THE LIGHT MILLENNIUM

The Light Millennium is a global multi-media alternative platform and culture organization for ALL for Greatness in Humanity.

10th Anniversary with the first multi-participatory publication and the 11th Year since its Introductory Issue in August 1999.

"The Light Millennium provides an international platform for the free expression of ideas and experiences in order to foster a global connection among all people."

http://www.LightMillennium.org

PHILOSOPHY: The Light Millennium (“LM”) is built on the principle of the United Nations Bill of Rights: Freedom of Speech, in conjunction with the Universal Human Rights Article #19, on Freedom of Expression. It invites citizens of the world to submit, in an open and participatory medium, ideas and experiences that will help foster better understanding and connections between people of different cultures and beliefs.

Since January 2000, LM has been publishing and presenting a diversity of ideas without censorship through writings, images and music via its on-line publication and The Light Millennium programs that promote the well-being of the world and its inhabitants.

HISTORY: The Light Millennium was introduced on the web in August 1999 by Bircan Ünver as a global multi-media platform inviting individuals to represent themselves and their communities. In January 2000, LM brought into multi-volunteer participation, and was formally incorporated as a "not-for-profit" organization on July 17, 2001. Individuals or organizations that share the same objectives as LM are encouraged to participate in our platform as writers, researchers, editors, activity or event organizers, and fundraisers.

Contributions range from 7 to 90 years old, come from all over the world, and have backgrounds in various disciplines.

LM commemorates its 10th Anniversary with the 33rd issue of the Light Millennium. However, LM is in its 11th year since its introductory issue (1999), and has upheld the philosophy that all ideas can stand side by side as long as we respect and have tolerance for each other, and for other ideas, cultures, and religions.

FUNDING: LM is a Charitable & Public Benefit organization and has relied on 100% volunteer work and in-kind sponsorships gathered for public events. To this date, LM has formed and developed with the voluntary efforts of its founder, board members and supporters, supplemented by four fundraising efforts. To gain members and present ideas in every corner of the world, LM launched a $1 On-Line Open membership and partnership campaign through NYCharities.Org in 2000.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The Light Millennium has associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations effective on December 12, 2005 and member of the Non Profit Coordination Committee of New York (Feb. 2008).

The LM has participated in the 58th, 59th, and 60th United Nations Annual DPI/NGO (Department of Public Information of the United Nations) Conferences, and a very active NGO at the UN/DPI since its association.

ACHIEVEMENTS: LM has e-published a total of 45 original e-publications as of May 2010: 23 issues in English (Light Millennium), 20 issues in Turkish (İskil Binyilli), including 2 issues of Turkish-Greek Synergy in English and Turkish.

Since 2000, LM has organized 37 events including panels, conferences, lectures, special screenings, literary readings, poetry events, story nights, and programs in relation to the vision of the United Nations, Millennium Development Goals, and Climate Change.

İskil Binyilli is officially formed as an independent association and a sister organization with the Light Millennium based in Istanbul, Turkey on January 20, 2010.

The LIGHT MILLENNIUM TV (“LMTV”): LMTV series was launched at Queens Public Television by Bircan Ünver under the umbrella of the Light Millennium in January 2000 as a monthly series; since then 65 original programs were produced and aired under the LMTV at Queens Public Television. Bircan won several awards for her LMTV programs. LMTV broadcasts independent programs on arts, culture, freedom of expression, peace and global issues.

Furthermore, LMTV sponsored 11 other television programs/documentsaries in order to be shown at Queens Public TV. Videography could be seen at http://lightmillennium.org/bu_videography.html.

AWARDS: LM received recognition for its contribution to the International Turkish-American community from the Daughters of Atatürk Foundation in 2005. Bircan received the "Global Peace Volunteer" award for her efforts on behalf of the Light Millennium in the Turkish-American local newspaper FORUM on October 25, 2008. She was one of the speakers at the Inaugural Meeting and keynote speakers of the 7th International Conference on Peace Non-violence Action, organized by the Anuvrat Global Organization (ANUVRAT) in Jaipur, India from November 10 to 14, 2008. Bircan received the "Peace Worker Award" from Anuvrat Global Organization, and the "Honorary Guest” award from Dr. A.P. Abdul Kalam, former president of India, and prominent scientist.

COMMENT: "What is especially interesting is that [the Light Millennium] publishes articles by people with a great experience and provocative points of view. Professor and former New York Times Foreign Correspondent Stephen Kinzer said to Queens Chronicle newspaper (March 29, 2004), "Many private web sites and blogs are filled with one person's ramblings. Light Millennium is the opposite of that. It's an increasingly sophisticated online magazine that provides insights that people won't find in many other places." Dr. S.L. Gandhi, President of the Anuvrat Global Organization, in his e-mail, stated: "We have invited you as a speaker, and also as a friend who has contributed a lot to social excellence and universal peace."

OPEN CALL: The Light Millennium aims to expand and diversify its Board of Directors and Advisory Board.

If you are interested in being a part of the LM through your ideas, professional, and cultural background, or willing to contribute or collaborate for joint open to public programs, please contact with Bircan Ünver, Executive Producer & Director, E-mail to: contact@lightmillennium.org