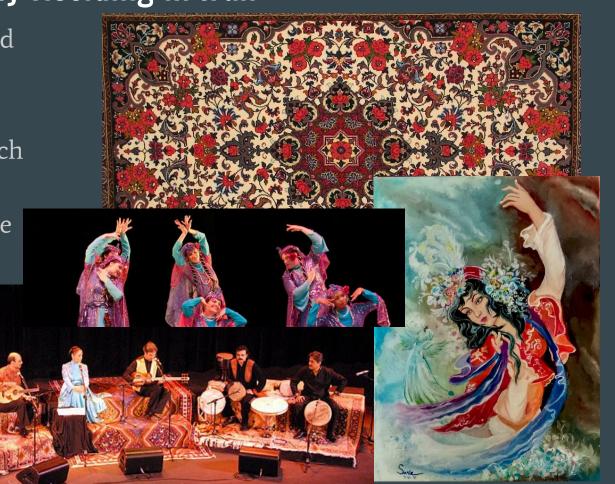
# Baham together An Online Portfolio for the Persian Artist Community

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## Persian Artists Currently Residing in Iran

Iran has long been recognized around the world for its arts and contributions to the artistic community. Areas such as literature, craftsmanship, and theater being some of the most significant.



## **Dealing With Censorship**

After the Islamic Revolution that occured in 1979, very strict censorship laws were set in place. The type of literature, music, journalism, and almost nearly all forms of self-expression were limited and monitored.

All social-media has been banned and internet activity is heavily surveillanced. Nearly all teenagers and younger adults, however, have found ways to get around using proxies and are heavily involved in social networking.

women are not allowed to record or produce music.

Journalism and any literature in general is reviewed in case of any writing that goes against the government.

Artistic forms are all encouraged to be in proponent of the Iranian government.

# Fighting Back

The strict censorship laws have not stopped the artistic community from finding cracks in the system and continuing to create and express themselves.



"AV" theater group performs in a cave in Tehran as a way to get around the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance.



Musicians perform at an open mic with both men and women sharing their music and creations.



This underground coffee shop provides a sense of intimacy and freedom that could not normally be displayed in public. Attendants share poetry.



This female singer is able to share her music through social media, the only way for women to do so.

still not enough. These artists deserve to have a platform all to their own to share and express their creations...

Though they are finding small cracks and moments to be free for even a little bit, it is



### Baham together

This social media app allows artists to create an online artist portfolio. Users upload and share their works of art as well as being able to discover other artists' work.

On the Discover page, artists can also discover any events such as plays, concerts, open mics, etc.. Events that are created and organized by users in all cities around the country.



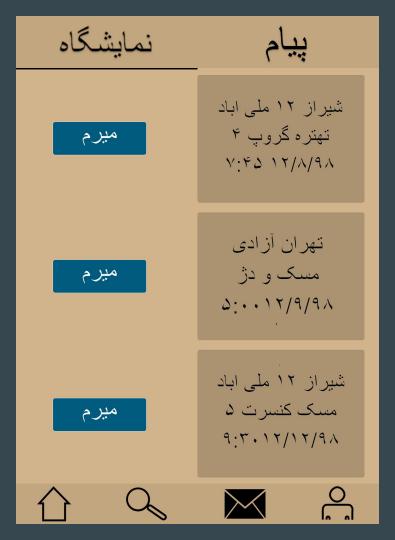
On the home screen, users can keep up to date and discover new artists and pieces of art as they are uploaded. Users can click through different portfolios, like, and comment on uploads.



On the discover page, users can either search for specific types of posts and users, or click through the different categories of art:

- Photography
- Film and Cinema
- Journalism
- Fine Arts
- Poetry/Literature
- Design

Lastly, users can discover events that are taking place and either place or a seat or buy tickets.



On the first section of the message page, users can look through the different events they have looked through and marked as 'interested'. Here users can anticipate updates, rules, guidelines, etc. about specific events after signing up for them.



On the second page of the message page, users can see how other users have interacted with them and their posts. Whether it is a like, comment, or personal message, all communication between users stake place here.



The artist profile...

Users can pick through different display themes and organization methods of their posts to make their online portfolio to their liking. Along with the works of art include, a profile picture, name, and a brief artist bio/statement.



Though it will only take a revolution to see an Iran were artists are able to share their art freely and openly, this is a small step in the right direction.

Hopefully for future artists this app would not even be necessary...