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H. H. Sheikha Sheikha Bint Saif Bin Mohamed Al Nahyan,
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THE UAE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

is proud to present

'An Arabian Night' a gala orchestral concert

Friday, 28th September, 2012

H. H. Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak – Mother of the Nation – Hall,
Zayed University, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi

8 pm Gala Concert | 5 pm Ladies-Only Matinee



Janet Hassouneh

A Message from UAENSO Founder-Executive Director



Dear Honoured Guests, Sponsors, Special Visitors, Alumni, Friends of the Orchestra, Students and our young members of the audience:

The 2012 Inaugural season for the United Arab Emirates National Symphony Orchestra (UAENSO) is back in full swing, starting this glorious evening. We are so very pleased that you are joining us on this extraordinary evening as we perform our 2nd concert under the Honourary Patronage of HH Sheikha Sheikha Bint Saif bin Mohammed Al Nahyan, wife of H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Khaifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

The UAENSO would like to dedicate tonight's performance to HH Sheikha Hissa bint Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahyan for her vision, support and continued involvement in bringing culture through music to the UAE. Through her efforts, and the Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation'. This evening is even more befitting of an Inaugural Season as they have donated the magnificent Steinway D concert grand piano to this spectacular Concert Hall of Zayed University tonight. It will be inaugurated by a performance featuring the UAE's very own young award-winning Emirati pianist, Sarah Al Kaabi. Sarah Al Kaabi will play this majestic musical instrument for the first time.

The symphonic pieces chosen for this evening's concert is an intriguing mixture representing an 'East meets West' cultural theme. UAENSO Musical Director Andrew Berryman, as 'anamateur', will take you on a musical journey as the orchestra transports you to another time and place filled with perfumed gardens, bustling bazaars and an unforgettable shipwreck at sea ... a thousand and one nights begins with UAENSO's '**An Arabian Night.**'

At our Inaugural Concert last March, "**A Night at the Movies**" an idea became a reality. The UAENSO made a commitment to play a vital role and develop an emerging education program. Today, September 28, 2012 the UAENSO held its first **Young Artist Concerto Competition**. Tonight, on stage the UAENSO will proudly announce the winner during our evening program. Our 2nd competition is being planned now for violinists, who will audition to a piece of music composed by an Emirati composer. What a true treat this will be for all of us!

The UAENSO is also pleased to announce the launch of its 2012-2013 new Chamber Music Series. These concerts will run alongside the main orchestral concerts. The aim of the '**UAENSO Chamber Music Series**' is to enrich audiences around the UAE with a more intimate musical form. In addition, it will showcase the many outstanding musicians performing in the UAENSO. Tonight, we have three of these artists performing on our stage.

News of the UAENSO is getting out. It has reached New York City where we have been honored with an invitation from the '**Distinguish Concerts International New York**' to perform in Avery Fischer Hall at the prestigious Lincoln Centre, New York City in the spring 2014.

It is an honor to serve as the Founder and Executive Director of the UAENSO and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with an ensemble as passionate as your UAENSO. My goal is to provide exceptional artistic and educational programs for adults, children and families each year. We aim to instill a lifelong appreciation for symphonic orchestral music. However, we cannot do this without your help. I hope you will consider supporting one of the many UAENSO's initiatives either through corporate sponsorship or through our "Friends of the Orchestra" program. Sponsorship of the UAENSO will help build corporate branding and loyalty among customers within UAE communities. It will put you at the front and center of the stage in building a better UAE. Sheikh Zayed once said, "Future generations will be living in a world that is very different from that to which we are accustomed. It is essential that we prepare ourselves and our children for that new world."

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PROGRAMME

In a Persian Market

Albert Ketèlbey

Piano Concerto in C Major

Franz Joseph Haydn

Sarah Al Kaabi, Guest Emirati Pianist

Piano Trio No. 2 in E minor, Op. 67

Dmitri Shostakovich

Emma Stansfield - Violin

Katherine Denton - Cello

Jordan Rashkov - Piano

It started in the East.....

