

Sareyyet Ramallah- First Ramallah Group

Annual Report 2023



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Introduction

Dear audience and members,

On behalf of the Chairman and members of the Board of Directors, we express our gratitude to all the members of Sareyyet Ramallah and its staff for their tremendous efforts in the success of Sareyyet Ramallah activities and programs. We also extend our thanks and appreciation to you and to all partners, whether institutions or individuals, for your significant support. We present you the annual report of Sareyyet Ramallah, 2023.

Our Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip were subjected to Israeli aggression at the beginning of the last quarter of 2023. This aggression is still ongoing, as the occupation persists in carrying out genocidal operations against our people in Gaza. This has resulted in thousands of martyrs, most of whom are children and women. It also led to the destruction of infrastructure, including hospitals, universities, schools, houses, companies, and civil institutions. Numerous sport clubs, museums, cultural centers, and stadiums were also destroyed. Many athletes, both male and female, coaches, and artists lost their lives.



As usual; Sareyyet Ramallah is driven by its national and humanitarian role, thus, Sareyyet Ramallah took the initiative to host 700 workers from the Gaza Strip who were expelled by the Israeli Occupation from their workplaces inside the territories of 1948. This occurred after the beginning of the aggression on the Gaza Strip on October 8th. Sareyyet Ramallah provided accommodation, meals, clothing, and medical treatment for the workers during their stay, in collaboration with the Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governorate, the Ramallah Municipality, the Palestinian Medical Complex, Clinicare Medical Center, the Palestinian Medical Relief Society, and many local companies, institutions, as well as volunteers who contributed to meeting the needs of workers during their stay at Sareyyet Ramallah. At the years 2022 and 2023, three leaders who played a significant role in the journey of Sareyyet Ramallah passed away: Nasser Khalil member of Sareyyet Ramallah, Muntaha Aqel and Yousef Farhat, who were former members of Sareyyet Ramallah Board of Directors. On behalf of Sareyyet Ramallah, we affirm that Sareyyet Ramallah will follow in their footsteps and continue its dedication and contributions on all fronts.

Eventually during the year 2023, Sareyyet Ramallah organized numerous programs and activities. The swimming pool, Sareyyet Ramallah Park , and children's playground were inaugurated after the completion of renovation works. Sareyyet Ramallah commenced the operation of these facilities to increase its revenues, aiming to enhance the independence and sustainability of the organization.

Sareyyet Ramallah-First Ramallah Group



About Us

Sareyyet Ramallah-First Ramallah Group (FRG) is a Palestinian nongovernmental community-based independent organization established in 1927. The organization's work feeds from its solid belief in humanitarian values and principles, as well as equality regardless of gender, religion, and race, guaranteeing the rights of special social groups.

Sareyyet Ramallah develops and implements diverse programs and activities for all social groups of the Palestinian society, aiming to contribute in community development, on the basis of human and scout values, taking into consideration the needs of targeted groups.

Our Vision



An independent organization effective in nurturing empowered generations that contribute to community development.

Our Mission

We seek to develop and implement a diversity of programs and activities for all social groups, to contribute in community development on the basis of human and scout values and in accordance with the needs of target groups.

Our Values

Volunteering and public service
Freedom of expression
Spirit of citizenship
Sympathy

Tolerance and mutual respect
Equality
Acceptance of the other

Belonging
Love of homeland
Constructive competition



Our Objectives



- Contribute to promoting and developing capacities and talents of the Sareyyet Ramallah members and the Palestinian youth in scouting, sports, artistic, cultural, and social fields.
- Serve the various Palestinian community groups, without any discrimination, through its different activities.
- Contribute to the development and building of the Palestinian civil society and the promotion of the national belonging spirit.
- Disseminate and promote democratic culture and values of citizenship and tolerance, among the Palestinian youth, in particular, and all society groups, in general.
- Spread the scout movement, deepen its concepts, instill and embed the concept of volunteerism.

Administrative Affairs

18	Number of Board of Directors Meetings
11	Number of visits and hosting for local and foreign institutions and personalities
40	Number of partnerships with local and foreign institutions
4	Number of qualified facilities
16	Number of beneficiaries from facilities
7	Number of administrative training courses and workshops
2	Number of capacity development programs for employees and trainers

18 Board of Directors meetings held during the year 2023.

The Board of Directors held 18 meetings during the year 2023. The members of the Board for the 2022–2023 term was as follows: Michael Qrietem as Chairman, Jad Kandah as Vice Chairman and Head of the Projects Committee, Azmi Shunnara as Secretary, Salim Nassif Hussari as Treasurer and Head of Membership Committee, Nadia Musleh as Head of the Public Relations Committee, Ziad Abu Laban as Head of the Sports Committee, Osama Al-Baba as Head of the Scout Council, with membership of Rony Abu Mariam and George Hishmeh.



The annual meeting of the General Assembly and the election of the Board of Directors

The annual General Assembly meeting and the elections for the Board of Directors of Sareyyet Ramallah for the term 2023–2025 were initially scheduled for October 27. However, due to the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip, the meeting was postponed. Following correspondence with the Higher Council for Youth and Sports and the Palestinian Ministry of Interior, and with the approval of the Ministry of Interior, the accreditation of the Board of Directors and the Financial Committee has been extended until March 19, 2024.



Honoring the late member of Sareyyet Ramallah Muntaha Aqel

Beit Sahour Cultural Orthodox Club honoured the late member of Sareyyet Ramallah, Muntaha Aqel, in appreciation of her national and community contributions. The tribute took place during a match between Sareyyet Ramallah and Beit Sahour team on January 22 at "Jalal Barham Hall" in Beit Sahour. The Club President Engineer Raed Al-Atrash presented the token to Ziad Abu Laban, a member of Sareyyet Ramallah Board of Directors and head of the sports committee, and to Khaled Elayyan, the Executive Director of Sareyyet Ramallah and Muntaha Aqel husband.



Administrative Affairs

Signing a sponsorship agreement between Sareyyet Ramallah and the National Beverages Company, Coca-Cola/Cappy

On August 14, the National Beverages Company, Coca-Cola/Cappy, signed an agreement sponsoring Sareyyet Ramallah Women's Football team. The signing ceremony took place at the company's headquarters in Ramallah, with the presence of the General Manager of Coca-Cola/Cappy, Mr. Imad Al-Hindi, the Chairman of Sareyyet Ramallah, Mr. Michael Qreitem, and the Executive Director of Sareyyet Ramallah, Mr. Khaled Elayyan.



Participation in a workshop on the strategic plan of the Media Department at the Higher Council for Youth and Sports

The Sareyyet Ramallah coordinators participated in the strategic plan of the Media Department which was organized by the Higher Council for Youth and Sports. The workshop focused on media and information technology, and took place on February 22 at the Islamic Club in Ramallah.



A preparatory meeting was convened for Sareyyet Ramallah members in preparation for the 65th Ramallah Convention

On September 11, Sareyyet Ramallah held a preparatory meeting for the 65th Ramallah Convention, originally scheduled to take place in Ramallah during July 2024. However, due to the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip, it was decided to cancel the convention in Ramallah and organize it instead in Washington DC.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Adnan Faramand, the Convention president, Jack Saadeh, the president of the Ramallah Federation, and Michael Qreitem, the chairman of Sareyyet Ramallah. The attendees were welcomed, and they were briefed on the Convention, its activities and various committees.

