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"Without Shape, Without Form" – Art Exhibition Unveiling

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Sikh Sangat of North America will host an art exhibit on November 4, to unveil the brand new <u>Art of Punjab Gallery</u>, with 15 new paintings in Slough, U.K. The art exhibit is open from 2pm – 6pm, with artist Kanwar Singh in attendance to speak about his 10-year journey and his focus on the Sikh perspective.

"This initiative will elevate a decade's worth of my creative outpouring to the kind of platform I have always envisioned," said Kanwar Singh. "A total of 35 painting will be presented on a grand scale as part of a meticulously crafted historical timeline to educate on the lives of the Sikh Gurus and great panthic heroes. I'm very excited about this partnership project with Sikh Society of North America and I'm looking forward to meeting the local sangat in this new inspirational space."

Inspired by the sevadars (volunteers) at Guru Maneyo Granth Gurdwara, the exhibit will focus on the Sikh religious and historical narrative, to increase Sikh awareness amongst the local and international community. All 35 art pieces will remain at the Gurdwara as a permanent art gallery to educate residents of the area, visitors to the Gurdwara, students, adults and people of all backgrounds about the richness of Sikh history and its applications to modern life. Neighbouring schools will also be invited to visit the art exhibit, with regular school trips to the permanent gallery to commence after November 4th.

Parliament of the World's Religions

This art exhibit is also a recognized 'Parliament of the World's Religions' pre-Parliament event. Toronto, Canada will host the 7th Parliament of the World's Religions from November 1 – November 7, 2018, during which over 10,000 people will participate in the 2018 Parliament. More than 500 programs, workshops, and dialogues, alongside music, dance, art and photography exhibitions, and related events will be presented by the world's religious communities and cultural institutions.

Pre-Parliament events have already taken place in New York (<u>Sikh</u> <u>Immersion: War, Hate and Violence</u>) and Toronto (<u>Indigenous People</u>). An additional interfaith event also took place in Chicago which included a seminar on <u>Tolerance in Times of Intolerance</u>.

About Sikh Sangat of North America

Sikh Sangat of North America's mission is to disseminate the universal message of Siri Guru Granth Sahib to the whole world and contribute to the spiritual advancement of the humanity. We help individuals, families, and communities to unlock their true potential as we build solid practical foundations through Simran, based on the teachings of Siri Guru Granth Sahib. www.sikhsangatofnorthamerica.com.