A Museum Without Walls

Investing in the Aga Khan Museum
The Aga Khan Museum has a bold mission to connect cultures and change perceptions through art. The potential for our impact is far-reaching, but only if we can engage and inspire even more people — beyond the more than 120,000 visitors and 7,000 schoolchildren who step inside our doors each year. To become a true catalyst for global change, we must build a Virtual Museum, harnessing technology and forging partnerships to share our collections, exhibitions, performing arts, and education programs with individuals and communities around the world. Your gift to this Changing Perceptions Campaign priority will empower us to transcend borders and cultures, multiplying our impact exponentially.

Investment Opportunities

$7.5 million

- Virtual Museum Fund $5,000,000
- Digital Learning Fund $2,000,000
- Travelling Exhibition Program $500,000
Virtual Museum Fund: $5 million

Where do Muslims live? What languages do they speak? What are the sounds of India? The answers to these and countless other questions are at the heart of improved understanding about Islamic civilizations, yet there is currently no single source for learning about these diverse cultures. With your help, we will undertake a dramatic expansion of the Aga Khan Museum’s website, creating the world’s first comprehensive, interactive resource about Islamic civilizations featuring clickable maps; performance videos; online lectures; educational games; and fully digitized versions of the Museum’s collection, exhibitions and library for use by academic researchers, students, teachers, families, and community members around the world.

WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL FUND

• Development, testing and launch of the Aga Khan Virtual Museum with a global advisory committee of experts in museology, technology, education, and communication.

• Digitization of the Museum’s collection, now approximately 12 per cent complete, using the latest electronic archival practices and techniques.

• Research and compilation of information from verified sources, along with the Museum’s many digital archives featuring lectures, podcasts, workshops and performances.

• Strengthening of the Museum’s technological infrastructure to support high-definition videos, interactivity and live streaming.

THE DIFFERENCE YOU WILL MAKE

Your support will help dramatically extend the Aga Khan Museum’s reach and impact beyond the Museum’s walls and the barriers of time, geography and budget. For the first time, artists, researchers, students, and interested individuals and families around the world will be able to access our collection, exhibitions, performing arts, and educational programs. The world will gain much-needed information about Islamic civilizations, and our Museum will emerge as a catalyst for cross-cultural dialogue and understanding.
Digital Learning Fund: $2 million

The Aga Khan Museum engages more than 7,000 elementary and secondary school students a year through onsite education programs related to the Museum’s exhibitions. Continuing to expand our programs and introduce innovative ways of connecting thousands more young people to Islamic culture and art is a top priority of our team. The Digital Learning Fund will provide the Museum’s education specialists with the resources to launch an online education platform available for use by students and teachers who have visited the Museum and those at a distance.

WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL FUND

• Development of a comprehensive online education platform, including digital tours, interactive lessons, and hands-on activities.
• Pilot testing and launch of the new e-learning models in collaboration with select teachers, parents and students around the world.
• Training of the Aga Khan Museum’s educators and volunteers in the latest e-learning practices.

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When it comes to education, the medium is the message. Your support of the Aga Khan Museum’s digital learning platform will attract and inspire more teachers and students seeking interactive, high-tech learning experiences. We will offer ground-breaking ways of extending the lessons learned during a class visit and open our doors to learners around the world through digital programming in the Virtual Museum.

Travelling Exhibition Program: $500,000

In 2017, the Aga Khan Museum debuted its first travelling exhibition, Rebel, Jester, Mystic, Poet: Contemporary Persians was loaned for three months to the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas, where it enlightened thousand of visitors — most of whom otherwise would not have had a chance to experience the exhibition. The Museum’s international loan program is a powerful means of reaching broader communities and introducing the world to our unique mission and collection.

WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL FUND

• Expansion of the Museum’s global partnership network.
• A focused, museum-wide marketing effort promoting the Aga Khan Museum’s travelling exhibitions.
• Travelling costs for the exhibitions and Aga Khan Museum curatorial and exhibition specialists.

THE DIFFERENCE YOU WILL MAKE

An active travelling exhibition program will introduce the Aga Khan Museum’s unique and thought-provoking exhibitions to Museum visitors around the world, igniting new awareness and understanding about Islamic civilizations. Your gift will also help assure the Aga Khan Museum’s place among the ranks of the world’s leading museums, including the Louvre and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
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