It is worth noting that the Ramallah Convention is held in partnership between the Ramallah Municipality, the American Federation of Ramallah - Palestine, the Ramallah Federation, and Sareyyet Ramallah.



Administrative Affairs

Sareyyet Ramallah hosts workers from the Gaza Strip

Motivated by the national and humanitarian role of Sareyyet Ramallah, it took the initiative to host 700 workers from the Gaza Strip who were expelled by the Israeli Occupation from their workplaces inside the territories of 1948. This occurred after the beginning of the aggression on the Gaza Strip on October 8. Sareyyet Ramallah provided accommodation, meals, clothing, and medical treatment for the workers during their stay, in collaboration with the Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governorate, the Ramallah Municipality, the Palestinian Medical Complex, Clinicare Medical Center, the Palestinian Medical Relief Society, and many local companies, institutions, as well as volunteers who contributed to meeting the needs of workers during their stay at Sareyyet Ramallah.



Workshops for sports, scout, and art affairs

Sareyyet Ramallah organized workshops for sports, scout, and art affairs to review the work of the committees, projects, programs, and activities of Sareyyet Ramallah in these various fields. The goal was to identify challenges facing Sareyyet Ramallah as an institution in each field and develop solutions for these challenges. The sports affairs workshop took place from December 2 to 4, the scout affairs workshop on December 9 and 10, and the art affairs workshop on December 18 and 19.



Administrative Affairs

Visits and Hosting

Hosting students from the Cultural Center for Child Development

Sareyyet Ramallah hosted students from the Cultural Center for Child Development in Tulkarm on two occasions, on January 22 and February 11. The groups were welcomed, introduced to the history and activities of Sareyyet Ramallah, and taken on a tour of its facilities.



Sareyyet Ramallah hosted The Libyan Minister of Labor

On February 25, Sareyyet Ramallah hosted His Excellency Engineer Ali Al-Abed Al-Rida, the Minister of Labor and Rehabilitation and Minister of Civil Service in the interim government of national unity in Libya, along with His Excellency Dr. Nassri Abu Jaish, the Palestinian Minister of Labor, Dr. Musa Abu Zaid, the Head of the Civil Service Council, and Ambassador Mohammed Rahal, the Palestinian Ambassador to Libya. During the meeting, attended by the Chairman and members of the Sareyyet Ramallah Board of Directors, the delegation was introduced to the history of Sareyyet Ramallah and briefed on its various programs and activities.



Sareyyet Ramallah hosted a delegation from the students of the Palestinian Red Crescent School for the Rehabilitation and Education of the Deaf

On March 16, Sareyyet Ramallah hosted a delegation from the students of the Palestinian Red Crescent School, accompanied by the psychologist Ahmed Abu Zaid. The group was welcomed and introduced to Sareyyet Ramallah activities, and discussions were held on potential collaboration between the two institutions.



A delegation from Sareyyet Ramallah visits Saleh Khalaf Company

A delegation from Sareyyet Ramallah, represented by Miss. Nadia Musleh, a member of the Board of Directors, Mr. Khaled Elayyan, the Executive Director, and Mrs. Marwa Soufan, the Public Relations Officer, visited Saleh Khalaf Company on January 17. The delegation was welcomed by Mr. Eyad Khalaf and Mr. Ramiz Khalaf. The two parties have discussed ways to enhance cooperation and emphasized the importance of the strategic partnership between Sareyyet Ramallah and the Palestinian private sector.



Administrative Affairs

Visits and Hosting

Sareyyet Ramallah participated as part of a delegation from Ramallah in a visit to the Municipality of Abbeville, France

The Municipality of Abbeville, France, hosted a delegation from Ramallah during the period from January 18th to 22nd. The delegation included Hala Swiedan, the Art Department Coordinator at Sareyyet Ramallah, Sally Abu Bakr, the Director of the Cultural and Community Development Department at the Ramallah Municipality, and Fuad Ma'adi, the International Relations Officer at the Ramallah Municipality. The purpose of the visit was to discuss ways of cooperation and strengthen the relationship between the Ramallah Municipality, the Municipality of Abbeville, and Sareyyet Ramallah, as well as cultural institutions in Abbeville.

It is worth mentioning that the Ramallah Municipality has a twinning relationship with the Municipality of Abbeville, and this visit is part of this relationship. As a result of this visit, the Mezelfreten Dance Company was hosted, at the opening night of the Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival 2023.



Sareyyet Ramallah discussed with the Ministry of Culture enhancing mutual cooperation

Sareyyet Ramallah discussed with a delegation from the Ministry of Culture, led by His Excellency Dr. Atef Abu Saif, the Minister of Culture, during a meeting at Sareyyet Ramallah headquarters on April 3, ways to enhance mutual cooperation. The delegation included, in addition to Dr. Abu Saif, the Director General of Arts, Walid Badawi, and the Director General of International and Public Relations, Buthaina Hamdan. The two parties explored avenues for strengthening collaborative efforts and emphasized the importance of developing the cultural sector.



Administrative Affairs

Visits and Hosting

The American Federation of Ramallah - Palestine, in its annual visit to Sareyyet Ramallah

Sareyyet Ramallah hosted the delegation from the American Federation of Ramallah - Palestine, on April 11, led by Mr. Issam Dughman, the president of the Federation. The meeting was attended by the Chairman and members of Sareyyet Ramallah Board of Directors. Mr. Michael Qreitem welcomed the delegation, emphasizing the strategic relationship between Sareyyet Ramallah and the Federation, and presented a token of appreciation to the Federation president. In return, Mr. Dughman expressed his gratitude to Sareyyet Ramallah, confirming the Federation's commitment to enhancing cooperation and partnership with Sareyyet Ramallah.

After the meeting, Sareyyet Ramallah hosted the delegation for a dinner attended by Mr. Issa Kassis, the mayor of Ramallah, the honorary Chairman of Sareyyet Ramallah, Mrs. Janet Mikhail, the former mayor, Dr. Ghazi Hanania, Mrs. Nejme Ghanem, the representative of the American Federation of Ramallah in Palestine, Jamil Shihada, the president of the Ramallah Federation, and members of the Sareyyet Ramallah board of directors, the scout committee, and the other committees working at Sareyyet Ramallah,



The Ramallah Federation was welcomed as guests by Sareyyet Ramallah

Sareyyet Ramallah hosted a delegation from the Ramallah Federation on April 29, led by Mr. Jamil Shihada, the President of the Federation, and with the attendance of the Federation's Administrative Committee members. Mr. Michael Qreitem, the Chairman of the Sareyyet Ramallah, and the board members welcomed the delegation. During the meeting, the importance of mutual cooperation between the two institutions through joint programs was emphasized. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Shihada presented an honorary token to Sareyyet Ramallah from the Federation.



Sareyyet Ramallah participated in a solidarity visit to cultural institutions in Jenin

Following the Israeli aggression on the city of Jenin and its refugee camp, Sareyyet Ramallah participated in the solidarity visit organized by the Cultural Activism Committee and a group of cultural activists to the city and refugee camp of Jenin on July 8. The visit included a tour of the Jenin refugee camp and the Palestinian Red Crescent Society.



