

## ONLY FROM THE HEART CAN YOU TOUCH THE SKY

The RMIT Gallery Board and the RMIT Gallery Director Suzanne Davies have great pleasure in inviting you to the opening of this exhibition

6–8 pm Wednesday 11 April 2012

Opening address by Julian Burnside AO QC  
Barrister, author, human rights and refugee advocate  
Live performance by Hazara musician Zia Sahil and band

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DATES 12 April – 9 June 2012

### Public Program Events at RMIT Gallery

FREE EVENTS / BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL TEL 03 9925 1717

#### Thursday 12 April 12–1 pm: Artists' Talk

Afghan-Australian artists; Abdul Karim Hekmat, Khadim Ali and Afghan artist, Ali Baba Awrang (Kabul).

#### Thursday 10 May 5.30–7 pm. Panel Discussion

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Dr Mammad Aidani, Researcher and playwright, ARC Research Fellow, School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, University of Melbourne; Neil Grant, author of *The Ink Bridge*; editor & contributor to *From Kinglake to Kabul*; Pooya Mehman Pazir, musician, the Mehr Ensemble (founded in Tehran, 1999); Dr Gay Breyley, ethnomusicologist and cultural historian, Adjunct Research Associate, School of Music, Conservatorium, Monash University.

#### Thursday 17 May 5.30 pm RMIT Gallery. *Gabbeh: an analysis*

Mammad Aidani on the 1996 Iranian film *Gabbeh*, Dir: Mohsen Makhmalbaf. Followed by a screening of the film.

#### Thursday 7 June 12–1 pm. Weaving Words: the relationship between poetry and carpets in the Persian world

Susan Scollay, independent scholar and guest co-curator *Love and Devotion: From Persia and Beyond*, State Library of Victoria (9 March – 1 July 2012)

#### Thursday 12 April – Saturday 9 June at RMIT Gallery

Daily film screenings: 11.30–1 pm / 1.30– 3 pm / 3.30–5 pm

*Gabbeh* 1996 Dir. Mohsen Makhmalbaf

**RMIT GALLERY** 344 Swanston Street Melbourne 3000 T+61 3 9925 1717

Gallery hours: Monday–Friday 11–5 / Thursday 11–7 / Saturday 12–5

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