Andrew Berryman

Scheherazade, Op. 35

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

I. The Sea and Sindbad's Ship

IV. Festival at Baghdad

Scheherazade narration written by Micheline Habib

UAE National Anthem

arr. Andrew Berryman

'Colours of Expression' art exhibition courtesy of Amal Taha



The UAENSO Orchestra

VIOLINS

Min Yang
Emma Stansfield
Nadine Artuhanava
Fraser McNaughton
Simona Cmrecnjak
Dessy Aoun
Iryna Alikayeva
Clare Hurrell
Rachel Barton
Anna Elwood
Roger Norkie
Ania Kunikowska
Robert Millner
Dorothy Byers

VIOLAS

Francesca Knowles
Barnaby Priest
Imogen Lillywhite
Jennie Morris
Nerys Loveridge

CELLOS

Kate Denton
Anna Lashko
Petia Boneva
Blerita Sokoli
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Nicholas Hudson
Mark Thompson

BASS TROMBONE/ EUPHONIUM

Emma Johnson

TUBA

Kevin Bird

PERCUSSION

Ron Vint
Chris Cameron
Dhruv Agarwala
Ron Malanga

HARP

Olga Efimova

PIANO/CELESTE

Ioannis Potamousis



Andrew Berryman

UAENSO Music Director and Principal Conductor



On completion of his studies in 1984, Andrew was appointed Principal Trombone with the Ulster Orchestra. In 1988 Andrew was appointed the Principal Trombone of the Halle Orchestra, a position he held until September 2008. During this period Andrew was the trombone professor at the Royal Northern College of Music. He also taught at Salford University and Chethams School of Music where he taught Peter Moore, the 2009 BBC Young Musician of the Year. Many of Andrew's students are now in key orchestral and military band positions around the world.

Andrew was a founder member of Halle Brass, a highly successful brass quintet, and Halle Rock, a rock band originally formed to raise money for Halle funds. Andrew was also very active in the Halle Education Department and worked as a clinician, educator and animateur.

As an instrumental performer Andrew has played with most of the UK's orchestras. As a soloist he has performed with the Halle, the Ulster Orchestra, the BBC Concert

Orchestra, more recently the Royal Oman Symphony Orchestra and many of the UK's leading Brass Bands. He has also been featured on many CD's as a soloist and recorded a solo CD with Doyen.

Andrew has given clinics and master classes in most of the UK's leading places of higher education and abroad at Julliard, Manhattan School of Music and The Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts. Norway has for many years been part of Andrew's busy schedule where he has worked as a soloist, educator, conductor and adjudicator at Siddis Brass and the Norwegian Brass Band Championships.

Over the past 10 years conducting has played a wider role in Andrew's musical career. He was the Musical Director of the Wingates Brass Band from 2005-2008 and was described in the band press as bringing the 'win' back to Wingates. Under Andrew's baton the band enjoyed success at the French Open, the US Open, the Senior Cup and the Area contests. Andrew also developed strong connections with the Internationally recognized Minimalist composer Michael Nyman culminating in 2009 with a highly successful recording of Nyman's music. There were 2 other critically acclaimed CD's under Andrew's tutelage. 'Frolic for Trombones', described as 'slightly different but all the more enjoyable for it' and 'Extremes' described as 'maverick', with a real sense of musical adventure'. Both CD's featured many of Andrew's arrangements.



UAENSO Guest Artist



Sarah Al Kaabi,
Guest Emirati Pianist

Gifted thirteen-year old Emirati pianist, Sarah Al Kaabi, developed her love of the piano at the UAE Ministry of Culture, Youth & Community Development Piano Center in Abu Dhabi through the dedication

of her teachers Zdenka Kolarova and Martin Hrsel. Sarah has been thrilling audiences across the Gulf region as well as the UAE and has taken first prize in many prestigious competitions including the International Chopin Gulf Piano Competition and Emirates International Peace Music Festival. With Chopin, Mozart and Haydn high on her list of favorites, she is also a gifted composer.