Administrative Affairs

Visits and Hosting

Delegates from the Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival visited the Ramallah Municipality

On the 19th of June, Mr. Issa Kassis, the Mayor of Ramallah, hosted distinguished guests of the Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival. Among the attendees were Mr. René Troccaz, the Consul General of France, accompanied by a delegation from the Consulate, Mr. Ahmad Abu Laban, the City Director General, Mr. Jad Kandah, the Vice Chairman of Sareyyet Ramallah, Mr. Salim Nassif Al-Hussari, a member of Sareyyets Board of Directors, and Mr. Khaled Elayyan, the Executive Director.

Mayor Kassis expressed gratitude to the attendees and the participating dance companies, emphasizing the festival's significance in enhancing cultural dialogue with global communities and stimulating tourism. The French Consul General underscored the depth of the partnership between Sareyyet Ramallah and the French Consulate General, highlighting the longstanding collaboration since the Festival's inception in 2006.



Exploration of collaboration avenues between Sareyyet Ramallah and the Municipality of Tiqueux, France

Sareyyet Ramallah, represented by Mr. Khaled Elayyan, the Executive Director, and Ms. Hala Swiedan, the Art department Coordinator, actively participated in the meeting convened by the French Institute on February 22nd. The meeting delved into avenues of collaboration in the realms of culture and sports between Palestinian institutions and the city of Tiqueux, France. In attendance were a delegation from the Municipality of Tiqueux, the French Consulate General in Jerusalem, and representatives from the Ashtar Theatre and the Khalil Al-Sakakini Cultural Center.



Administrative Affairs

Media

Publishing the newsletter for the January-June 2023 edition

Sareyyet Ramallah has released the newsletter covering the period from January to June 2023. The newsletter encompasses news on the activities, programs, and projects of Sareyyet Ramallah during that period. It has been disseminated to members and friends of Sareyyet Ramallah, as well as partner institutions, through email, the Sareyyet Ramallah website, and social media pages.



Launching Sareyyet Ramallah new website in both Arabic and English languages

In September 2023, Sareyyet Ramallah launched its new website in both Arabic and English languages, in collaboration with InterTech Company. The website features information about Sareyyet Ramallah, including its vision, mission, goals, and legal status, as well as dedicated sections for membership, scout, sports, art, and cultural and social programs. Additionally, the site includes a section on facilities and their Renting policy, along with a media section containing photographs, videos, and newsletters.



You can visit the website at: www.sareyyet.ps.

Capacity Building

Coach Claudie Salameh has obtained the Asian Level A certification

Sareyyet Ramallah women football coach Claudie Salameh has been awarded the Asian Level A coaching license by the Asian Football Confederation, accredited by the Palestinian Football Association.



Coach Leen Qattawi has obtained the Asian Level 2B specialized certification for goalkeeping

In September, the goalkeeping coach for the women's football team at Sareyyet Ramallah, Leen Qattawi, obtained the Asian Level 2B specialized certification for goalkeeping from the Asian Football Confederation, accredited by the Palestinian Football Association.



Administrative Affairs

Grants and donations

Sareyyet Ramallah received several grants and donations to support its programs and activities

During the year 2023, Sareyyet Ramallah received grants and donations to support its various programs and activities. These were generously provided by several institutions and friends to whom Sareyyet Ramallah extends sincere thanks and gratitude. These institutions include:

- Ramallah Municipality.
- American Federation of Ramallah - Palestine.
- George and Rohnda Salem Family Foundation.
- British Council - Jerusalem.
- Bank of Palestine.
- Jawwal Company
- Mada Company.
- A. M. Qattan Foundation.
- Arab Fund for Arts and Culture - AFAC.
- Supreme Presidential Committee for Church Affairs in Palestine.
- National Beverage Company - Coca-Cola/Cappy.
- French Consulate General in Jerusalem.
- Company E - United States of America.
- Abu Laban Trading Company.
- Muna and Basem Hishmeh Foundation.
- Carmel Hotel.
- Individual donations from Sareyyet Ramallah friends.



Administrative Affairs

Establishing partnerships with local, Arab, and international institutions

In the year 2023, Sareyyet Ramallah established several partnerships with various local, Arab, and international institutions, including:

- Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governorate.
- Higher Council for Youth and Sports.
- Palestinian Cultural Fund/Ministry of Culture.
- Ramallah Municipality.
- Epinay Sur Siene Municipality - France.
- American Federation of Ramallah - Palestine.
- Ramallah Federation.
- Palestinian Scout Association.
- Visual Arts Forum.
- Film Lab Palestine.
- Clay and Dough Center.
- Edward Said National Conservatory of Music.
- Company E - United States of America.
- Palestinian Basketball Federation.
- Palestinian Football Association.
- Palestinian Swimming and Aquatic Sports Federation.
- Palestinian General Union of People with Disability.
- Palestinian Police Sports Union.
- Beit Byout Association.
- Engineering for Kids.
- Right to Movement.
- A. M. Qattan Foundation.
- Tamer Foundation for Community Education.
- Popular Art Center.
- Skate Pal.
- Palestinian National Theatre - Jerusalem.
- Palestinian Civil Defense.
- Clinicare Medical Center.
- Palestinian Medical Relief Society.
- Palestine Medical Complex.
- Dunya Women's Cancer Center.
- Axé- a La Dance Company - Switzerland.
- Al Ghad TV.
- Roya TV - Jordan.
- Roman Cultural Magazine.
- Raya Media Network.
- Radio 24 FM.
- InterTech Company.
- Palestinian Cultural Platform.
- Solo Gym.



Administrative Affairs

Facilities

Rehabilitation of Sareyyet Ramallah entrance and cafeteria

The rehabilitation project at Sareyyet Ramallah focused on upgrading the entrance and Sareyyet Ramallah cafeteria to enhance service quality, develop programs, and improve the overall program infrastructure. As part of the initiative to provide new facilities and revitalize existing ones, Sareyyet Ramallah rehabilitated its entrance and the park

The project included the construction of a security and monitoring room, a room for Sareyyet Ramallah guard, and the refurbishment of a dedicated area for self-service vending machines. Additionally, efforts were made to regenerate the Park by renovating kiosks, floor, and the entrance.

Upon completion Sareyyet Ramallah began operating the Park at the onset of the spring season. The approach adopted involved maintaining a self-operating model to preserve Sareyyet Ramallah identity

Rehabilitation of the Children's Playground - Al-Bayyarah.

Through self-funding and with the support of the George and Rohnda Salem Family Foundation and the Bank of Palestine, Sareyyet Ramallah completed the rehabilitation of the Children's Playground - Al-Bayyarah. The playground underwent enhancements such as the installation of artificial turf flooring, rehabilitation of bathrooms, and the creation of seating areas for parents and children.

Sareyyet Ramallah celebrated the opening of its facilities after their rehabilitation

On June 12th, Sareyyet Ramallah celebrated the opening of its facilities after completing the rehabilitation of the cafeteria, the children's playground, and the swimming pool. The opening ceremony was attended by General Jibril Rajoub, the Head of the Higher Council for Youth and Sports, the President of the Palestinian Olympic Committee, the President of the Palestinian Football Association, the Chairman and members of the Board of Directors, representatives of the American Federation of Ramallah - Palestine, and several Sareyyet Ramallah members.

