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جمعية أصدقاء متحف قصر المنيل  
**Friends of Manial Palace Museum**  
المشهرة برقم 6339 - القاهرة

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Mr. Alfredo Martinez  
Minister Plenipotentiary  
The Spanish Embassy  
41 Ismail Mohammed,  
Zamalek, Cairo.

Your Excellency,

Thank you for receiving us with regard to the arrangements we are making for the projected Gala fund raising event of our Association on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.

Please find attached a brief note on the background to our Association, its Mission Statement and the Gifts it has made this year, the aim of the Gala event and education program the Association hopes to create and fund.

The Gala Event Committee has identified Julio Iglesias as the artist we would like to perform at our Gala event. This would be a prestigious occasion in the fabulous gardens of Manial Palace followed by a candle lit dinner. The assistance of the Spanish Embassy in Cairo in contacting Mr. Julio Iglesias would be very much appreciated.

Thank you in anticipation of your kind help and guidance.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Abbas Hilmi  
Chairman



## History

Prince Mohamed Ali Tewfik bought in 1906 a large property in Manial El Roda which included a historic Mamluk garden.

Prince Mohamed Ali Tewfik, the second son of Khedive Mohamed Tewfik and direct descendant of the Great Mohamed Ali Pasha. The Prince was a keen collector and created in the 1920's the Manial Museum which the Friends of Manial Palace Museum (FMPM) are trying to help preserve. He continued to add to its important collection until his departure into exile in 1953.

The Prince was a keen botanist and added many rare plants from the four corners of the globe which he visited. He wrote many books on a variety of subjects in Arabic, French and English.

He was also very hospitable and received in his Manial residence, Heads of State, all sorts of Egyptian and international political figures as well as writers, poets, musicians and religious personalities.

### **The FMPM mission statement is:**

- To provide a vehicle for all those who love the Manial Palace Museum, to meet and be informed of its news and developments.
- To identify in cooperation with the management of the museum, the needs of the museum.
- To help train Museum staff.
- To help raise funds and seek technical advice and assistance in order to meet specific targets.



- To help organize cultural events including exhibitions, lectures, visits, tours, presentations etc.
- To organize fund raising events.
- In cooperation with the management of the museum, to seek expert advice and assistance in producing literature, brochures, descriptive pamphlets, labels and notices throughout the museum and other such work.
- In cooperation with the management of the museum to help propagate information about the museum to schools, universities, travel agencies including the construction and maintenance of a Website and other such activities.

### **Contributions**

- Current: The FMPM has offered in 2014, essential restoration equipment to the Museum for a total cost of LE 120,000.
- Gala event: The FMPM hopes to raise sufficient funds in order to provide the Manial Palace Museum with new and state-of-the-art display cabinets.
- Future: The FMPM hopes to offer employees of the Museum a curatorial study program which would be provided by a European University.