

# Maryam Sharifi

## Artist related to ICORN - Afghanistan



I am a cultural activist and festival organizer. I started working with “a night with Buddha” festival. The festival was founded in Afghanistan in 2013 to commemorate the Taliban’s terrible destruction of Buddha statues in Bamiyan at 2001. The festival is organized with the aim of protecting and rebuilding the sculptures, which were part of the international world heritage. From 2013 until I flew to Harstad by ICORN, I was head of the festival at home in Afghanistan. Now I am living in Norway and continuing my activities there.