Mr. Michael Qreitem, the Chairman of Sareyyet Ramallah, welcomed the attendees and expressed gratitude to the donors that supported the rehabilitation project, including the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Arab Palestinian Investment Company -APIC, Bisan Ltd, Bank of Palestine, the American Federation of Ramallah - Palestine, and the George and Rohnda Salem Family Foundation. He also thanked the Diyar Consultants Company for their engineering supervision, along with Al-Omor Engineering Company, Sons of Faisal Company, and Lujain Contracting Company for their significant efforts in project implementation.



Administrative Affairs

Facilities

Sareyyet Ramallah swimming pool welcomed the public after its rehabilitation

On June 1st, Sareyyet Ramallah opened its swimming pool to the public. The pool welcomed visitors for swimming and swimming courses. Sareyyet Ramallah renovated the pool by rehabilitating its cafeteria, and sanitary facilities, adding open sunny areas for the public, and installing new heating and sanitation equipment. The pool has garnered wide interest and satisfaction from the public.



Signing an engineering services agreement to complete the overall site plan project for Sareyyet Ramallah

Funded by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, on September 24th, Sareyyet Ramallah signed an engineering services agreement with the Engineering Cooperative Office, in collaboration with Design Studio, to complete the overall site plan project for Sareyyet Ramallah. Sareyyet Ramallah published the site plan project tender in local newspapers and through social media channels. The project includes conducting a needs assessment, developing the overall site plan for Sareyyet Ramallah, and presenting the approved plan that takes into consideration highlighting the architectural heritage within the site plan. The design aims to align with Sareyyet Ramallah spirit and identity as a community institution.



The contract for the operation of the internal restaurant at Sareyyet Ramallah has been awarded to Maramia Trading and Investment Company

To enhance financial sustainability, increase investment and operational revenues, and as part of a program to diversify self-income sources and establish investment projects specific to Sareyyet Ramallah, an auction for the operation of its internal restaurant was announced through local newspapers and social media channels. Following a thorough review of the technical and financial bids, the contract was ultimately granted to Maramia Trading and Investment Company.



Administrative Affairs

Facilities

Sareyyet Ramallah puts its facilities at the service of the local community

To strengthen its ties with the local community and its institutions, Sareyyet Ramallah makes its various facilities available to local organizations. Throughout 2023, the following institutions utilized from Sareyyet Ramallah facilities:

- Engineering for Kids.
- Children's Marathon - Ramallah Municipality.
- PACES.
- Jerusalem Academy Schools Championship.
- Al-Iman Schools for organizing Mental Arithmetic.
- Social Youth Center - Qalandia.
- Representative Office of China.
- General Union of Military Sports.
- Palestinian Basketball Federation.
- Palestinian Fencing Federation - Palestine Fencing Championship.
- Axé- a La Dance Company - Switzerland.
- Studio Collective Dance Company.
- Dunya Women's Cancer Center - Marathon for the October Awareness Campaign for the Early Detection of Breast Cancer.
- Residents Committee of Al-Tireh Neighborhood.
- Right to Movement.
- Therapist Violet Banda.



Scout Affairs

2	Number of participations in scout workshops and conferences
4	Number of scout parades
9	Number of scout activities

Sareyyet Ramallah participated in the first national workshop for review and endorsement of scout policies

The scout leader, Roni Abu Mariam, a member of the Board of Directors and the Scouting Council of Sareyyet Ramallah, took part in the first national workshop for reviewing and endorsement of scouting policies. The workshop, held in Ramallah on the 12th and 14th of January, was inaugurated by the President of the Palestinian Scouts Association, Jibril Rjoub. The event was attended by the Secretary-General of the Higher Council for Youth and Sports, Dr. Issam Al-Qadoumi, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Higher Council, Munther Masalma, the Secretary-General of the Scouts Association, Deputy Mujahid Salama, and the International Commander, Mohammed Sawalmeh.



Continuation of preparatory courses for the establishment of the Brass Scout Troop

In collaboration with the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music, Sareyyet Ramallah has conducted brass instrument training courses under the guidance of the trainers Mr. Joseph Duqmaq and Mr. Yassar Saadat. These sessions serve as a prelude to the establishment of a brass ensemble, in addition to the troop's participation in scout parades.



Sareyyet Ramallah organized the Palm Sunday Parade

On April 9th, Sareyyet Ramallah orchestrated the Palm Sunday Parade, in collaboration with the Palestinian Scouts and Guides Commission, the Ramallah Orthodox Club, and the Pioneering Scout Group. The parade commenced from Sareyyet Ramallah headquarters towards the Orthodox Church, with the participation of Christian clergy and Mr. Issa Kassis, the Mayor of Ramallah.

Sareyyet Ramallah extends gratitude and appreciation to the Palestinian Police and the city residents for their cooperation in ensuring the success of the parade.



Scout Affairs

The establishment of a volunteer civil defence emergency team within Sareyyet Ramallah

In collaboration with the Palestinian Civil Defense, Sareyyet Ramallah established a volunteer team in May 2023. The purpose of forming this voluntary team is to create a team for civil defense to support the Palestinian Civil Defense in emergencies and participate in maintaining order, security, and public safety during Sareyyet Ramallah activities.

On September 19, the team executed an evacuation drill at the Ministry of Education building and launched an awareness campaign about the risks of winter, reaching 45,000 elementary school students. The drill, conducted in collaboration with the Arab Bank and in coordination with the Ministry of Education, included the distribution of informative pamphlets outlining essential steps to be taken in the event of accidents and how to handle them, along with contact information for relevant authorities.



Distribution of Christmas gifts to children patients and children from Gaza

On December 24th, Sareyyet Ramallah distributed Christmas gifts to little patients at the Palestine Medical Complex and Clinicare Medical Center. Additionally, gifts were presented to children from Gaza Strip who reside at the In'ash Al-Usra Association, Retno Hotel, Al-Ain Hotel, and Maryland Hotel. Sareyyet Ramallah also organized a visit to the Ramallah Medical Center on January 2nd, where gifts were distributed to the patients, wishing them safety and continued good health.



Scout Affairs

Holy Saturday Parade: Generation after generation, Sareyyet Ramallah binds us together

With the participation of 7 scout groups, Sareyyet Ramallah organized, on the 15th of April, the Holy Saturday Parade, which commenced from Sareyyet Ramallah headquarters towards the Orthodox Church and then proceeded to Al-Manarah Square.

Distinguished participants in the parade included Dr. Laila Ghannam, the Governor of Ramallah and Al-Bireh, Dr. Ramzi Khoury, a member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the Chairman of the Presidential Supreme Committee for Church Affairs in Palestine. In addition to Mr. Issa Kassis, the Mayor of Ramallah, a delegation from the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine, led by Mr. Issam Dughman, the Federation's President, and Engineer Musa Hadid, the Deputy Head of the Palestinian National Council and representatives from Christian and Islamic clergy.

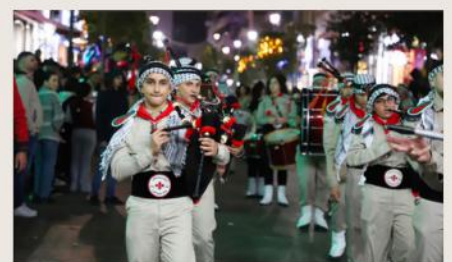
Sareyyet Ramallah expresses profound gratitude to the Palestinian Scouts and Guides Commission, the participating scout groups, the Palestinian Police, and the members of Sareyyet Ramallah for their exceptional efforts in ensuring the success of the parade.

