



2008 President's Report of the Light Millennium **Based on Draft Reports to the Board of Directors & Minutes of the Board Meetings**

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From January 1 to March 28 2008:

ISIKBINYILI.ORG> Sent an open call for submission on Jan. 6, 2008. The 8th Anniversary, #15th issue was completed by Web master Pelin Bali, and announced by Bircan during the first week of February 2008.

LMTV: "Highlights From the 2006 – Arthur C. Clarke Awards Ceremony" program was completed /handed-in and scheduled for February and April 2008. The related cable-casting announcement will be sent out. (Note: LMTV doesn't have a monthly series for 2008, but each new program will still air under the LMTV – as a 'special' instead of having a fixed time slot every month.)

LMTV: "RUMI: TO UNITE THAT IS WHY WE CAME" program was completed, and aired on March 14, on channel 56, and on March 17, 2008, on channel 57 at QPTV and re-scheduled for April 2008. Bircan sent out LMTV-RUMI Program's announcements to all e-lists and 'yahoo' groups of which she is a member.

Lightmillennium.org website: Bircan was only able to make the updates related to events during the first week of Dec. 2007. Those were: the Dec. 5th program, and the Media Release of the YUNUS EMRE program (on March 20, 2008) with Prof. Talat Halman on **April 11, 2008**—which eventually had to be rescheduled for **October 27, 2008** due to Prof. Halman's health reasons—at Columbia University in corporation with the MEI - Middle East Institute, MEALAC - Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures of the Columbia University.

Regarding the check fraud and the closed banking account report in September 2007, the related letter to the NY Charities and Albany Office was sent on December 22, 2007 with Figen's and Sam's great support. Attachment #3: Letter to NY Charities Office.

Updates since February 18, 2008:

Light Millennium accepted membership invitation, and became a member of the Non-Profit Coordination Committee of New York, effective as of February 2008. Accordingly, Bircan attended the Non-Profit Coordination Committee's Annual Meeting on February 27, 2008.

"YUNUS EMRE: CONTEMPORARY OF RUMI" with Prof. Talat HALMAN (in English) for the 8th Anniversary of the Light Millennium, on April 11, 2008 at Columbia University is confirmed, and the first media release has been e-distributed extensively.

For the 8th Anniversary of ISIKBINYILI.ORG, a Turkish Poetry Program will be dedicated to Yahya Kemal Beyatli (in Turkish) at the Turkish House on May 2, 2008. The date and venue are confirmed.

Bircan attended the Summit 5 on Philanthropy at the Yale Club in NYC on March 11, 2008, and made some new contacts for potential future collaborations.

She also attended the DEIK/TAIK Conference on March 17, 2008 at New York Palace where she promoted the PARADE OF FACES: Who Speaks for Turkey with STEPHEN KINZER – A Six Part of documentary project along with the YUNUS EMRE/Prof. Talat HALMAN, April 11, 2008 program for the first time.

Further, she made some initial contacts for a newly developed 6 episodes documentary project with Phil Lane (as the co-producer) based on the book, "Crescent & Star: Turkey between Two Worlds," by Stephen Kinzer. This project is still in its introductory and development process, and **has a pre-condition by Kinzer. Kinzer has agreed to be the presenter and key of this project based upon securing an airing on nation-wide TV stations, scheduled for Spring 2010 in the U.S. by the co-producers.** Producing a documentary project based on/inspired by "Crescent & Star" book was initially proposed to Kinzer as a brainstorm by Bircan on January 29 via e-mail. Based on Kinzer's positive approach to this idea, Bircan has been working on this idea for its proposal and budget with Phil Lane since February 20, 2008. Bircan aims to produce this project for the Light Millennium, and will be the executive producer and director of the project, and will be co-producing it with Phil Lane.

Prof. Sam Paley donated \$100 and **Humeyra Kocak** donated \$200 to the Light Millennium via their personal checks on February 29, 2008. Bircan informed the BoD yahoogroups and thanked Sam and Humeyra based upon the receipt of the two checks. A formal "thank you" letter was sent to each of them via e-mail on March 27, 2008.

Korcan Yurdacan has joined the Light Millennium as the Youth Representative at the United Nations/Department of Public Information as well as the Research, Communication and Website Subcommittee of the UN/DPI-NGO Annual 61st Conference, where Bircan is the co-chair.

March 28 to May 23, 2008:

\$200 donation by Emir Bingul deposited to the organization account.

