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The Joy Choir of Our Lady of Damascus in Detroit



The Joy Choir (Jawqet Al Farah), the outstanding choir of Our Lady of Damascus Church, has been in existence for over 30 years. They won several awards, have participated in many national events, and recited both religious and secular music. The children group of the choir (100 boy and girl) is invited to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. toward the end of February 2009. After the DC event, we are working on having them perform in Detroit, then continuing to Florida before leaving back to Damascus. More detailed information about the recital in Detroit will be available at the beginning of 2009.

"Syria, the cradle of civilization and the gateway to history."

Can Syrian women transfer Syrian citizenship to their children?



The current Syrian laws entitle the children of a Syrian man to have the Syrian citizenship regardless of the nationality of their mother or the place of their birth. However this is not true for Syrian women who cannot pass their Syrian citizenship to their children when the father is non-Syrian. This is quite relevant to expatriate Syrian women who might get married to nationals of other countries and therefore their children will be banned from obtaining the Syrian citizenship. Couple of weeks ago ten Syrian parliamentarian submitted a proposal to change this law in order to give Syrian women equal right in terms of transferring their Syrian citizenship to their children. We applaud this initiative and look forward to seeing the reaction it will generate, especially that similar attempts in the past in neighboring Arab courtiers didn't go anywhere. Also we would take this opportunity to stress the need to have a comprehensive review of Syrian laws vis-à-vis women rights, especially certain laws that are inherited from the 19th century era, where inequality between genders can reach the point of disbelief!

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Syrian Cultural Garden in Cleveland



The Cleveland International Cultural Garden is a Historic Landmark in Cleveland, and a source of pride for the multiethnic, multicultural make of the city. The Syrian community in Cleveland is embarking on developing the Syrian Cultural Garden as the latest addition to their International Garden. A fundraising gala to support this project will take place on November 22, 2008 at the La Centre Conference Center in Westlake, Ohio. For further information, or to buy tickets for the gala you can contact our office.

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