Sareyyet Ramallah scout participated in the celebration parade of Eid al-Fitr

Sareyyet Ramallah participated in the festive Eid al-Fitr Parade, alongside several scout groups, on the 20th of April. The parade commenced from Al-Bireh Youth Foundation, heading towards Al-Manarah Square.

...And in the celebration parade of Eid al-Adha

Sareyyet Ramallah participated in the celebration parade of Eid al-Adha, alongside several other scout groups, on the 27th of June. The parade commenced from the Social Youth Center in Al-Amari Camp, heading towards Al-Manarah Square, and concluding at the Ramallah Islamic Club.



Scout Affairs

Sareyyet Ramallah hosted the annual Hope Project delegation

Sareyyet Ramallah hosted the annual Hope Project delegation on July 28th, welcoming a contingent of 20 young individuals hailing from Ramallah and residing in the United States of America. Sareyyet Ramallah extended a warm reception to the delegation, with Christina Shunnara, a scout council member, delivering a presentation on the history, objectives, and programs of Sareyyet Ramallah. A workshop on scout drumming was organized under the supervision of the Drumming Committee. Additionally, Sareyyet Ramallah Dance company presented a captivating art performance. Tamar Hishmeh, a scout council member, facilitated a discussion session to explore activities and programs that the younger generation aspires to organize and participate in during the Ramallah Convention.

After the meeting, Jad Kandah, the Deputy Chairman of the Sareyyet Ramallah Board of Directors, along with Nadia Musleh, a board member, and Khaled Elayyan, the Executive Director of Sareyyet Ramallah, presented Sareyyet Ramallah token of appreciation to the officials of the delegation: Catherine Hanania Harb, Julie Bujub, and Jessica Harb. Following this, Sareyyet Ramallah organized a dinner for the delegation at the Sareyyet Ramallah pool, attended by scout members, in addition to arranging a scout trail in Ein Qinia.

It is worth noting that the Hope Project is overseen by the American Federation of Ramallah -Palestinians. The project is carried out in partnership between the Ramallah Municipality, the American Federation of Ramallah-Palestine, the Ramallah Federation, and Sareyyet Ramallah. This annual project involves hosting a group of youth to acquaint them with their homeland, engage in volunteer work, and enhance their connection with the younger generation in Palestine.



Tuleen Assaf participated in the Arab Camp for Girl Guides in Oman

In collaboration with the Scouts Commission of Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governorate, Sareyyet Ramallah member Tuleen Assaf participated in the 25th Arab Camp for Girl Guides held in the city of Thofar in the Sultanate of Oman from August 6 to 12. The participants were divided into three sub-camps: Innovation, Challenge, and Sustainability. Tuleen actively engaged in various camp activities, including workshops on girls' health, success stories, body confidence, bonfire nights and sports day. A Palestinian exhibition was organized by the Palestinian participants, and a Dabkeh performance was presented.



Scout Affairs

A scout trip and a bonfire night for Sareyyet Ramallah members

The scout council organized a scout trip and bonfire night for Sareyyet Ramallah members on August 16, with the participation of 150 members of various age groups. The trip comprised two groups, where the first group formed as a guide to the road utilizing scout signs to guide the way. They headed towards the Qurnat al-Batta area on the road to Ein Qiniya. The leaders explained the scout sign symbols for the journey. Upon reaching the designated area, scout games were organized.

After returning to Sareyyet Ramallah location, various activities were arranged during the bonfire night, featuring cheers, scout games, and performances on scout instruments.



Sareyyet Ramallah scout group participated in the reception ceremony for the released prisoners Karim and Maher Younes

Sareyyet Ramallah scout music team participated in the reception ceremony for the released prisoners Karim and Maher Younes, organized by the Ramallah Municipality on September 9 at the Municipality Theater/ Ramallah City Hall. During the event, the documentary Film "Karim Free" was screened, depicting the initial moments of the freedom of the activist Karim Younes, produced by the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation (PBC).



An entertainment activity for the members of Sareyyet Ramallah

The scout group's activities committee organized an entertaining event for the members, featuring a karaoke night at Sareyyet Ramallah park on September 16. Sixty members participated in the activity.



Sports Affairs

Number of sports championships in which Sareyyet Ramallah participated or organized	11 championships (8 basketball championships, 2 football championships, 1 swimming championship)
Number of matches played by Sareyyet Ramallah	51 matches (30 wins, 21 losses)
Number of sports teams	9 teams (7 basketball teams, 2 football teams)
Number of players	124 players
Number of players in the national football and basketball teams	14 players
Number of graduates of swimming courses	600 graduates (240 women, 360 men)



Sports Affairs

Sareyyet Ramallah Basketball Girls, aged under 14, participated in the Palestine Basketball League

Sareyyet Ramallah Basketball Team, aged under 14, took part in the Palestine Basketball League organized by the Palestinian Basketball Federation. The team participated in 4 matches, and won against Burj Al-Laqlaq and Sa'ir Club and lost against Orthodox Beit Sahour Club and Jerusalem Academy.



Sareyyet Ramallah Basketball Girls, aged under 16, participated in the Palestine Basketball League

Sareyyet Ramallah Basketball Team, aged under 16, took part in the Palestine Basketball League organized by the Palestinian Basketball Federation. The team participated in 5 matches, and won in 3 matches against Ramallah Orthodox Club, De La Salle Jerusalem, and Hitten Club, and lost two matches against Orthodox Beit Sahour Club and Jerusalem Academy.



Sareyyet Ramallah Basketball team under the age of 14 participated in the Palestine Basketball League

Organised by the Palestinian Basketball Federation, Sareyyet Ramallah basketball team aged under 14, participated in the Palestinian Basketball League. The team competed in five matches, and won in a singular match against the Sa'ir Club. Nonetheless, the team and lost in four matches against Beit Sahour Orthodox Club, Rameen Club, Rummana Club, and Ramallah Orthodox Club, with the team opting to withdraw from the last match due to security circumstances.



Celebration of the Palestinian Under-16 Basketball Team Winning the Palestinian Basketball League

Organised by the Palestinian Basketball Federation, the under-16 basketball team of Sareyyet Ramallah participated in the Palestinian Basketball League, competing in a total of 6 matches. The team won against Terra Sancta Beit Hanina Club, Beit Sahour Orthodox Club, De La Salle Jerusalem, Jerusalem Academy, and Hitten Club. And won in the final match against fellow competitors from Rameen Club, and was consequently declared the champions of the league.



Sports Affairs

Sareyyet Ramallah Basketball Team aged under-18 youth participated in the Palestinian Youth Basketball League

Organized by the Palestinian Basketball Federation, Sareyyet Ramallah youth basketball team aged under-18 participated in the Palestinian Youth Basketball League. The team played a total of 4 matches, and won in three of them against Beit Jala Orthodox Club, Jerusalem Academy, and Qalandia Youth Center. However, they lost in one match against the Ibd'aa Sports Club.



Sareyyet Ramallah participated in the Palestinian Men's Basketball League for the 2022-2023 season (Jawwal League)

Sareyyet Ramallah men's basketball team participated in the Palestinian Men's Basketball League for the 2022-2023 season (Jawwal League), organized by the Palestinian Basketball Federation. The team participated in 18 matches throughout the season, and won in 7 encounters and lost in 11. The team attained the seventh position in the league, thereby ensuring their retention in the Premier Division for the forthcoming season.