Based on the Capital One account, it turned out that there seemed to be two accounts, but actually the organization has only one. Yet, Capital One claims that they had not withdrawn from the organization account \$29.95 monthly **during the period from Nov. 2004 to September 2007**. However the organization ONLY had a credit account with them! This issue has not been resolved in terms of who has withdrawn that money from the organization account, if not Capital One. Bircan has to search more on this via Chase, based on the closed account, and accordingly, will offer a deal to Capital One if it turns out that they weren't the ones who made the automatic withdrawals during the above mentioned period.

April 11, 2008 - Columbia; Yunus Emre - Talat Halman program was postponed. Related announcement was sent to all e-lists, to whom we had sent an invitation of the program.

Bircan attended Non-Profit Connection Conference at the CITI Building which was sponsored by CITI Foundation.

Yahya Kemal Beyatli/May 2, 2008 program was a success.

Attachment: Program (two sided)

Figen's Turkish coverage was e-distributed to Turkish e-lists and yahoogroups, including the Turkish media coverage's URL links, and later e-published on the ISIKBINYILI.ORG along with some images from the program.

Emily's coverage will be posted to the LM web site.

2007-990 Forms and CHAR500 was completed by H & R Block Premium. Bircan paid \$350 by check through the organization account to H&R Block, and also sent a \$35 check for the filing fee to NYState Charities via form. Both forms were mailed on May 14, 2008.

Bircan and Phil have been working on the PARADE OF FACES project which is still in a development process for Business Plan, Fundraising and Outreach. So far, the following are accomplished: 1) One-page project summary/introduction 2) Letter of Inquiry to the Ford Foundation and Supplementary document 3) Draft of Media/Business Proposal 4) DRAFT- Letter of Agreement between Phil and Bircan/Light Millennium.

LMTV - May 21, 2007 QPTV Studio taping for a television program based on "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" in conjunction with its 60th Anniversary as well as within the context of the UN/DPI-NGO Annual 61st Conference (Paris, September 3-5, 2008), was postponed because of the school's "bus scheduling conflicts" for the previously confirmed date although Bircan had obtained the necessary crew and the studio. However, this project is still considered to be taped in the class at PS56 during the next 2 weeks.

Currently, besides PARADE OF FACES, Bircan is also working on the editing of the "I Dream, Therefore I am" television program for the 8th Anniversary of the LMTV which was recorded on August 29, 2007 at QPTV studio.

NYC Council Grants - Deadline is May 23, 2008, and Bircan will put all her efforts to complete and submit it in time.

LMTV: Light Millennium TV won the Accolade the HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS, but Dr. Judy Kuriansky had filled out the application, and the given information was not accurate since she was only host of the UNNGO Profiles and the Light Millennium is owner of the program and Bircan is the producer. Thus, Bircan informed the Chair of the Competition Committee, and requested to re-issue their notice letter. Based on Bircan's request, the Chair of the Competition Committee did not wish to be in between this situation, and revoked the previously announced award on their website.

Bircan searched through the Non-Profit Coordination Committee of New York (NPCCNY) whether there might occur a case of "conflict of interest" if an advisory board member makes a long-term professional commitment for a newly developed documentary project--that will only start if/when the project is funded--and his related professional commitment, involvement and contribution is compensated accordingly within the obtained budget. Mr. John Small/NPCCNY advised over the phone that this won't create a "conflict of interest" (March – April 2008).

[On May 22, 2008, Bircan sent out application for New York City Council Discretion Grant for the Light Millennium but was not granted.]

Capital-One-Credit Card account: Bircan requested from the attorneys of the Capital One a letter indicating that the Capital-One didn't withdraw \$29.95/month automatically during the period from November 2004 to September 2007 from the organization's account. She proposed them that she, upon receiving this letter, would be ready for the related payment plan. Based on Bircan's request, attorneys indicated that they might not be able to provide such a letter. Accordingly, the court dismissed the case in favor of the organization. Bircan indicated that if this issue will ever be brought up against the organization by Capital One, she will be requesting the same letter, and will be able to settle for it only upon its receipt.

ISIKBINYILI.ORG> April to December 2008:

ISIKBINYILI.ORG> Issue#16 in Turkish, May 2008; Issue#17, July 2008; Issue#18, November 2008 e-published, promoted. Open calls sent out for content contributions, and announced each issue based upon completion. Since the 16th issue, Bircan is taking part for updates – publishing new issue of the ISIKBINYILI.ORG along with Pelin Bali.

