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“ They hold my hand as I learn.
Someday I’m going to be an important person. ”



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● German Dialogue Forum

In cooperation with the German Embassy and the Goethe Institute, The Safadi Foundation inaugurated the German Dialogue Forum at the end of 2003, in a bid to strengthen cultural, intellectual and scientific ties between Germany and Lebanon.

The Forum is considered a model institution, due to the services it provides, and which include:

- a public library with almost 1,400 reference works on civilization, culture and art in Germany;
- an audiovisual public library with a collection of films and albums taken from German artists; and
- satellite television equipment, to receive German radio and television stations.

Forty-five people have benefited from the services of the Forum, mostly young people interested in the culture and civilization of Germany, along with graduate students.

In addition, the Forum has carried out various cultural activities, such as:

- seminars that host German and Lebanese writers;
- a workshop for children that contains a puppet theater, film screenings and storytelling;
- a beginning German course, attended by 70 students; and
- tourist excursions in Tripoli's Old City for German tourists or residents.

● Joint Cultural Programs

The Safadi Foundation has, in cooperation with cultural groups, carried out a number of activities targeting all sectors of society, such as:

- in cooperation with the Gebran Committee, rehabilitate the Gebran Khalil Gebran Museum in order to transform it into a tourist and cultural site;
- cooperation with the Cultural League of Tripoli, to improve Tripoli's cultural life; and
- establish and equip a cultural hall in the Nakhle region of Koura.

● Joint Cultural Activities

In cooperation with a number of local institutions, the Foundation carries out cultural activities such as plays and art exhibitions, publishing books, and holding concerts and festivals.

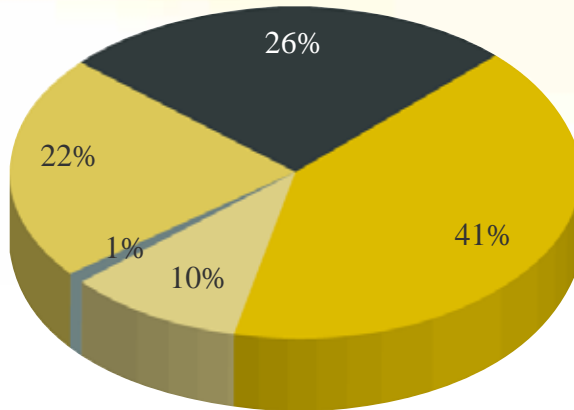
In 2004, the Foundation took part in organizing the following activities:

- the annual artisanal cultural exhibition in Rashana;
- the first exhibition by Hiba Darwish;
- an exhibition by Khaled Ayt;
- a classical music evening with the Syrian National Symphony;
- educational plays for orphans in Tripoli;
- a musical concert and entertainment program on the occasion of Children's Day, for students at the Ibn Khaldoun Public School;
- the play "Dream," at the Art House in El Mina;



- a roving educational mime play for neighborhood children, which covered archaeological and historical sites in Tripoli; and
- the second annual symposium in El Mina, Tripoli.

The percentage breakdown of cultural activities was as follows:



Cultural activity, by type:

- publishing books 1%
- plays 10%
- concerts 41%
- exhibitions 26%
- festivals 22%

- **The “al-Mushir” Newsletter**

The Safadi Foundation has been issuing a monthly newsletter “al-Mushir” since 2001. Each issue has a circulation of approximately 10,000.

The newsletter describes the achievements and activities of the Safadi Foundation in the fields of social issues, health, culture, sports, education, technology and agriculture. It also summarizes key Foundation activity in all sectors.

- **The Foundation’s Website: www.safadi-foundation.org**

A website for the Foundation has been developed (www.safadi-foundation.org) so that visitors can be regularly updated with information and news about the Foundation’s activities. Since it was established at the end of 2001, the site has attracted approximately 60,000 visitors.

