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*THE PHILANTROPIST  
QUEEN OF BEVERLY HILLS*

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Every now and then there comes along an individual of grace and beauty. A philanthropist, spiritual leader, celebrity coach, world traveler, entrepreneur, are a few of the adjectives that describes Munni Irone. She is ambitious and the fire that drives her passion is evident the moment one gazes into her deep brown eyes. Her heart is golden and her journey unique. She hails from a land where many spiritual leaders have walked the planet such as Ghandi, Mother Teresa. Perhaps there is something there in the DNA that emanates across the globe that produces spiritual giants. Munni Irone says that she was awakened by Deepak Chopra. As a peace advocate, she also follows the footsteps of Dr. Hong of China, who is respected world wide for his promotion of peace. His walk has crossed paths with such individuals as the Pope. He is the promoter and founder of the Era of Conscience. He is the first global leader who created a community of happy and content people via wisdom and the martial arts. Dr. Hong will be showcased on the cover of Global Peace leaders 2017 limited edition book. Recently he was honored in the states and was the special guest of honor at the event which Ms Irone co-produced at the Hilton Universal which brought together world leaders to promote peace.

The event included performances by the lovely Rebecca Holden, co-star of the hit t.v. series, "Knightrider" with David Hasselhoff, and her new husband the legendary Joel Diamond who has produced a roster of hit recordings. Both belong to the newly formed organization which Munni Irone has



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launched, Arts 4 Peace. Several dignitaries were in attendance at the event including former Congresswoman Diane E. Watson, Oscar winning actress Margaret O'Brien, film star President Randal Malone of the Southern California Motion Picture Council, film producer Tom Tangen, Carmelita Pittman founder of The Rose Breast Cancer Society, Cantor Estherleon, Ella Fitzgerald's former promoter Audrey Franklyn and many more. The highlight of the event was the ringing of the huge peace bell which has traveled the globe.



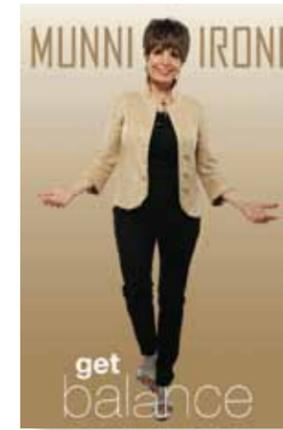
Munnii has scoured the world searching for connections to bring forth her plans to launch the Arts 4 Peace Awards which will not only recognize 8 forms of the arts but will also target social causes such as uplifting the homeless. This is where the awards event she is launching parts company from the other awards shows. She aims to place it in Beverly Hills and already has booked the Saban theatre for Oct. 16 to make this all happen. She believes that the Arts 4 Peace Awards will generate millions of dollars for the local economy as well as other countries. These awards are for everyone to enjoy from the less fortunate to the wealthy.

Now let's look at her journey. She had early training in Oigong, meditation and wisdom. At the age of nine, she was seriously injured. Her head hit the pavement which caused her to lose her memory. The doctor had no hope for her. But she got up and said, "The Lord is my best friend and I don't care what you said." She told her mother, "No medication, no therapy, and no doctors for me." She healed herself using her Chi, the Chinese description of inner spirit, and the wisdom that she had been taught.

When she returned to school, she was bullied. She remained compassionate however. One day the girl who had been bullying her became ill and ended up in the hospital. No one from the school went to see her except Munnii. Later they became friends.

Munnii says, "We are all nothing but the same energy floating in this universe. What differentiates us is our DNA and how much we allow to control our ego."

Never missing a beat, Munnii never took time out. She has authored several cosmetology textbooks and other educational books. She is holding on to them because she wants to use them for her beauty school which will be a part of what she is calling Wisdomland. This ambitious project will fulfill her dream of creating a shelter for women which can generate capital from its own business ventures including a factory, and schools for beauty and art. She has also authored another book, GET BALANCED, which is about her life and how she sustained the shocks of life. She will soon have a book signing June in Beverly Hills. The proceeds from all these ventures will benefit the



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homeless for which she has been active since 1980. She, her daughter and other family members venture out once a month to feed and distribute hygiene kits to the homeless in downtown L.A.

