

Azerbaijan America Alliance Gala Dinner

Celebrating Today, Building Tomorrow

Wednesday, October 30, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

National Building Museum
401 F St NW, Washington, D.C.

The Azerbaijan America Alliance hosted its 2nd Annual Gala dinner in Washington, D.C on Wednesday, October 30th, 2013 at 7:00pm at the National Building Museum. There were nearly 600 invited guests from the Obama Administration, Capitol Hill, the Diplomatic Corps and the think tank and academic communities. The event highlighted the innovative architectural development of Azerbaijan and the growing relationship between the United States and Azerbaijan, while celebrating the ancient and rich culture of this key ally in the South Caucasus region.



Themed *Celebrating Today, Building Tomorrow*, the gala was hosted by the Founder of the Azerbaijan America Alliance, Anar Mammadov, and held under the honorary patronage of H.E. Ambassador Elin Suleymanov in support of the Alliance's commitment to promoting a lasting partnership between Azerbaijan and America. The evening included Azerbaijani music and dance as well as a dinner featuring a traditional Azerbaijani menu.



Dance Ensemble "The Pearl of Azerbaijan," Alim Gasimov Group and Other Headliners Performed

Entertainment included live musical performances by Eurovision Song Contest 2012 finalist, Sabina Babeyeva. "The Pearl of Azerbaijan" Dance Ensemble performed exciting traditional Azerbaijani dances, sharing the stage together with traditional mugham singers, "Alim Gasimov Group" and Rashad Hashimov with his "RAST Group" that showed their unique talent in combining national Azerbaijani music with modern European sounds. Other famous performers from Azerbaijan: **Dennis, artist**

The event was emceed by Former Congressman from Iowa, **Fred Grandy**. Mr. Grandy is currently Senior Fellow for

National Security Affairs at the Washington-based Center for Security Policy. Mr Grandy was a political commentator on National Public Radio and hosted the Andy and Grandy Show and the The Grandy Group on WMAL from 2003 until 2010.

Congressman Mark Meadows Attended Azerbaijani Cultural Event



Anar Mammadov, Founder, with US Congressman Meadows (R-NC-11th)





"Last evening I was overwhelmed by the American audience's passionate response to the traditions of Azerbaijan as offered through our country's heritage of performances in dance, music, and art – and, of course, through our native cuisine of several thousand years. Performers and the audience demonstrated an exceptional friendship between Azerbaijan and America. I believe America honored Azerbaijan, and Azerbaijan honored America last night; it was indeed a very personal and special evening," said Mr. Anar Mammadov, founder of the Azerbaijan America Alliance."

Anar Mammadov, Founder of the Azerbaijan America Alliance



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The Alliance would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the evening!