

The *Shahnameh* or *The Epic of Kings* is one of the definite classics of the world. It tells hero tales of ancient Persia. The contents and the poet's style in describing the events takes the reader back to the ancient times and makes he/she sense and feel the events. Ferdowsi worked for thirty years to finish this masterpiece.

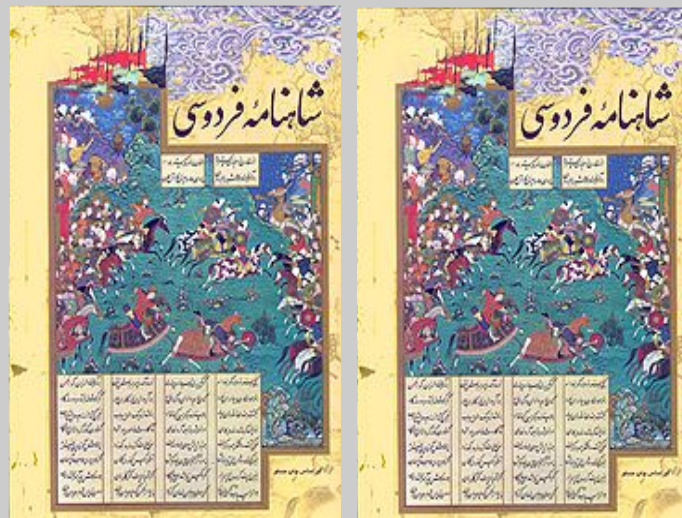
An important feature of this work is that during the period that Arabic language was known as the main language of science and literature,

Ferdowsi used only Persian in his masterpiece. As Ferdowsi himself says "*Persian language is revived by this work*".

The Epic of Shahnameh Ferdowsi
(The Epic of Kings: Hero Tales of Ancient Persia)

created by

Hakim Abol-Ghasem Ferdowsi Toosi (940-1020)
World famous Persian (Iranian) poet



Naghali : Ferdowsi packs so much literature in his verses that storytellers, singers, percussionists, and painters have traditionally helped unpack his work for us. For a thousand years, this collaboration of the letters and the arts in *ghahveh khaneh* (coffee house) settings has upgraded and refreshed the Iranian national identity.

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A TRADITIONAL STORYTELLING IN PERSIAN
FROM THE BOOK OF KINGS (SHAHRNAMEH)
BY IRANIAN GREATEST STORYTELLER FERDOWSI

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Meeting Mr Ghasem Karbalaie <http://www.saamtheatregroup.com/karb.html> was quite accidental and was indebted of Farnoosh Behzad's www.artistswithoutfrontiers.com/fbehzad recommendation to Sousaan Farrokhnia the Saam Theatre Group's director.

Farnoosh Behzad is a respected Musician and a supportive friend of the Saam Theatre for the past years.

Since Saam House's inauguration, Ghasem karbalaie has been one of the fellow workers for Saam Theatre as a respected performer whose expertise is in Nghali (traditional story telling based on Shahnameh). He has had several performances which called Shahnameh Khani in collaboration with Mustafa Shams <http://www.saamtheatregroup.com/mostsh.html> and Javad Shams http://www.saamtheatregroup.com/jaw_01.html (Saam Theatre's executive team member) and Tigran Aleksanyan <http://www.saamtheatregroup.com/tig.html>.

Shah-Nameh
Book of Kings

Read by:
Ghasem Karbalaie
Music from Afghanistan by:
Haroon Yousofi
Najib Nezam
Friday 27 February at: 7:00 pm
Ticket Price: £5 (Food & Drinks available for purchase)
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