Munnii considers her body as a temple. She has been a green person since 1981. She does not take any stimulants or consume bad food. She believes in a balanced diet. She also believes in a balanced spiritual life. She has freed herself of attachments to things although she has accumulated a great deal of wealth. She has learned to live in the present moment. She knows how to deal with set backs and knows that nothing is 100% perfect in this world. However her dreams which are wide encompass her aspirations and she believes that she can reach for the stars 100%. The old adage, reach for the moon, you might catch a star applies to her. However she does have some business strategy which guides her by

writing things down.

She values everyone she meets. She knows that each soul that crosses her path is there for a reason, a blessing or a lesson. Her forgiving heart keeps her strong. She always asks, "Lord how can I serve?" This attitude has kept her strong even in the face of a great financial loss as the result of giving trust to the wrong person. But she learned from that experience. She leaves retaliation for the Universe to handle. She also practices the Biblical teaching to turn the other cheek. Some of the hard knocks in life have included an abusive first husband. That was unfortunate because she had saved her love for what she thought was that special person who fathered her children. However he was replaced with a kinder man who earned her love and who became a good dad to her children. He brought joy to her life and shared their travels together five times a year. Their 24 year marriage ended when he made his transition to a better world. A good mother, she tends to her children with deep devotion and joy.

Again, a woman of vision and ambition, she decided that her Beverly Hills home was not sufficient, so she designed and built her dream home in Glendora. She was the general contractor. With lightening speed she achieved her dream home within six months. Her innate sense of structure



helped her to navigate this project. She is very appreciative of the City Councilpersons and Building Department for the support that she received from them. She says, "This is not my house. It belongs to my Lord, and my doors are open for everyone." Her philanthropy includes the city of Glendora.

Munnis has a special bond with the Beverly Hills High school students, and the crew from Beverly Hills City Hall. She is thankful to former Mayor of Beverly Hills, Lili Bosse for teaching her the responsibility of the residency and made her aware to do big projects in the city. Amongst her ambitious list of projects is her new TV show entitled "Voices of Beverly Hills". She is also working with some Hollywood stars to organize the Beverly Hills Star Parade. Also she believes that Lin Evola will build a peace angel monument for Beverly Hills. She believes that revenue will be generated for Beverly Hills as the result of these projects She has served the city of Beverly Hills and Hollywood for years without compensation. As a celebrity coach for 34 years, she has generated funds for the 9 charities she supports although she never took in any funds for herself.

She asks her clients to write the check directly to the charities of their choice knowing that they will receive the satisfaction from their generosity.

The Wisdomland project idea was generated from her connection with Sajid Khan during the Peace Summit which she organized. For that occasion she sponsored a trip to the Peace Summit in New Jersey for several peace leaders. Joining her were Helene Abrahms, Debra Anteau, Richard Anteau, Josianne Bonte Apollon, Senior Senator (ret) Pasqual Bettio F.R.P.S., Ewart Chin, Lisa Cohen, Dawn Diaz, Mark Geroux, David Giller, Karen Hoyos, Pepper Jay, Nutan Dabholkar Kalamdani, Mukesh Kashiwala, Jaweria Khan, Rosalyn Kahn, Alston Koch, Bruno Mazali, Jacky Melikian, Effie Michaels, Keith Michaels, Cherie Smith Mosbey, Phred Mosbey, Carmelita Pittman, Javid Pymani, Cantor Estherleon Schwartz, Songwriting Shane, Niti Sunder, Tehrah Taylor, Raj Upal. She especially acknowledges the hospitality and accommodation of the Edison Hotel & Conference Center, New Jersey. For further information and to get involved in her mission visit her website: Arts 4 Peace Awards Community - social networking

