

THE 12TH ANNUAL ISMAILI MUSLIM COMMUNITY

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2008 • 7:30 - 11:30 A.M.

WOMEN & WELLNESS - FOSTERING AN ENRICHED SOCIETY

The Ismaili Muslim Community of Calgary
Cordially invites you to celebrate the Calgary Stampede at our
12th Annual Stampede Breakfast

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2008

7:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The Ismaili Jamatkhana

4623 - 11th Street N.E., Calgary

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. V.I.P. Registration

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

**8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Breakfast & Entertainment
Tours of the Ismaili Jamatkhana &
The Historic Cities Programme Exhibition**

For more information, please email communications@icfpa.com or call (403) 215-6200 ext 201

BACKGROUNDER

Celebrating Women

This year the Ismaili Muslim Community is proud to partner with the Women & Wellness Conference, Calgary, a collaboration between the Women's Development Portfolio of the Ismaili Council for the Prairies, Calgary Health Region, University of Calgary Faculty of Nursing, and United Way of Calgary and Area to celebrate the meaningful role of women in developing an enriched civil society. This year's float will highlight common values shared by these organizations, including diversity, community engagement and volunteerism.

Historic Cities Programme

As a special feature, Stampede Breakfast attendees are also invited to tour the Historic Cities Programme Exhibition in the Social Hall of the Jamatkhana. An international initiative of the Aga Khan Trust for Culture, the Exhibition provides a fascinating glimpse into how the restoration and beautification of historic buildings and public spaces can generate vibrant neighbourhoods and vastly improve the quality of life of surrounding communities.

The Ismaili Muslims

The Shia Imami Ismaili Muslims, generally known as the Ismailis, reside in over 25 countries including India, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan, Syria, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and other parts of Europe, China and Tajikistan. The Ismaili Muslim community's diversity is a microcosm of the Islamic world, which in itself comprises many communities with differing tariqah (interpretations) and cultural traditions. Like all Muslims, the Ismailis are monotheistic and affirm that Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) was the last in a line of prophets that includes Moses and Jesus.

In common with other Shia Muslims, the Ismailis affirm that after the death of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), his cousin and son-in-law Ali became the first Imam of the Muslim Community. Ismailis believe that this spiritual leadership, known as the Imamat, continues through the hereditary line of Ali and his wife Fatima, the Prophet's daughter. His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan is the 49th Imam (spiritual leader) of the Ismaili Muslims, and is a direct descendent of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Today, Ismailis are settled throughout Canada and occupy a variety of positions across the public, private and voluntary sectors. Striving to live within the ethic of their faith, the community sports a strong spirit of volunteerism and support for humanitarian causes.

Further information may be obtained from the Aga Khan Development Network website at www.akdn.org