

Norouz-e-Omid - The New Year of Hope

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How do I sign up to host a Norouz-e-Omid House Party?

Please send an email to norouz@fictionvillestudio.com for sign up! Please include your name, location, contact information, date desired, expected number of guests, and type of space in which you will hold the event (i.e. home, community room, school, library etc). We will then arrange to send you a Community Screening Kit. Make sure you purchase it early enough to allow for delivery time.

I am not able to host a Norouz-e-Omid House Party, but I would like to attend one. How can I find one in my vicinity?

Many of our screenings will be private events hosted by individuals. However, several public screenings will be accessible in major cities internationally. Organizations in cities such as New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston, London, and Paris will host larger screenings for the public to enjoy.

How much do I charge for the event?

You can structure the event however you see fit. Some hosts find it easiest to charge for tickets at the door. Suggested donations are: \$30 for individuals, \$50 for couples, and \$15 for students. If using a ticket system is not ideal, you can request donations during the event. Please remember that any amount is helpful to Omid, so please do not feel that there is any sort of minimum in order to take part in these house parties.

In addition, you can deduct the cost of the Community Screening Kit (\$185) for yourself from the funds raised during the event.

How do I structure my event? What are different ways in which my house party can raise money?

As mentioned above, you can take donations at the door. Here is a list of ideas to get you thinking about what might work best for your event:

1. Suggested donations
2. Free event: provide refreshments and ask for donations at the end of the event
3. Invite a guest speaker and charge for tickets
4. Find a matching grant donor and encourage your guests to contribute towards that amount
5. Auction off in-kind donations

How much should I raise from my house party?

We want to emphasize that no contribution is too small. Norouz-e-Omid is made to be accessible to both those who can contribute only small amounts to those who can contribute larger amounts. With a goal of 100 hosts, however, we hope that each party can raise at least \$1000. Therefore, we would have raised \$100,000 for Omid-e-Mehr. Perhaps this is as easy as 10 people contributing \$100 each. Or perhaps it is 100 people contributing \$10 each. It is up to you and we will support the structure of your event the best we can.

How do I collect donations?

Donations can be collected via check or made online. If you collect cash, please write a check to Omid Foundation USA that covers the cash in total. You can submit online donations through:

www.omid-e-mehr.org/getinvolved.html. Donations can be made with any major credit or debit card

through PayPal. You need not live in the United States to make this donation; this site accepts donations made internationally.

How do I send the donations to you?

For the donations that are not made online, please make sure all checks are addressed with the appropriate title for tax purposes. This will be dependent on your resident status. For those outside of the US and UK, please address your checks to: Omid Foundation UK.

More details can be found on the Tax Deduction Information document included your kit.

How will those who donate receive a receipt for tax donation purposes?

All donors who have provided their full name and postal address will receive a written receipt from Omid confirming the amount of their donation.

If I live outside the United States or the United Kingdom, is my donation tax deductible?

No. Omid Foundation is only a registered charity (501c-3) in the United States and the United Kingdom. Therefore, if you live outside of these countries, your donation is unfortunately not tax-deductible.

For more information, please refer to the Tax Deduction Information document included in your kit.

Will the DVD play in my DVD player?

The Glass House is coded for Region 0. This means you can play it on any DVD player.

How long is the film?

Running time is 1 hour 32 minutes.

What is included in the Community Screening Kit?

- DVD of *The Glass House*
- The Iranian Chronicles: Soundtrack of Music from several Fictionville Studio films
- Omid brochures w/ detachable donation form, provided by Omid
- Self-addressed stamped envelope, addressed to Omid. (Omid Foundation USA, 6517 Lone Oak Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817)
- Exclusive 4-pack of cards. (Artwork from girls at Omid). Provided by Omid
- Sign-in sheet
- Popcorn!

What if I have other questions not included in this document?

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