



Pan Am Flame Comes to Aga Khan Park

Toronto: The Aga Khan Park will host the Pan Am flame as part of *Reflections – Celebrating our Cultures and Communities*, a community event on July 5, 2015. This event will mark the commencement of programming in the Park, which was inaugurated by Premier Kathleen Wynne and His Highness the Aga Khan on May 25, 2015.

Reflections will present sights, sounds, and tastes inspired by the Silk Road, a network of trade routes which connected India and China to the Mediterranean Sea. For centuries the Silk Road enabled economic trade as well as cultural interaction between the Eastern and Western worlds, playing a vital role in the development of the civilizations along its routes.

Reflections will feature children’s activities including lantern-making, a wellness zone with guided yoga instruction, and various dance, poetry, and music performances inspired by the Silk Road and performed by local Toronto artists. The Park will also host a souk bazaar highlighting culture from the region. There is no entry fee to the Aga Khan Park for this event, and most activities – including mainstage performances – are free.

At 8:15 pm, the Pan Am flame will arrive at the Park, carried by Leila Keshavjee, a young member of the Ward 26 community. Keshavjee comments, “I am honoured to be selected to carry the flame and to be part of the first event of the Aga Khan Park. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity fuses my passion for sport with my love for the Park. Through competing in sport I have met people from around the world and learned many life skills. My parents are my inspiration because they have shown me the importance of having a balance in life, believing in myself, and challenging myself. I am a tour guide at the Park and I hope to continue to be involved in future programs.”

A private park open to the public, the Aga Khan Park, which encompasses the Aga Khan Museum and the Ismaili Centre, Toronto, is committed to showcasing and celebrating Toronto’s rich cultural, architectural, and artistic heritage. *Reflections* is the first of many upcoming events that will showcase the thriving multiculturalism and diverse talents and interests of the community that surrounds the Park.

In addition to being a catalyst for daily activities like jogging, walking, and reading, the Aga Khan Park will serve as a hub for events such as educational programs, community art exhibitions, performing arts events, film screenings, and cultural festivals.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, July 5, 2015 (rain or shine)
Time: 4 pm (Pan Am flame arrives at 8:15 pm)
Location: Aga Khan Park and Aga Khan Museum
at 77 Wynford Drive, Toronto, ON M3C 1K1

For more information about the Aga Khan Park please visit agakhanpark.org.

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