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A message from U.S. Ambassador Helen Reed-Rowe



[Inset L-R: Ambassador Helen P. Reed-Rowe, Mr. Patrick Derbai-Radio Broadcaster, Sgt. Michael Moses and Sgt. Nicholas Mahoney of the US Civic Action Team—Air force]

Using the power of music to promote tolerance and inspire respect for differences, **Daniel Pearl World Music Days** has grown to include more than 8,900 performances in 111 countries. This year marks the eleventh Daniel Pearl World Music Days event, an annual occasion held in honor of American journalist and musician Daniel Pearl, slain in Pakistan on January 30, 2002.

I was honored to join Civic Action Team DJs Sgt. Michael Moses and Sgt Nicholas Mahoney and deliver via public radio an invitation for Palau to enjoy with us a musical tribute on Saturday October 20. At that time, we shared memories of the credible life of Danny and offered songs we hoped convey this year's theme

"Harmony for Humanity". A special thanks to Patrick Derbai who was critical in making this happen and to the people of Palau who joined us.

Born in Princeton New Jersey on October 10, 1963, Daniel Pearl grew up in Encino, a district of Los Angeles California. Danny, as he was known throughout his life, attended **Stanford University**, where he stood out as a **communications** major with **Phi Beta Kappa** honors. While there he co-founded the Stanford Commentator. Pearl graduated from Stanford with a **B.A. in Communications**.

He pursued his journalism career and he demonstrated extraordinary skill as a writer. Several months after the horrific 9/11 event, in late January 2002, while pursuing in good faith a news story in Pakistan, Daniel Pearl was kidnapped by terrorist and murdered. He was in Pakistan serving as the South Asia Bureau Chief of the Wall Street Journal.

In late 2002, Pearl's family and friends formed the Daniel Pearl Foundation in memory of journalist Daniel Pearl to further the ideals that inspired Daniel's life and work. The Foundation's mission is to promote tolerance and understanding internationally through journalism, music and dialogue. Daniel Pearl recognized the ability of music to bridge differences among people. In the spirit of his love of music and commitment to dialogue, the Daniel Pearl Foundation launched the first Daniel Pearl World Music Days on October 10, 2002, which would have been Danny's 39th birthday. Today, the month of October is dedicated to Daniel Pearl!

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