



**BOND STREET
THEATRE**

Peacebuilding,
empowerment and healing
through theatre



These children are now confident young adults, having been introduced to the joys of self-expression through theatre. We hope that they continue to grow in a free environment.

"Every day, we are inspired to continue our work for peace and justice, especially in Afghanistan, after dedicating years of effort and witnessing tremendous progress."

Joanna Sherman, Artistic Director

Greetings!

Bond Street Theatre has been committed to freedom of expression in marginalized communities around the world, including 18 years in Afghanistan. Current events in Afghanistan have been devastating. Our hope is that the progress that we have seen and nurtured over the years will not be reversed.

Our long-time partners in Afghanistan express both their **hopes** and **fears**:

"Afghan people only want peace, even if that means the Taliban get a position in the government. But they want them to enter through the democratic process."

- Sayed from Nangarhar

"Young people are educated, and the internet has made the world smaller. Communication is immediate. The country has changed too much for the Taliban to force a return to an older time!"

- Jawed from Kandahar

"The Taliban don't accept the current involvement of females in society. They are like zombies... for them it is not possible to live as a part of civilized society."

- Najiba from Herat



Above, women and men in Nangarhar work side by side to clean the streets of trash as part of our Provincial Youth Leaders project. The effect? Shopkeepers joined their efforts and the local government attended to trash collection. **Will this continue under the Taliban?**

"Women are more active in many aspects of life, and tolerance is now observed amongst men in many areas of the country."

- our theatre team in Kandahar

We hope to return to Afghanistan, and wish our friends strength and perseverance.

We spent the lockdown reviewing our programs, delving into strategic planning, and archiving the video and photographs of the past four decades. May the Spring season bring **hope and rejuvenation** for the rest of 2021!

Coming up...

- **Spring Fundraiser** -- watch for another opportunity to hear from our partners in Afghanistan and Myanmar in June.
- **Egypt** -- A theatre project for women & youth in Aswan with Noon Creative Ent.
- **South Africa** -- Helping the women of Rape Crisis to speak out through theatre.
- **Malaysia** -- Continuing programs for Rohingya refugees.

Our hopes are high for safe and healthy travel as Bond Street Theatre continues to serve as cultural ambassadors, **amplifying the voices of the voiceless** across the globe, and **connecting people** across borders and boundaries.

We are proud of our journey as a company and eager to embark on next projects. With your help we made it through a tough year.

Thank you!

With your help, the next one will be much better.

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the Bond Street Theatre Team

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