

INTERCULTURAL JOURNEYS PRESENTS

LOVE IS A REBELLION

PLAYLIST AND DIGITAL CONVERSATION

Live-Streamed Event

SATURDAY APRIL 18TH AT 7:30 PM



ERTUGRUL AND
ASLIHAN ERKISI



SHAM-E-ALI NAYEEM



UMER PIRACHA



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ABOUT US

Intercultural Journeys boldly leverages the power of the performing arts to catalyze social change, challenge bias, and create spaces for dialogue and understanding by presenting culturally diverse voices that celebrate and affirm our shared humanity.

STAFF

Carly Rapaport-Stein, Executive Director

Alex Shaw, Artistic Director

Nia Benjamin, Program and Communications Coordinator

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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Love is a Rebellion is a moving collaborative artistic project that serves as the finale of Intercultural Journey's 2019-20 season "Devotion," featuring performances by artists whose work is deeply grounded in diverse practices of faith and spirituality.

The intention of this ambitious project has been to create space for the union of various cultural expressions of transcendent Sufi music and poetry that have awakened and uplifted communities around the world through centuries. During this collaborative process, artists Umer Piracha, Sham-e-Ali Nayeem, and Ertugrul & Aslihan Erkisi shared with each other Sufi poems from their cultural traditions that both reflect and influence their own artistic practice, and also contributed original works that extend the rich legacy of Sufi music and poetry into contemporary times. These various works have been thoughtfully integrated into a cohesive program of compelling artistic dialogue between text, music, and visuals that invite the audience to listen deeply, and honor this moment of spirit through a collective meditative experience.

In these isolating times of COVID-19 and social distancing, this project has come together much differently than any of us could have imagined at its inception over a year ago, yet it has become evident that this loving act of humanity has also become more necessary than ever.

The beauty within *Love is a Rebellion* not only resonates deeply in the timeless expressions of Sufism that we will experience this evening -- it is also firmly embedded in the inspiring talents and generous spirits of these artists who have earnestly come together through peace, the pursuit of self-understanding, and divine union with the Beloved.

Alex Shaw

Artistic Director, Intercultural Journeys

Love Is A Rebellion Set List

Give Me Your Love, Oh Lord

Lyrics: Nizamoglu Seyyid Seyfullah

Artist: Ertugrul Erkisi

Poem:

Don't Do

by Jalal ad-Din Rumi

Divine Lover

Composer: Huseyin Sebilci

Lyrics: Pir Sultan Abdal

Artist: Ertugrul Erkisi

Poem:

Reality

by Rabia al-Basri

Meri Aankhon Ko

Composer: Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan

Artist: Falsa

Poem:

Looking For Your Own Face

by Farid ud-Din Attar

Bülbüller Sazda - Nightingale

Composer: Huseyin Sebilci

Lyrics: Muzaffer Ozak

Artist: Ertugrul Erkisi

Poem:

Two Friends

by Jalal ad-Din Rumi

Chaap Tilak

Composer: Amir Khusrau

Artist: Umer Piracha

Poem:

Sing Loud

by Jalal ad-Din Rumi

Moth

Poet: Sham-e-Ali Nayeem

Music:

Qais Essar

Aaj Rang Hai

Composer: Amir Khusrau

Artist: Falsa

Poem:

Go To The Limits Of Your Longing

by Rainer Maria Rilke

Nice Ağlamayem

(Faithful Dervish)

Lyrics: Sheyh Nigari

Artist: Ertugrul Erkisi

Poem:

You Are The One I Need

by Yunus Emre

Kirpa Karo

Composer: Amir Khusrau

Artist: Umer Piracha

Poem:

We Shall See

by Faiz Ahmed Faiz

Between You & You

Poet: Sham-e-Ali Nayeem

Music:

Qais Essar

Hak şerleri Hayreyler

(The Almighty Transforms All Evil To Good)

Composer: Ersin Yildiz - Bulent Kars

Lyrics: Erzurumlu Ibrahim Hakki

Artist: Aslihan Erkisi

Poem:

The Guest House

by Jalal ad-Din Rumi

Man Kunto Maula

Composer: Amir Khusrau

Artist: Falsa

Poem:

All The Books

by Bulleh Shah



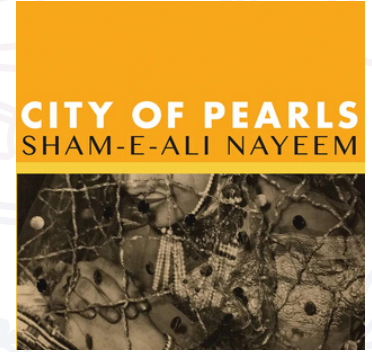
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