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## Tirgan 2015 Short Story and Photography Contests

Toronto, ON – April 21, 2015 - Tirgan, the world's largest Iranian arts and culture festival, is back this summer from August 20-23, 2015, with the central theme 'Homeland'. To begin the festivities, Tirgan is hosting two contests in short story writing and photography.

### SHORT STORY CONTEST

The contest is under the supervision of Dr. Houra Yavari, accomplished author and Senior Research Scholar at the Center for Iranian Studies at Columbia University, with submissions going through a panel of judges. Short stories have to be written in Persian, have a word limit of 2,500 and be previously unpublished.

The application should include a cover page detailing the writer's name and story title, the word count, writer's contact information and writer's country of residence. The second component is the story, which should not contain the writer's name. Further information: [www.tirgan.ca/programs/short-story-contest](http://www.tirgan.ca/programs/short-story-contest)

The authors of the top three stories will have their work published in the short story collection, along with receiving a prize. Please send your submission to: [writing@tirgan.ca](mailto:writing@tirgan.ca) with the subject line "short story contest". **Deadline for submission: May 7, 2015.**

### HOMELAND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ORGANIZED WITH CAFÉLIT

Tirgan is extending an invitation to all interested to participate in a photo contest in two categories:

a) Fine Arts and b) Documentary & Photojournalism

The top three winning photographs and selected finalists will be published on the Tirgan and CaféLitt websites. To enter, please read the contest criteria and use the online application form here:

<http://www.tirgan.ca/programs/photo-contest>

**Deadline for submission: 11:00pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) May 7, 2015**

### SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

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