SANATIN LABIRENTLERİNDE: E-Book – in Turkish, e-published in August and December 2008
<<http://www.isikbinyili.org/docView.php?d=article&id=163&PHPSESSID=8e9aa7dd5c2d0e06c2a433c03838e2b0>>:
Bircan previously had published surveys and interviews on arts and art exhibitions (1987-1989 Istanbul, 1990, Los Angeles) & essays (written mostly in Istanbul & updated a few from New York) on life in various Turkish magazines and daily newspapers; these writing were compiled for a book by Bircan in 1995. The book features 52 well-known Turkish artists, art critics, academicians in Turkey. It is updated in 2000 and 2003 as a sequel to her previously published first book, "En Kutsalı Yaratmak," (Say Publishing House, Istanbul, 1995). She decided to donate this book's on-line version to ISIKBINYILI, and published the content of the book electronically between August and December 2008 on ISIKBINYILI.ORG.

Summary – March to December 2008:

Parade of Faces: Who Speaks for Turkey? With Stephen Kinzer A Six Part of Documentary

Project's first promotion started on March 17, 2008 during the TAIK/DEIK Conference in NYC.

March to June 2008: Developing a potential funders list, working on the Draft Budget (April 16, 2008). Letter of Intentions: March to June 2008

Report of the formal proposals, attempts and meetings:

- 1) Ford Foundation** (*On-Line, Letter of Inquiry submitted as of May 20, 2008, an invitation received for the first week of August in NYC. Accordingly, a request was sent out for re-scheduling of the interview by B.Ü. Bircan e-sent updated proposal on September 15, 2009.*)
- 2) Turkish Cultural Foundation** - (*Through NY & W.DC Turkish Embassy – On-Line as of June 26, 2008, and updated version of the proposal sent to NY Turkish Consulate (Hon. Mehmet Samsar) on Sept. 9, 2008.*)
- 3) HSBC** (*Full On-Line Application submitted as of June 18, 2008*)
- 4) Annenberg Foundation** (*On-Line Letter of Inquiry submitted as of June 22, 2008*)
- 5) NYTimes Foundation** (*mailed on June 30, 2008*)
- 6) Boyner Holding** (*Bircan met with Mrs. Ümit Boyner and Nur Beler of TUSIAD along with Stephen Kinzer in Istanbul on Aug. 12, 2008; a decision will be made by mid of September in this regard.*)
- 7) Koç Holding** (*met with Mr. Ali Koç along with Stephen Kinzer in Istanbul on August 14, 2008; Mr. Koç stated that he will be supporting the project.*)
- 8) BP** (*Bircan met with the representatives of the BP on Sept. 2 at the BP, Kozyatagi, Istanbul, and potentially they are interested to be the sponsor of one of the six episodes.*)
- 9) TAV** (*Mr. Cem Kozlu will discuss the issue with Dr. Mustafa Sani Sener, and will get back to Bircan.*)
- 10) Mr. Cüneyt Zapsu** (*sent in full proposal and budget on Aug. 14, 2008, and followed it up over the phone.*)
- 11) THY** – (*initial meeting took place on Aug. 22, 2008 at the HQ of the THY.*) Follow by via e-mail, suggested re-sending of the proposal in November-2008 for its re-consideration within the 2009 Annual Budget of THY.)
- 12) Boeing, Ankara and Seattle, August 2008**
- 13) National Geography, October 2008 (NYC)**
- 14) Northrop Grumman Foundation, October 2008, (DC)**
- 15) Marshall Foundation, October 2008 (DC)**
- 16) Mika Ertegun, December 2008 (NYC)**

Potential Collaborators:

- 1) TAIK/DEIK-** Istanbul (*umbrella organization, initial contact made with Mr. Ferit Sahenk, and sent full-proposal.*)
- 2) TACCI – NY** (*umbrella organization, based in NY, will be contacted in Sept. or Oct.2008. Also re-sent to Mr. Haluk Dincer, late President of the TAIK in December 2008.*)
- 3) TUSIAD** - Istanbul (*same as above*): With a referral by Mr. Nuri M. Çolakoglu/Dogan Media; an initial meeting took place at TUSIAD/Istanbul with Ms. Hale Onursal - Hatipoglu on July 31, 2008, and second with Mrs. Ümit Boyner and Nur Beler took place at the Boyner Holding on August 10, 2008.) Bircan also contacted with the President of TUSIAD-US, President Abdullah Akyuz, W.DC. via e-mail on October 31, 2008.
- 4) TIM** (Mr. Oguz Satıcı - *a meeting realized on Sept/ 5, 2008, made an important suggestion, and reflected a*

great interest to support the project in several ways.)

5) TOBB (work in progress - initial contact made with Mr. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu via e-mail, and a tentative appointment considered in October or November.)

6) TURSAB (a meeting was realized with Mr. Basaran Ulusoy on Sept. 6, and willing to be a logistic sponsor based on evaluating the whole project's proposal.)

