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[THE BAKHTIARI ALPHABET – A DOCUMENTARY ON NOMADIC LIFE IN IRAN-- TO CELEBRATE PERSIAN NEW YEAR AT SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY](#)

FAIRFIELD, Conn. -- In celebration of the Persian New Year, Sacred Heart University's Farrington School of Education presents the premier of "The Bakhtiari Alphabet," a documentary on nomadic pastoral life and education in Iran. The evening will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by a lecture by University of Pennsylvania's Dr. Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet. Classical Persian music will be performed by Hossein Omoumi.

The event and film premier will take place on Friday, April 3rd, at Sacred Heart University's Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts, 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield. Admission is free. For reservations, call 203-371-7908.

Directed by Reza Ghadiani and Sacred Heart University Associate Professor Cima Sedigh, this film follows the Bakhtiari tribe, a nomadic community in Iran. It provides cultural insight and engaging issues related to the challenges of educating children in a nomadic community.

"The Bakhtiari Alphabet" was created over the course of 7 years in the remote and mountainous regions of Iran, where the Bakhtiari live and migrate. Over that time, Dr. Sedigh lived with the nomadic tribe anywhere from a few weeks to a few months each year, studying their geography, history, economy, politics and culture. The film reveals both the struggle and humanity of this rapidly disappearing culture.

This event is sponsored by Sacred Heart University's Farrington School of Education.

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