

## United States meets Afghanistan in Art Not Arms “Who We Are” Exhibit and Performance

Art Not Arms will hold its first benefit event series **May 17-26 th** in Berkeley, California, featuring sculpture by artist Diane van der Zanden of Oakland, California, and mixed media work by Ebrahim Wahab, an Afghani artist living in Portland, Oregon. They share an artistic exploration of the experience of living in the United States. As part of the 10-day show, a series of spoken word, music performance, film and educational events around the theme of “Who We Are” will be held.

The Opening Reception will be Friday, **May 17, 2002** at 7PM.



“**Peace Talks**” a panel with Ebrahim Wahab (from Afghanistan), Dena Adeeb (from Iraq), Judy Serebrin (returning from Israel), & Beth Gates (founder of Pacific Bridge), about art and relationships in Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel, and the United States.

**May 18th, 2002** at 7PM.



An evening of music presented by Chameleon Music and hosted by Deborah Crooks. **May 25th, 2002** at 8PM.



**Friday, May 24th, 2002** at ? Storyteller Erica Lann Clark, poet Karen Hildebrand and others. Hosted by Deborah Crooks.

All events are \$8-10 donation.

All Events held at van der Zanden Studio, 1025 Carleton Street, #9, Berkeley, CA 94710.

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**Art Not Arms** is a group of committed artists dedicated to promoting and maintaining peace through creative expression and dissemination of the arts. The group seeks to shift global thinking toward creativity and away from complacency or reactivity by modeling thriving cross-cultural relationships and supporting artists from countries that the United States is in conflict with. To build community, Art Not Arms forms artistic collaborations or provides a showcase for already existing collaborators.

We believe that it is difficult to destroy something that is known whereas one must objectify something to destroy it. We seek to create understanding between cultures, forge real relationships, and render destruction unconscionable through the sharing of art.

Art Not Arms holds local and regional and world-wide productions and shows of cross-cultural collaborations to promote peace.

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