7) ATC - American Turkish Council (an initial e-mail sent to Mr. Louis L. Kahn on Sept. 4, 2008, and also to Ambassador James Holmes (Ret), President & CEO & Ms. Canan Buyukunsal, Executive Director on Sept. 15, 2008 .) Met with President James Holmes on November 5, 2008, in W.DC.

8) TR-INVEST (initial contact made, and Mr. Mustafa Mermeroglu is willing to collaborate for this project within their capacity.)

9) INVEST IN TURKEY (initial contact made, and they expressed that the organization has a little budget but open to collaborate in other forms.)

9) Project presented to Turkish Ambassador Nabi Sensoy, in W.DC, November 5, 2008.

10) Turkish-American Society, NY (sent an email to and met in person with Ms. Selen Ucak, Executive Director of the organization, in November and December 2008.)

Within the context of promoting the documentary project:

MEDIA APPEARANCES – TURKEY

Haber24 – On August 13, 2008: Live, 4:05-4:30PM: Stephen Kinzer with Bahar Feyzan– Mentioned about the upcoming new edition of the book “Crescent & Star” as well as this documentary project.

NTV – On August 13, 2008: Live: 7:30 (on Iran/Ahmedinejat): During the introduction of Kinzer, Işın Erelçin mentioned about the upcoming new edition of the Crescent & Star as well as the documentary.

NTV – On August 15, 2008 – 8:45 a.m. – Morning News – pre-recorded interview with Kinzer: News about the upcoming new edition of the book and the documentary project.

(Initially, Bircan has contacted the above mentioned media outlets in Istanbul for promoting the documentary project in Turkey.)

Also: **ISIKBINYILI.ORG** – For a recent interview with Stephen Kinzer on the Newly Revised and Expanded book, “CRESCENT and STAR: Turkey Between Two Worlds”

<http://www.isikbinyili.org/docView.php?d=article&id=200> September 5, 2008

Bircan worked effectively and productively with Phil Lane, based upon receiving Stephen Kinzer's acceptance of the proposed project idea (*in Feb.2008*), from March to June 30, 2008.

Phil Lane couldn't put much effort, time and continue afterwards due to his wife's pregnancy, and later (August 20th) the birth of his twins. Bircan repetitively tried to re-activate the collaboration and continue working on the documentary project with Phil Lane in September and October 2008. As a result of that, the *National Geography* proposal was sent out based on Phil Lane's research. This was the last effort and attempt received from Phil Lane in terms of reaching out and seeking grants for the documentary project. Bircan also brought up this issue to the BoD during the October 3, 2008 meeting, and later on via BoD e-mails.

Bircan had to cover all her travel cost and related expenses within her personal capacity during the whole process both in New York and Istanbul. These expenses might be reimbursed to Bircan when this particular project is funded (based on October 3, 2008/BoD Meeting).

As an overall summary, and based on the above report, there were potential funders and collaborators until the end of October. However, financial crush led all potentials to be withdrawn from funding of this project. As a result of this, and after the evaluation of the ongoing economic crisis in the world, which also hit the most non-profit world, based on Bircan's proposal and with Stephen Kinzer's agreement, the project is postponed to a later year.

The Light Millennium's Activities & Accomplishments 2008

1. Co-Chair of the UNNGO-DPI – Communication – Research & Website Committee – Jan to April 2008.
2. Member of the Planning Committee of the UNNGO-DPI Annual 61st Conference under the Department of Public Information of the United Nations.
3. Co-Chair of the annual “**Global Well-Being and the Media**” program, held on at the UN Church Center on April 10, 2008, NYC.
4. Bircan contributed to content of the “**Global Well-Being and the Media**” program via **Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne's** participation, President of the Sarvodaya Movement, Sri Lanka; as the *NGO Keynote Speaker* as well as for the overall outreach of the program.
5. Attended the Non-Profit Coordination Annual Meeting, February 2008.
6. Attended the Non-Profit Connection (CITI) Conference, April 2008.
7. Attended the Neighborhood Technical Clinic Assistance Program along with Humeyra Kocak, Treasurer, York College, June 2008.
8. Attended the NY Times Non Profit Excellence Awards Program, on June 26, 2008.
9. Attended the “800th Birth Anniversary of RUMI” program, which was sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations along with the Iran and Afghanistan missions, at the United Nations on June 26, 2008.
10. Attended the **Millennium Network** launching program – The Clinton Foundation, September 18, 2008.
11. **Istanbul 2010** with Tuna Koprulu – The American Turkish Society, October 9, 2008
12. Awarded “**Global Peace Volunteer**” by local Turkish-American Newspaper on October 24, 2008 in NYC.
13. Attended a reception for the **85th Anniversary Celebration of the Republic of Turkey** given by the Consulate General of Turkey at the NY Public Library, October 29, 2009.
14. *Participated in the **Inaugural Meeting** as one of the panelists (November 10), and also as a keynote speaker during the **3rd Plenary Session** (Nov. 11) of the **7th International Conference on Violent Peace Action** (7th ICNPA), India, Jaipur, November 10-13. 2008.