Participation in the Palestine Men's Basketball Cup (The Late Adel Asmari Tournament)

Organised by the Palestinian Basketball Federation, Sareyyet Ramallah men's basketball team participated in the Palestine Men's Basketball Cup (The Late Adel Asmari Tournament). In their inaugural match, the team faced the Ibd'aa Sports Club, succumbing to a defeat with a score line of 81/59, leading to their exit from the tournament.



Sareyyet Ramallah Junior Ladies' Football Team aged under 14 participated in the Indoor League

Organized by the Palestinian Football Federation, Sareyyet Ramallah Junior Ladies' Football Team aged under 14 participated in the Indoor League. The team competed in two matches, emerging victorious against the Miraq Academy and the Elite Academy.



Sareyyet Ramallah Women's Football Team secured the third position in the President of the Football Federation Cup

Organized by the Palestinian Football Federation, Sareyyet Ramallah Women's Football Team secured the third position in the President of the Palestinian Football Federation Cup. The team contested six matches during the tournament, emerging victorious in four against the teams of Aibal Club, and Al-Asima club, and suffering defeats in two matches against Beit Sahour Orthodox Club and Al-Asima Club.



Sports Affairs

4 players from Sareyyet Ramallah are part of the national basketball team aged under 16

The Palestinian Basketball Federation has selected four players from Sareyyet Ramallah to join the Palestinian national basketball team aged under 16 for the participation in the West Asian Girls' Championship held in Iraq. The chosen players are Nai Habash, Bana Khalil, Diana Khoury, and Zaina Habash.



Friendly matches

During the year 2023, Sareyyet Ramallah organized four friendly matches in both basketball and football, aiming to enhance relationships with local clubs and develop the skills of Sareyyet Ramallah players through their interaction with other teams. The men's basketball team participated in a training match against Silwan Club on March 8 at Sareyyet Ramallah Court. Additionally, the Junior Ladies' Football Team faced its counterpart from the Stars Academy on April 3 at the Friends Court, and won with a score of 2/1. A friendly football match was also held, between Sareyyet Ramallah team and the players with disabilities, on August 5 at Sareyyet Ramallah Court in collaboration with the Palestinian General Union of People with Disabilities. Furthermore, the Businessmen's Basketball Team played a friendly match against the Arab Bank team on August 14.



Internal 3x3 tournament

Sareyyet Ramallah organized an internal 3x3 basketball tournament for junior ladies aged under 16 on April 6. The competition featured the participation of 15 players, strategically distributed across four teams.



10 players from Sareyyet Ramallah joint the national girls' football team

10 players from Sareyyet Ramallah participated in the third edition of the West Asian Girls' Football Championship as part of the national girls' football team. The championship took place in the Aqaba city- Jordan from January 4 to 10. The participating players were Nai Safi, Tia Khawaja, Leen Khoury, Natal Bahbah, Noor Thawabteh, Tina Khawaja, Tala Jabby, Hala Abu Obeid, Layali Abdallah, Zain Maliha, and Tima Saghir.



Sports Affairs

Sareyyet Ramallah Women's Football Team in the Italian press

On May 8, Sareyyet Ramallah hosted Giacomo and Dario from Italy, both journalists affiliated with various Italian newspapers and magazines. They conducted a press meeting with the coaches and players of Sareyyet Ramallah women's football team to publish a report in the Italian press as part of a journalistic project on women in sports.



Aquatic Aerobics Sessions

The administration of Sareyyet Ramallah swimming pool organized aquatic aerobics sessions in collaboration with coach Salwa Al-Baba during the women's swimming period on June 21.



The graduation of 600 male and female trainees from the swimming courses

Sareyyet Ramallah organized four swimming courses during the 2023 season, 600 trainees were graduated. The swimming courses are supervised by Coach Raed Milad, along with coaches Fares Odeh, Lara Milad, Fatima Khudur, and Ramadan Ataya. Notably Sareyyet Ramallah is one of the leading institutions in swimming training for individuals. Moreover, it has trained numerous lifeguards, and male and female trainers responsible for supervising various Palestinian pools.



Member of Sareyyet Ramallah, Maya Khalil, participated in the Summer Open Swimming Championship in Jordan

Under the supervision of the Palestinian Swimming and Aquatics Federation, Sareyyet Ramallah member Maya Khalil (14 years old) participated in the Summer Open Swimming Championship held in Jordan in July at the Long Canal Pool. Maya competed in five races, and won 5 gold medals, 3 silver medals, and a bronze medal. She also succeeded in breaking her previous records.



Establishing Sareyyet Ramallah Former Basketball Team

In August, Sareyyet Ramallah announced the formation of an Former basketball team. The purpose of creating this team is to provide former players with the opportunity to engage in basketball, enhance their connection with Sareyyet Ramallah in general, and foster connections with current players, both male and female, in particular.



Sports Affairs

Sareyyet Ramallah Women's Football Team participated in the "My Story" project

Sareyyet Ramallah Women's Football Team participated in the "My Story" project, a joint cultural, social, and sports initiative involving Palestine, Senegal, and Burkina Faso. The project is funded by the European Football Union for Children, the Executive Agency for Education and Culture in Europe, and Creative Europe. The goal of the project is to promote sports and develop young talents through physical and cultural training, as well as teaching filmmaking to share sports stories worldwide.

After a week of intensive work, the team completed the project under the supervision of producer Natasha Olofsek from Slovenia, director Hrvojslava Brokosic from Croatia, and director Nora Said from Palestine.

In the presence of Mr. Fico Cosma, the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia in Palestine, and the team's players and their families, two films produced during the workshop, featuring the team's players in acting and cinematography, were presented. The players portrayed the challenges faced by girls in their sporting lives in these films.

At the beginning of the event held on September 12, Mr. Khaled Elayyan, the executive director of Sareyyet Ramallah, welcomed Ambassador Fico Cosma, the attendees, and expressed gratitude to the project team, players, and supervisors. After screening the films, a discussion was opened about them.

It is worth noting that the "My Story" project's main concept is that everyone can make a film, regardless of previous experience or knowledge. The project is accomplished through film sessions and workshops, providing participants with a short-term opportunity to tackle the challenges of camera work, editing, and storytelling.



Art affairs

Number of hosted Palestinian Dance Companies	9 dance companies (20 dancers)
Number of hosted Arab and foreign Companies	6 companies (37 dancers)
Number of audience at hosted performances	3000 spectators
Number of workshops and training sessions	8 workshops (90 participants)
Number of dance performances by Sareyyet Ramallah Dance Company	6 performances (1000 spectators)
Number of dance auditions	3
Number of co-productions	3 productions
Number of cultural conferences	1 conference (5 speakers, 27 participants)
Number of cultural forums	1 cultural forum (10 guests, 42 artists and groups)
Number of students at the Dance School	70 students



Art affairs

Performance audition and collaborative productions with the "Axé- a La " Dance Company from Switzerland.

