UNESCO Recognizes Nowruz as Part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has added the celebration of Nowruz and the Radif of Iranian music to the on-going Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, on September 30, 2009.

UNESCO program aims to ensure the better visibility of Intangible Cultural Heritage and the awareness of its significance. Through a compendium of the different oral and intangible treasures of humankind worldwide, the program aims to draw attention to the importance of safeguarding intangible heritage, Persian New Year, Nowruz, which has been identified by UNESCO as an essential component and a repository of cultural diversity and creative expression.

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