* Awarded as “**Peace Worker**” by the **Anuvrat Global Organization** during the Inaugural Meeting on November 10, 2008, Jaipur, India.

* Awarded by **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**, Former President of India, as the “**Honorary Guest**” of the 7th ICNPA on November 12, 2008, Jaipur, India.
15. Gave a presentation on “**Alternative Media & Its Potentials**” at the Mangalayatan University on November 14, 2008, Aligarh, India.
16. Was one of the speakers of the **World March-2009** Launching program which was held in front of the NYC Hall on Sunday, December 7, 2008.

17. Attended **NY Charities** Meeting on December 18, 2008.

*Bircan was invited to the **7th International Conference on Violent Peace Action** (7th ICNPA), and her India trip from November 8 to 16th of November 2008 was fully covered by the Anuvrat Global Organization who was also the organizer of the conference.

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**Developed, organized, co-organized, collaborated, sponsored/co-sponsored &
Presented EVENTS by the Light Millennium Organization in 2008:**
<http://www.lightmillennium.org>

For detailed information about the events of the Light Millennium in 2008, please see:
http://lightmillennium.org/events/2007_08_list.html

1. I DREAM, THEREFORE I AM

I DREAM, TEHREFORE I AM - A Special Screening (A 10 minutes long clip) & **I DREAM & I IMAGINE ("I" in your dream and imagination)**: Tuesday, December 16, 2008, 7:00 PM, at Dervish Restaurant, 2nd Floor, 146 W 47th St. (Bet. 6 & 7th Ave.), New York, NY 10036.

Reception provided by: Bodrum Restaurant, NYC.

Venue donated by Dervish Restaurant.

2. YUNUS EMRE: CONTEMPORARY OF RUMI: TURKISH FOLK POET OF LOVE: A presentation on the great Sufi writer Yunus Emre **By Prof. Talat HALMAN**, Bilkent University, Ankara, & First Minister of Culture of the Republic of Turkey. Monday, October 27, 2008, 7 - 9:30PM at Columbia University, International Affairs Building (IAB room 1501, 15th floor). Located at 420 W. 118th Street (at Amsterdam Avenue).

The program organized as in collaboration with Columbia University.

Reception provided by: SipSak Restaurant Mr. Orhan Yegen, NYC.

For the full media release of the program>

3. YAHYA KEMAL BEYATLI: ON LIFE, LOVE, DEATH, and the INFINITE: Friday, May 2, 2008, 7:00PM.
At 821 United Nations Plaza New York, NY 10017.

Venue donated by: Turkish Center, NYC

Reception provided by: Turkish Culture and Tourist Office in New York, NYC.

WELCOME to the celebration for the 8th Anniversary of the ISIKBINYILI.ORG LIGHTMILLENNIUM.ORG's dedicated program to the great poet, Yahya Kemal BEYATLI (1884-1958) which entitled, ON LIFE, LOVE, DEATH and the INFINITE. BEYATLI's poetry has defined as the poems of "Love, Death and the Infinite," as well as "the future with its roots in the past." Beyatli departed from the earth 50 years ago.

For Program as Pdf file>

- Venue for #1 program was provided to the Light Millennium organization as an in-kind donation.
- Venue for #2 & #3 programs were organized as in collaborations.

**Ideas & Projects developed and proposed:
The Light Millennium Organization - 2008, by Bircan Ünver**

1. **Declaration of Human Rights Video Project** with the 5th Grade Elementary Schools for the UNDPI-NGO Annual 61st Conference on Human Rights (each students will read an article in front of the camera as well as the whole class, such as articles #1 and #19).

2. **Next60: Protect, Elevate, Accomplish, Care, Enhance & Sustain**

For moving forward to a new brave world with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights another 60 years to come <http://next60.lightmillennium.org/> (web site is still work in progress)

3. **“MyProject & MyTask”**

Developed and proposed for the UN/DPI-NGO Annual 61st Conference on Human Rights on September 3-5, 2008, Paris, and related UN/DPI-NGO Conference website: <http://www.undpingoconference.org>
<http://next60.lightmillennium.org/>

4. **Turkish-Armenian Synergy** – (Copy edited version - 2009)

http://lightmillennium.org/tasynergy/manifesto_p1.html

http://lightmillennium.org/tasynergy/manifesto_p4.html

(Initial version – October-November 2007) 4 parts could be read at [ARMENIANS-1915.blogspot.com](http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com)

<http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com/2007/11/2180-turkish-armenian-synergy-manifesto.html>

5. **Parade of Faces: Who Speaks for Turkey?** With Stephen Kinzer – A Six Parts Documentary Project

(March to December 2008) http://lightmillennium.org/paradeoffaces/KINZER_ParadeOfFaces.pdf

6. **A Book Tour with Stephen Kinzer for “Crescent & Star: Turkey between Two Worlds”** (2008 Edition)

http://lightmillennium.org/paradeoffaces/kinzer_c_s_2008.html

Disclosure: The above projects were introduced openly and proposed officially to potentially interested parties during the year 2008.

