

# JAYEL AHERAM

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**Palm Springs-** Local photographer Jayel Aheram has been hand-picked by famed Comedienne Rosie O'Donnell to appear on her new Sirius XM radio show titled "Rosie Radio" on February 11. Broadcasting live from 10 a.m. to noon EST within O'Donnell's waterfront Hudson River estate in Nyack, N.Y., Aheram will be interviewed regarding his Iraq War photography and other creative endeavors during the two-hour broadcast.

In March 2007, Pfc. Aheram was deployed to the Al-Anbar province when O'Donnell began personally corresponding with him through emails after she saw his work on Flickr. She expressed her fascination for his war photography and accompanying narratives. O'Donnell later praised Aheram's work on Rosie.com, introducing millions of fans to his creativity. In February 2008 during his deployment to Southeast Asia, O'Donnell sent Aheram her personal digital camera to provide support and encouragement. After exchanging emails for three years, the two will finally have the opportunity to meet face-to-face.

Jayel Aheram is a 25-year-old Palm Springs resident who will begin his studies this Spring at College of the Desert. He was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps in early 2010. An internationally-published photographer, blogger, and gallery-represented artist, his work is displayed at the IncredibleArtist.Com gallery. Aheram is active with several non-profit organizations in the Coachella Valley including Soldiers Organized Services and Veterans for Peace.

*"Your photos are beautiful. And so are you."*

Rosie O'Donnell, Comedienne

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