In collaboration with the "Axé- a la Dance" Company from Switzerland, Sareyyet Ramallah hosted dance trainer and choreographer Mirjim Sutter. She organized an audition to produce a collaborative performance between the Axé a la Dance Company and Sareyyet Ramallah dance company. Thirteen dancers participated in the audition, dancers Caesar Abu Mariam and Rebecca Qaoud from Sareyyet Ramallah dance company, and Hanna Tams from the Duban Dance Company in Jerusalem, were accepted.

After selecting the participants, the company commenced rehearsals for the production from May 10 to June 10. Open rehearsal of the performance was presented on June 9, and the performance will be presented at the Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival 2024.

The company also performed at the Performing Arts Festival in Bethlehem, in addition to presenting four performances in Switzerland.

Performance audition for the "Mokh Maftoul" production by Danadeesh Contemporary Dance Company

Sareyyet Ramallah organized dance performance audition for the contemporary dance performance "Mokh Maftoul" by Danadeesh Contemporary Dance Company. The workshop took place on April 2, with the acceptance of 8 dancers to participate in the performance, which was premiered at the Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival 2023.

Dance workshop for children aged 8-14 months and 14-36 months

Under the supervision of coach Helena Krinal and with parental participation, Sareyyet Ramallah organized a dance workshop for babies and toddlers aged 8-14 months and 14-36 months. The workshop incorporated various tools and movements to aid the child's development of balance, physical skills, and creativity. The course ran from October 2022 until March 2023.



Art affairs

" Seen/Unseen " - a dance co- production between Sareyyet Ramallah Dance Company and Company (E) from the United States of America

Sareyyet Ramallah Contemporary Dance Company and the American Dance Company (E) co-produced a dance performance " Seen/Unseen," which was performed at the closing night of the Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival 2023.

The performance depicted the chaos and isolation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, showcasing new distinctive lines of communication and opportunities for expression. The evolution of creative and communicative methods through digital connection brought people together in unexpected ways. We became more equal and unified through unforeseen avenues, a result of our shared experiences of the challenges posed by the coronavirus.

The performance included 24 dancers, including dancers with physical disabilities, 7 dancers from the United States of America, and 17 dancers from Palestine, including 12 dancers from Gaza who participated through video. The American trainer Alexis Carl supervised the filmmaking workshop with dancers from the Gaza Strip.

A Co-Production of Sareyyet Ramallah Dance Company and Company E (USA)

Produce'd by: Khaled Elayyan, Kathryn Sydell Pilkington, Paul Gordon Emerson.

Artistic Directors: Paul Gordon Emerson, Kathryn Sydell Pilkington. **Choreography**

by: Kathryn Sydell Pilkington, Anastasiia Kharchenko, Jumana Dhabis, Royce Zackery, Sea Lee, Dwayne Scheuneman, Paul Gordon Emerson. **Film Workshops**

directed: Alexis Karl. **Dancers: Company e:** Ryan Christopher Carlough, Jacqueline

Calle, Tara Ashley Compton, Sea Lee, Horizon Miguel, Kathryn Sydell Pilkington, Dwayne Scheuneman. **Sareyyet Ramallah Dance Company:** Maria Dally, Aseel

Fawar, Hana Masalmeh, Nowwar Salem, , Ramz Siam. **Gaza dancers/film-makers:**

Mohammed Abid, Razan Abuzaid, Fadi Alashi, Nouran Aljurf, Deema Karaz, Deema kurratz, Mohammed Obaid, Adam Al Sarsak, Mohammed Al-Suwaisi, Ahmed Shino,

Mohanad Smama, Yousef Tubail, Mahmoud al Zawayda. **Special Guest Artist:**

Amer Hlehl. **Text:** Mahmoud Darwish and Dwayne Scheuneman. **Original Music:** Said Murad, Gavin Stewart and Arbol. Additional music by Nils Frahm, Djivan Gasparayan & Vachagan Avakian. **Special Thanks:** Hala Swiedan, May Barghouthi,

Ray Saleh. Ramallah Cultural Palace Technical Team



Art affairs

Sareyyet Ramallah organized Contemporary dance workshop for women

Sareyyet Ramallah organized a dance workshop in contemporary dance for women, under the supervision of the instructors Ramz Siam and Nowwar Salem. The workshop took place on the 18th and 20th of March 2023, with the participation of 11 ladies.



Sareyyet Ramallah Folklore Dance Company presented a performance at the French-Palestinian Decentralized Cooperation Conference

Upon the invitation of Ramallah Municipality, Sareyyet Ramallah Folklore Dance Company presented a dance performance at the French-Palestinian Decentralized Cooperation Conference, held at the Municipality Theater/Ramallah City Hall on May 8th.



Dabkeh performances by "Danadeesh" dance Company and the dance school students at "Nowwar Nisan"

Danadeesh Dance Company and the dance school students presented Dabkeh performances during the central ceremony of Nowwar Nisan Festival, held on Friday, April 29th.



Dance Performance by " Danadeesh" at the October Marathon

Danadeesh Dance Company presented a short dance performance as part of the activities of the October Awareness Campaign for the early detection of breast cancer, organized by Dunya Women's Cancer Center on September 29th.



Art affairs

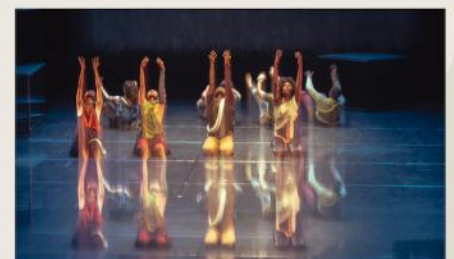
The 17th edition of the Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival (A Thousand Stories on my body)

Sareyyet Ramallah organized the seventeenth edition of the Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival under the theme "A Thousand stories on my body". The Festival hosted 5 dance companies from the USA, France, Italy, Estonia, and Morocco, and 9 Palestinian Dance Companies. The Festival took place between June 15 to June 22, 2023.

15 dance performances were presented, including 14 dance performances and a dance film. Additionally, five dance workshops were organized in Ramallah, Jenin, and Gaza. The Festival included the Dance and Society Conference, addressing the topic of freedom of expression, particularly in light of recent unfortunate incidents affecting cultural life, including restrictions on cultural events under various pretexts.

The Palestinian Dance Forum was also organized, hosting distinguished dance choreographers, festival directors, and international theatre directors. The Forum facilitated communication and collaboration opportunities between Palestinian dance companies and dancers and the Forum guests from different countries. During the Forum, the guests were introduced to local dance projects presented by local dancers, and discussions explored available opportunities to host the performances in Arab and international festivals, provide Art residencies abroad for dancers and dance companies to enhance their skills and knowledge, or crystallize new projects.

The Festival, in partnership with the Ramallah Municipality, was sponsored by the Carmel Hotel as the main sponsor, with support from the Arab Fund for Culture and Arts - AFAC, the British Council, the French Consulate General in Jerusalem, the A. M. Qattan Foundation, the National Beverage Company, and media partnerships with Al-Ghad TV, Jordan's Roya TV, Roman Cultural Magazine, Raya Media Network, Radio 24 FM, InterTech Company, and the Palestinian Cultural Platform.