Projects developed, promoted, or carried over from the previous years, which are also considered to be reactivated based upon collaborations, partnerships, sponsorships, and availability of funds:

- When Peace Comes – A Multi-Faceted Poetry Writing Project> http://lightmillennium.org/2004_wpcomes/all.html
(Realized in 2004 for the first time. Initially designed as an annual program.)

- Rumi & Clarke Inspirational Writing Awards – 2006-2007>

http://lightmillennium.org/rumi_clarke/list.html

-Rumi Video Production Awards Project – 2007>

http://lightmillennium.org/rumi_video/list.html

-Global Diversity Home & School Project – 2004>

http://lightmillennium.org/global_school/definition.html

-UNNGO Profiles 2006 – 2007

http://lightmillennium.org/unngo_profiles/list.html

Produced, aired, and promoted 7 individual episodes; featured 9 profiles. This mini-series developed and launched by Bircan based on her involvement in the Planning Committee and related subcommittees of the Department Of Public Information of the United Nations (2006, 2007 & 2008).

Since 2007, Bircan considers developing this project further as a series of 13 episodes which also will feature non-UN associated and community based organizations.

-Cadirhoyuk: A Multi-Faceted Ancient City - 2006

Documentary project – on the 10 years of excavations and interrelations & cultural exchanges between the archeologists, researchers, students and local community.

-Peace Process in Sri Lanka – A Six Parts Mini Documentary – Proposed to Capital Creative in 2004

– not granted. Considers revisiting this project based upon partnering a local NGO or Media organization in Sri Lanka.

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-Nazim Hikmet: On the Twentieth Century 1998 (poem clip 3min); 2000 (28 min. short documentary);
2002 Proposal for a feature documentary

Adalet Agaoglu: Time in the Eastern Mediterranean (Prominent Turkish author, ref: “Curfew” & “Summer’s End”

Bircan initially self-started her very first video interview with Mrs. Agaoglu during the summer 1998. Over the years, Bircan vide recorded Mrs. Agaoglu’s programs, in particular, the ones which were held in the U.S. Bircan is seeking opportunities to follow Mrs. Agaoglu with her camera to her birthplace (Nallihan/Ankara), Eskisehir (city where her book Curfew takes place; and Side in the Mediterranean Region, Turkey, (Summer’s End).

All Ideas: Freedom of Expression in Turkey - 1999

Bircan’s master’s project, a 30minutes documentary, in New School University. It has a restriction on by one of its prominent participants (Turkish author Yasar Kemal), saying that the documentary cannot be shown to general public but only can be used for academic purposes. Bircan considers revisiting this concept, and having another 30-40 minutes of a documentary 10 years after the first one, and obtaining the first part’s permission; and combining the 1999 part with the new part as one documentary.

- Turkish Greek Synergy documentary project – self started in 2000, conducted a few video interviews for this purpose. But was not able to continue due to the lack of support and funding. However, produced the “Men of the Year: George Papandrou & Ismail Cem” program within the same context based on the conference and award ceremony of the East-West Institute along with a studio discussion program “Turkish-Greek Synergy” in 2000.

THE LIGHT MILLENNIUM TV PROGRAMS -LMTV/QPTV-2008 – SPECIAL Produced, Cable-casted & Promoted over the Internet or on the organization’s website or both:

Executive Producer & Director: Bircan ÜNVER

<http://lightmillennium.org/lmtv/list5.html>

http://www.lightmillennium.org/bu_videography.html

Programs highlighting independent issues on literacy/poetry, art & artists', culture, UN-NGO Profiles, peace, freedom of expression and global issues.

*** A Day of Experience with Silo (In Spanish)**

Produced by: Kurt HEYL, sponsored for its airing at QPTV by Light Millennium TV. First aired on channel# 57 on January 15, 2009 & also on March 18, 2009 under LMTV at QPTV.

-The Light Millennium TV sponsored this program to be shown at Queens Public TV.

*** I Dream, Therefore I am**

A Dream & Profile of the Light Millennium organization

I DREAM, THEREFORE I AM from The Light Millennium TV on Vimeo.

