arts, Religion & Education, an affiliate of the Graduate Theological Union), Chochmat HaLev, Church Divinity School of the Pacific at the Graduate Theological Union, East Bay Community Foundation, Expressions Gallery, Fremont Cultural Arts Council, Heaven Hill & Pacific R.R. (Park and Garden Trains), The Interfaith Kirtan Chanting Group, Islamic Art Exhibit, Islamic Networks Group (ING), Jewish Voice for Peace, Knesset HaLev, MIIM Designs LLC, Mythos Gallery, Oakland Asian Cultural Center, SAGRADA Sacred Arts, San Francisco Foundation, Silkworm Media, and Ziya Multicultural Art Center.

For information about the exhibit
please visit www.iccnc.org see the Arts
and Culture section; or contact Lea
Delson (510) 528-6725 or lea@lmi.net

