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publisher of Simon & Schuster  
Online, said she has had some  
success with "Buffy the Vampire  
Slayer" and other works affiliated  
with TV shows or other media. But  
there have been no major  
breakthroughs, even when free  
downloads were offered for the  
popular "Samurai Girl" books.

"It didn't take off quite as much  
as I'd like to," she says. "The key  
is getting those books in front of  
them, and that's what we're trying  
to figure out."

The e-book market does continue  
to grow, although it remains a tiny  
part of the multibillion-dollar  
publishing industry. According to  
the Open e-Book Forum, a trade  
organization, net revenues reached  
\$9.6 million in 2004, nearly \$4  
million higher than in 2002. The  
number of actual e-books sold  
annually has more than doubled in  
that time, to nearly 1.7 million  
copies, even as the number of e-  
books published has declined.

No separate statistics are  
available for children's e-books,  
but many believe Potter would be  
a huge hit in the digital format,  
where even a few thousand copies  
is considered a best seller.

"I'm sure it would be a very big  
book very quickly and would  
probably serve as a terrific  
marketing vehicle to get people to  
buy the print book," says Nicholas  
Bogaty, executive director of the  
Open e-Book Forum.

Industry officials agree that  
Potter e-books would have great  
advantages: an enormous fan base;  
appeal to readers of fantasy  
novels, which sell relatively well  
in electronic form; and appeal to  
adult readers, an asset that helped  
persuade Random House to release  
e-books for Christopher Peolini's

## New Album by Sol Ensemble

IRAN NEWS ART DESK

TEHRAN - Sol Music Ensemble has presented its seventh album titled 'Miniature' in CD and cassette formats.

'Miniature' features 21 performances by different composers from the around the world.

It is a collection of masterpieces by great composers such as Mozart, Paganini, Ravel, Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, Albinoni, Khachaturian and Azarbaijani musicians including Qarayev, Hajibeyov, Rustamov, Ahmadov, Prokofiev, and Pachelbel.

The ensemble will also take part in music festivals to be held in Japan and Armenia.

Last year, the group performed in an international European music event held in Romania.

The instrumentalists in 'Miniature' include Bahman Mehabadi, Houman Akhtari, Pouria Keshavarz and Nahid Abtahi.

Another music album titled 'Admiration' will also be available soon. Those interested can obtain more information at [www.sol-music.org](http://www.sol-music.org) or [www.solmehabadi.ir](http://www.solmehabadi.ir)



## Kasraiyan Photo Exhibit to Focus on Iran's Great Outdoors

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TEHRAN — Iranian photographer Nasrollah Kasraiyan's latest images of the Iranian natural scenery will be on display at Narges Gallery in Tehran starting June 17, Mehr News Agency reported.

Kasraiyan, 61, has been interested in photographing Iran's attractions throughout his professional career. He studied law at the University of Tehran and has released several pictorial books depicting the monuments, ancient sites, and nature of Iran.

The Narges Gallery is located in the Maziar Building, No. 15 24-Meter Boulevard, opposite First East Alley, Sa'adatabad.

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