Interviewed by Aamir Sadiq with Bircan Ünver. Studio director: Garo Alexanian.

Produced, Directed & Edited by Bircan Ünver. First aired on August 18, 2008.

*** RUMI: To Unite - That is Why We Came**

An 800th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Mevlana Celaleddin RUMI.

First Aired on March 17, 2008.

*** Highlights from the 2006 Arthur C. Clarke Award Ceremony**

Video-recorded(on October 3, 2006), Produced, Directed & Edited by Bircan Ünver: March 2008.

***January to December 2007* (as a monthly series)**

LMTV (monthly) Series at Queens Public Television, the second week of each month:

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*On Sundays on Channel#56 at 7:30 p.m
*On Wednesdays Channel#56 at 11:30 a.m.
<http://www.lightmillennium.org> & <http://www.qptv.org>

***UN-NGO Profiles - 8: Joan KIRBY - Sherrill KAZAN**

On "Climate Change: How It Impact Us All" -2, UN/DPI-NGO Conference
Transcription of the interview> http://lightmillennium.org/lmtv/kirby_kazan_interview.html

***UNNGO Profiles - 7: Juan Carlos BRANDT & Richard JORDAN**

For the transcription of the interview> http://lightmillennium.org/unngo_profiles/brandt_jordan.html
For the media release of the program> http://lightmillennium.org/lmtv/brandt_jordan_mr.html
(<http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection/conference/60/>), September 2007. - Aired in September and October 2007 under LMTV at QPTV.

Cablecasting Schedule at Queens Public TV in August 2007:

- (1) Sunday, August 19, 2007, Channel 56, 7:30P.M. (*aired.*)
- (2) Wednesday, August 22, 2007, Channel 56, 11:30 A.M. (*aired.*)
- (3) Sunday, August 22, 2007, Channel 57, 7:00P.M. (*Additional, aired.*)

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June 2007 (*In Turkish*):

***Turkish Poetry: On Life, Love & Death (*in Turkish*)**

Selected Turkish Poetry from Yahya Kemal BEYATLI, Ahmet Hamdi TANPINAR, Ahmet Muhit DRANAS & Nazim Hikmet RAN

Presented by Bircan ÜNVER

The Light Millennium TV launched by Bircan Ünver on January 13, 2000 at Queens Public TV.

Note: The Light Millennium Organization produced all the above programs within the Executive Producer's own personal capacity and via various exchanged labor and volunteer contributions in order to produce these programs. However, if the organization had to hire crew and paid all production and content related expenses of each program, each of the programs could have cost from \$3000 to \$5000. Now, these programs are part of the organization assets.

MEDIA COVERAGES

Program 1:

Yahya Kemal Beyatli: On Life, Love & Death Program – May 2, 2008 in various Turkish media:

http://www.cnnturk.com/KULTUR_SANAT/DIGER/haber_detay.asp?PID=116&haberID=455218

<http://www.hurriyetport.com/news/123/ARTICLE/2209/2008-05-03.html>

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http://www.turkishny.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23648&Itemid=545

<http://yenisafak.com.tr/aktuel/?t=04.05.2008&c=5&i=115021>

<http://www.turkishjournal.com/i.php?newsid=2441>

<http://www.turkishjournal.com/i.php?newsid=2411>

<http://www.haber1.com/haber/20080503/New-Yorkda-Beyatliyi-anma-gecesi.php>

http://www.realist.gen.tr/haber/39439/yahya_kemal_beyatli_new_yorkta_anildi.htm

<http://www.haberler.com/new-york-ta-yahya-kemal-beyatli-yi-anma-gecesi-haberi/>

<http://www.newstime7.com/haber/20080503/Yahya-Kemal-commemoration-in-NY.php>

Program 2:

Yunus Emre: Contemporary of Rumi – Presented by Prof. Talat Halman

For press coverage of this event in Turkish, please visit the following links:

Yunus Emre: "The visit to a heart is best of all..."

http://lightmillennium.org/21st_22nd/emilyalp_yunusemre.html

(Light Millennium's coverage)

Hurriyet-Avrupa (EU)- (Anatolian News Agency, In Turkish)

<http://www.hurriyet.de/?navi=manset&grp=SoloManset&an=3897&banner=0> New

York'ta Cagları Asan Yunus Emre Sevgisi - Turkish Journal

<http://www.turkishjournal.com/i.php?newsid=3655&PHPSESSID=5246dd68ab60cbf5c6fcda7c2c1ae50b>

Yunus Emre Siirleriyle New York'ta (AA)

