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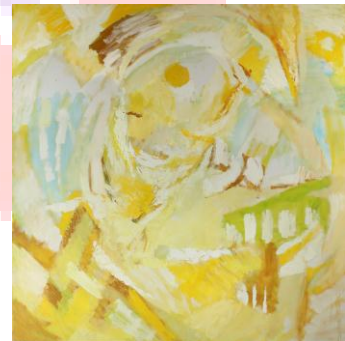


Washington, D.C. November 02, 2010—Visitors to Washington’s Blank Space Gallery SE will admire beautiful and unique paintings in the exhibition called “The Way Home: Pathways from Azerbaijan” by Azerbaijani artist Shahin Shikhaliyev.

Shikhaliyev graduated from Azerbaijan State Art College in 1988 and has exhibited his works since 1989. He has participated in numerous groups and solo shows throughout Europe, the Middle East and the United States. In 1999 Shahin moved to the United States where he has resided and worked since.

“Sometimes the source of my artworks is a visual experience; sometimes a beautiful word or note opens a door to a new path. My goal is to study and expose the complexity of the nature of perception. In my paintings I aspire to reflect the vibration of space and energy that belies our constantly transforming reality. I want my works to unfold over time and reveal new interpretations in which structures and objects are the bridges to deeper levels of human consciousness, to the source of the great dance of existence.”

“Some places are like hidden treasures, unknown to many but those who have discovered it fell in love. This is true about Azerbaijan and Azerbaijani art. For it's relatively short history, easel painting in Azerbaijan has a very distinct and powerful set of styles and personalities. But again very few know about it...”



Schedule:

Visitors are encouraged to call the Foundation at 202-349-3796 and/or check www.karabakhfoundation.org to check the latest status of each venue and any additional venues.

Nov. 15-28, 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Mon-Sat.

An Open House reception is scheduled for the Blank Space Gallery SE,

Sat., Nov. 20, 2pm-4pm.

Blank Space SE, 1922 Martin Luther King, Jr., Ave., Anacostia, Washington, D.C.

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About the Karabakh Foundation

The Karabakh Foundation seeks to increase awareness and understanding in the United States of the cultural heritage and traditions of the country of Azerbaijan, the Caucasus area, and the Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. While coalescing significant artistic and scholarly talent, the Foundation is nurturing a new generation of artists and scholars toward important accomplishments.

The Foundation serves as a dynamic facilitator and clearinghouse raising the public profile of Azerbaijan, its Karabakh region, and the Caucasus region in general. Main activities include preserving and disseminating cultural content via archival collecting, public programs, publications, exhibitions, speaking forums, international collaborations, scholarly exchange, artistic sponsorship, and related venues.

Foundation support comes primarily from Khazar University, the first private university in Azerbaijan and one of the country's leading institutions of higher learning. Additional information about the Karabakh Foundation may be found at www.karabakhfoundation.org.

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