

Issue 4
02/2021

ARIANA

Magazine

SHARAFAT PARWANI'S RISE TO FAME

INCLUDED:

FIRST AFGHAN FEMALE GRAFFITI ARTIST

SONITA ALIZADEH- FEMALE AFGHAN RAPPER

AFGHAN ACTOR IN HOLLYWOOD

FIRST AFGHAN-SIKH MODEL

SHORT STORY

AND MUCH MORE

Sharafat Parwani
Photo By M Ehsan Hamidi

THE FIRST
CODING
SCHOOL IN
AFGHANISTAN

Photo credits: Top Man Photography by
Ehsan Hamidi

ARIANAMAGAZINE.COM

Model: Sharafat Parwani

Poetry submissions

Nostalgia.FM

*I've probably shed more tears
to the broken dreams of my Parents
than anything else in my life.
They still listen to Sarban's melancholic
voice
praising the scent of Kabul's pines and lilies,
and musk rain-falls from February clouds.
You should hear how They still hum it
perfectly,
to the sound of Sarmast's orchestra,
6107 km away, 50 years after.
They still wonder with their hearts aching,
their soft wrinkles and silver hair,
how things would've turned out,
if the war had not escalated,
and their hopes were not broken.*

*- feeling homesick after my parents long lost
dreams of peace and unity, we learned about
through memories and the good old
wooden radio's buzz*

By NahidOsmail
@NahidOsmail



Heart's Joust

*We do not give this heart
Chance, reason
To be placed in a state of jousting
Of wrestling
We do not let open another door
That leads to fall without gain
For we love ourselves so,
Because we love Him most,
Why do you not submit to this
inner Voice?
It speaks of perfect knowledge of
Yourself
When has it ever come to mislead?
Listen,
Even where is mellowness
Even if there is less drumbeat
And more sound of fallwater,
Choose this voice
Let loyalty be, to this voice.*

By Meral Alizada
Poetry featured in 'Rumi's
Daughter' available on Amazon



@thepoetryofmeral

IT'S SOFIA YouTuber...



Afghan YouTuber talks about her life in America and Interracial marriage

Sofia Albaher is an Afghan-American YouTuber who is married to Slim Albaher an American YouTuber who runs two popular channels named 'SlimMofication' and 'Slimmofication Vlogs.'

Sofia said: "Life growing up as an Afghan girl has always been a bit difficult. I did not grow up around too many other Afghans aside from my immediate family, so I feel like I did not know much about the culture when I was younger. I always felt different from the other kids in my schools because I felt like I could never really relate to anyone else. Around the time of 9/11, that is when things were hard on me. It was scary being Afghan or Muslim in general around that time. People who knew where I was from bullied me and made all kinds of racist remarks towards me. I was and still am so proud of where I am from. Afghanistan has some of the kindest people I have ever met, our food is amazing, and our clothes are unique and stunning!"

"When I was 10 years old, I visited Afghanistan with my mother and older sister. This was my first time going to Afghanistan. As soon as I got there, there was an immediate culture shock. I never realized how "Americanized" I was until I travelled to Afghanistan. My mom could not stop crying after seeing all her brothers and her younger sister after 22 years, it was such a beautiful moment. We stayed in Pakistan for a bit, but we mostly stayed in Jalalabad and Kabul since most of my family resides there. I have noticed how there are not that many Afghan influencers out there. I want to be a well-known Afghan influencer because I want to use my voice to help spread awareness to some of the tragedies going on in Afghanistan. There are so many unfortunate events that get swept under the rug because not enough people talk about those things. I hope that I can one day help make a very big difference in my community."

"I started my YouTube channel in 2019. Before that, I always wanted to start a channel just for the fun of it, but I never dared to do so. I have gotten so much inspiration from my husband, Slim. He is the one who helped me come out of my shell. When he started putting me in his YouTube videos, I was very shy and nervous, but eventually, I got used to it. After seeing how many young girls who would DM me on Instagram or Twitter, about how I motivate them to do good and be kind, I was inspired to open up more online. I and Slim began talking on Twitter mostly. We followed each other for years before really talking. Eventually talking on Twitter turned into talking on the phone and face timing. We first hung out when he made a trip to Los Angeles, CA. At the time, I was living in San Jose, CA which was about a 6-hour drive from Los Angeles. He drove from LA to the Bay Area to meet me and hang out. We grabbed a bite to eat and had a very lovely time. To anyone who is looking be in an interracial relationship, my advice would be to get to know, learn and perhaps adapt to each other cultures. If you come from a family that does not accept a person outside your race, talk to your family. Explain to them why that person is the perfect person for you. At the end of the day, your happiness matters."

"There are so many things I love about Arab culture. For starters, the food! It is amazing! I especially love Yemeni food! Also, I love their dancing and music. I think my favourite thing that I love the most is how proud Arabs are to be Arabs, as they should be! My favourite thing about the Afghan culture is pretty like the Arab culture, the food, the music, the people, the clothing, etc. There is not a single thing I do not like about the Afghan culture."

SON VS DAUGHTER



-AMIN HASHEMI @SLYWAYSTYLE

Sonita Alizadeh using rap music to empower the woman of Afghanistan.



Photo credits: Khadija Ghanizadeh



Photo credits: Shuka Kalantari

Alizadeh faced a lot of struggles as an Afghan female rapper, she said: "I was an undocumented refugee in Iran. Singing was forbidden and therefore life-threatening. I chose to risk my life to become a rapper instead of living in fear with injustice controlling my life. I always knew that I risked imprisonment or deportation, but I believed the dream of equality and freedom was worth it." The Afghan rapper has the following message for those who are facing injustices around the world: "I would say never ever give up on the vision that you have created for yourself for your future. Your vision may not be easily achieved, but each of us must try to build the life we dream of. Everyone has the capacity to do great things for themselves and the good of others."

She added: "Currently, my greatest achievement is that my mother, who was strongly against me rapping, now will be appearing in my new rap song "Run Boy". This is very life-changing, not only to me but also for my friends who have a hard time believing that change is possible no matter how big or small that change might be."

"EDUCATIONAL
AND EMOTIONAL"



"AUTHENTIC
AFGHAN FILM"



"OUTSTANDING"



"MUST WATCH"



"ACTION PACKED"



"AMAZING STORY"



"POWERFUL MESSAGES"



"FAVOURITE AFGHAN MOVIE"



"TRAGIC AND COMICAL"



"MEANINGFUL MOVIE"



"UNMISSABLE MOVIE"



"BEAUTIFUL STORY"



"AMAZING FAMILY FILM"



SALAM LONDON

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY ARASH ALIZAIE

PRODUCED BY BIZHAN NEROMAND

STARRING

BIZHAN NEROMAND FARZONA SAIDOVA NILOFAR IBRAHIMI SHABIR QURAISHI HASEEB SHADEMAN AMANULLAH KAKAR
HOMYRA ANSARI BENYAMIN NEZRABI REZA SAEEDI CRYSTAL KHAN BAHRAM SAYDZAI RAMIN ANWARY

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ARIANA ABAWE CINEMATOGRAPHY ARASH ALIZAIE & ARIANA ABAWE
EDITING TAHA KHAN & QAISER AZIM MUSIC FARDIN FARYAD, BASHIR HAMDARD & SHABIR QURAISHI