Art affairs

Sareyyet Ramallah celebrated the graduation of 70 students from its dance school

Sareyyet Ramallah organized a graduation ceremony for Sareyyet Ramallah Dance School on June 4th at the Municipality Theatre/Ramallah City Hall, featuring the participation of 70 boys and girls students. The event achieved great success, garnering admiration from parents and attendees for the exceptional choreography presented by the students. The training of the students was overseen by a team of dance trainers, including Jamil Sehwal , Rand Al-Baba, Nowwar Salem, Helena Krinal , Layar Al-Hussari, Hanin Houry, Ramz Siam, Hazar Al-Atarash, Riad Houry, and Hala Daibes.

It is worth noting that the dance school is supported by Muna and Basem Hishmeh Foundation. Sareyyet Ramallah has commenced the training for the dance school for the academic year 2023-2024 on September 12th



Dance workshop in Jenin

In collaboration with the Freedom Theatre in Jenin and as part of the Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival 2023, the American dance choreographer Wendy Jehlan from the Anikaya Dance Company conducted a training workshop at the Freedom Theatre in Jenin on June 20th. The workshop involved the participation of a group of dancers, both male and female, as well as theatre performers.



Dabkeh workshop for the Recab program

Sareyyet Ramallah organized a Dabkeh workshop on August 15th for the Recab program, hosting medical students from various parts of the world.



"Danadeesh for Contemporary Dance Company produced "Mokh Maftoul" performance

Danadeesh Contemporary Dance Company of Sareyyet Ramallah produced the performance "Mokh Maftoul". This production highlights the tension and anxiety experienced by Palestinian teenagers in their daily lives. The performance was showcased at the Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival, featuring the participation of nine dancers. The production was choreographed by Helena Krinal and Nowwar Salem, with music by Said Murad. The dancers were: Malikah Musa, Sara Salem, Majd Zalloom, Lana Hmaidan, Eliana Hussari, Batoul Abu Dawood, and Rita Abu Dawood.



Art affairs

Hosting the dance choreographer "Nidal Abdo" to collaborate on choreographing the folk-dance performance 'Coastal Girls'

Sareyyet Ramallah, in partnership with NAWA for Culture and Arts Association - Deir Al-Balah, and funded by the Palestinian Cultural Fund/Ministry of Culture. Sareyyet Ramallah is working on producing a folklore dance performance for women's folk songs from the city of Deir Al-Balah in the Gaza Strip. The aim is to shed light on the songs and heritage of Deir Al-Balah and the Palestinian coastal region. Sareyyet Ramallah hosted the dancer and choreographer Nidal Abdo to contribute to choreographing the performance. Nidal Abdo had previously worked as a dancer with the Syrian Dance Company "Inana" between 2005 and 2010, and with the Lebanese Dance Company "Caracalla" between 2010 and 2016, before moving to France and founding the "Nafas" Dance Company.



Cultural and Social Affairs

Number of kid's art workshops	7 (with the participation of 380 children)
Number of art workshops for ladies	3 (with the participation of 35 ladies)
Number of educational courses and workshops for children	8 (with 150 participants)
Number of musical evenings	1 (attended by 200 individuals)
Number of camps and festivals for children	3 (involving 880 participants)

14 children are participating in the "Abjad Hawaz" workshop

Sareyyet Ramallah organized the "Abjad Hawaz" workshop in cooperation with the Visual Arts Forum, in celebration of International Mother Language Day on February 19th. 14 children participated in the workshop.



Short film production Workshop

On March 5th, Sareyyet Ramallah, in cooperation with Film Lab-Palestine, organized an introductory workshop for children on the general process of filmmaking. The workshop aimed to familiarize them with the stages of production using the "Mash-up table" technique. Participants learned how to edit a short scene through this technique.



4 Clay workshops

During the year 2023, Sareyyet Ramallah organized four clay modeling workshops in cooperation with the Clay dough Workshop. The workshops had a total of 54 participants, including 29 ladies and 25 children aged 6 to 12 years old.



Sareyyet Ramallah co-organized the "Little Engineer" workshop

Sareyyet Ramallah, in cooperation with Engineering for Kids Palestine, organized the "Little Engineer" workshop on March 20th.

Open Day for children on Easter

Sareyyet Ramallah organized an open day for children on April 7th. Approximately 300 children participated in the open day, which featured various art performances and several activities and competitions for the children.



Cultural and Social Affairs

Participation in organizing "Nowwar Nisan" Festival for Children

In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Nakba, and under the theme of "On the Orange Path," Sareyyet Ramallah participated in organizing "Nowwar Nisan" festival in collaboration with the Ramallah Municipality, the Popular Art Center, and Tamer Institute for Community Education, in cooperation with several partner institutions. Several preparatory meetings were held which Sareyyet Ramallah participated in.

Sareyyet Ramallah also took part in organizing a part of the festival's activities alongside other partners. This included organizing an exhibition of photos and documents from the archives of Sareyyet Ramallah before 1948 on April 27th and 29th. In addition to presenting, a Dabkeh performance on the central day of the festival, presented by the Danadeesh Dance Company and students from Sareyyet dance school. Various activities were organized as stations of Jaffa, Nablus, Gaza, and Jerusalem, introducing children to the significance of these cities before the Nakba in 1948.

Sareyyet Ramallah supervised on several activities during the festival, including a storytelling performance by Mohammed Al-Haj Ahmed narrating "Tales from Jerusalem," a dance performance by the Danadeesh Popular Dance Company and students from Sareyyet dance school to the songs "Laji" and "Baladi Ana", art workshops at the Jaffa station "Orange Amber", Nablus station "Jasmine Amber", and Jerusalem station "Damascus Amber", and a photography corner at the Gaza station "This Sea is Mine".



Cultural and Social Affairs

Sareyyet Ramallah organized the Summer Camp for children

Sareyyet Ramallah organized the kids' Summer Camp from June 12th to July 12th. With the participation of 85 children. The camp program included various activities, such as a music and singing choir program for children, and the production of short films addressing bullying and friendship topics through a short film production course for a group of 11 and 12-year-olds, resulting in the production of two films. Other activities included football, basketball, handicrafts, and many more. The camp was held in collaboration with local institutions such as the Beit Byout organization, the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music, the engineering for Kids Foundation, and Claydough.

Sareyyet Ramallah also conducted a volunteer training course for the summer camp volunteers from June 6th to June 9th as part of the preparations for organizing the camp.

The camp was sponsored by Abu Laban Trading Company.



Kanaan Al-Ghoul musical evening

On July 30th, Sareyyet Ramallah hosted the Jerusalemite artist Kanaan Al-Ghoul in a musical evening at Sareyyet Ramallah park. The artist performed a selection of songs that were admired by the audience.

Launching an educational community initiative

Sareyyet Ramallah announced in November the launch of an educational community initiative in cooperation with several teachers in various educational fields. This initiative aims to provide reinforcement lessons, especially with the start of the second semester, to assist parents and students, particularly given the current circumstances that have impacted students.



Organizing yoga courses for children

Sareyyet Ramallah, in cooperation with yoga instructor Ahlam Hamed, organized yoga sessions for children. This initiative reflects sareyyet Ramallah commitment to the mental health of children, especially given the current conditions in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. The first session started on December 28th.




Cultural and Social Affairs

A course on first aid for Sareyyet Ramallah members

Sareyyet Ramallah in cooperation with the Palestinian Medical Relief Society organized a certified first aid course. This course aims to form a dedicated first aid team within Sareyyet Ramallah. The course is scheduled to start at the beginning of the year 2024, with 29 participants registered from Sareyyet Ramallah members.



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