<http://www.turkishny.com/content/view/31839/>

NEW YORK'ta Yunus EMRE Siir ve Müzik Gecesi

<http://www.sondakika.com/haber-new-york-ta-yunus-emre-siir-ve-muzik-gecesi/>

<http://www.trt.net.tr/wwwtr/hdevam.aspx?hid=213227&k=6>

<http://www.showhaber.com/87809/Dunya/New-Yorkda-Yunus-Emre-gecesi-haberi!.html>

http://www.haber3.com/news_detail.php?id=418801

<http://www.ihlas.net.tr/detail.asp?id=91658>

<http://haber.turk.net/DIS/2149805/New-York-ta-Yunus-Emre-gecesi>

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<http://www.guncel.net/kultur-sanat/muzik/2008/10/28/new-york-ta-yunus-emre-gecesi.htm>

<http://www.dusungec.com/2008/10/new-yorkta-yunus-emre-siir-ve-muzik.html>

<http://www.baktabul.com/sinema-and-tiyatro/155801-new-yorkta-yunus-emre-gecesi-yunus-emre-siir-ve-muzik-gecesi-duzenlendi.html>

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<http://www.forumca.gen.tr/showthread.php?t=296505>

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<http://www.isnet.net.tr/channels/haber/haberDetay.aspx?haberID=179813&Source=0>

<http://www.sansursuz.com/haberler/templates/sansursuz.asp?articleid=73366&zoneid=5&y=>

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<http://www.forummekan.org/forum/dunya-gundemi/60798-new-yorkda-yunus-emre-gecesi.html>

<http://www.elitada.com/haber/tag/etem>

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<http://www.zekirdek.com/haber-abdde-yunus-emre-gecesi-22570.html>

<http://www.ebmhaber.com.tr/?s=cat&catid=7#77836>

For Yunus Emre Program - Light Millennium Full Media Release:

http://www.lightmillennium.org/events/yemre_mr_oct27_08.html

Program 3:

Dream, Therefore I am – December 16, 2008, NYC.

<http://turkishjournal.com/i.php?newsid=4071>

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<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/teknoktisat/message/15345>

For Invitation of the Program: http://lightmillennium.org/events/ldream_invite_dec16_08.html

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- Yunus Emre: Contemporary of Turkey – Columbia University for venue and outreach of the program.

- I Dream, Therefore I Am, Venue provided by Dervish Restaurant. Reception provided by Bodrum Restaurant for 40 people.
- Sipsak Restaurant, Reception for 150 people, Yunus Emre Program, October 27, 2008, Columbia University

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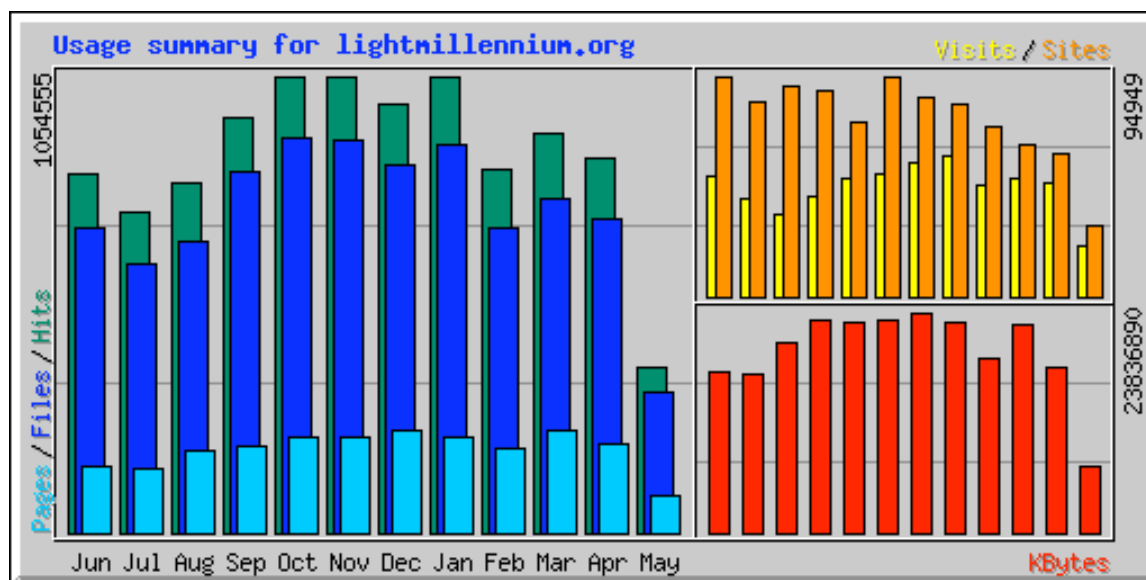
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