Sarah's talent has not gone unnoticed - she has built up an excellent reputation with orchestras, many times playing with EYSO Dubai and the Prague Youth Symphony Orchestra under the leadership of Riad Kudi. Her participation in the UAE National Day celebrations and Chopin's 200th anniversary concert as well as many private functions has been welcomed by music-lovers. Earlier this year she performed at the Abu Dhabi Theatre Inauguration Concert for the Emirates International Peace Music Festival where she played a Haydn Concerto with the Czech Student Orchestra from Prague.

Piano Center students are supported by ADMAF & Mubadala (Sponsorship of Educational trip to Prague, CZ - for International Summer Piano Master Course).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012 INAUGURAL SEASON

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OCTOBER

**Mostly Mozart – 8pm Gala Concert & 5 pm Ladies-Only Matinee Friday
October 12, National Theatre**

Sara Al-Qaiwani, an Emirati operatic soprano will charm you with operatic excerpts from some of Mozart's most popular operas. The overture to his opera *Abduction from the Seraglio* Overture is presented complete with his authentic 'banda turca' or turkish band. UAENSO Concert Master and international violinist, Min Yang, performs Mozart's beautiful Violin Concerto no. 5 on her 1740 Italian violin Calcanius. UAENSO Young Artist Concerto Competition piano winner debuts with the orchestra on the theatre's Steinway D Concert Grand Piano. This stunning concert concludes with Beethoven's immortal 5th Symphony. Tickets available on: www.timeouttickets.com, tickets@uaenso.org, Spinney's Khaladiya.

NOVEMBER

**UAENSO Chamber Music Concert Series #1 - 8 pm Concert
Friday November 9, Abu Dhabi Theatre-Breakwater**

The UAENSO is pleased to announce the launch of an exciting new chamber music series running alongside the main orchestral concerts. The 2012/2013 season will highlight different instruments of the orchestra and present music from Poulenc to Mozart with everything in between. The series aims to enrich audiences around the UAE with the more intimate form and to showcase the many outstanding musicians based here in the Emirates. The series kicks off on the 9th of

November at Abu Dhabi Theatre-Breakwater with a concert featuring woodwinds. The programme includes Poulenc's Sextet for Piano and Wind Quintet, Op. 100 and Mozart's Quintet in Eb for Piano and Winds K. 452 which Mozart himself described as being "the best thing I have written in my life." For further information contact: chambermusic@uaenso.org. Complimentary Tickets RSVP: www.eventbrite.com

**UAENSO Chamber Music
Concert Series #2 – 8 pm Concert
Friday November 23, Abu Dhabi Theatre-Breakwater**

Piano, violin and cello feature in the second Chamber Music Concert Series concert on 23rd November with trios by Beethoven and Shostakovich and Tangos by the Argentinean composer Piazzolla. Complimentary Tickets RSVP: www.eventbrite.com

**National Day Gala – 8 pm Gala
Concert & 5 pm Ladies-Only Matinee
Friday November 30, Zayed University,
Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi**

The year's December finale, a "National Day Gala", is a combined festival of arts with Shostakovich's Festive Overture, Traditional UAE Dances, 'Riverdance' arrangement created for UAENSO, special guest Emirati vocal artist Balqees Al Fathi and Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition with exhibitions of art work by prominent Emirati visual artists. The finale promises to be a fitting end to the inaugural year of the UAENSO. Tickets to be released mid-October.

UAENSO ADMINISTRATION

Founder-Executive Director	Janet Hassouneh
Conductor –Musical Director	Andrew Berryman
Chief Marketing Officer	Jill Munir
Production Manager	Graeme Roberts
Musician Coordinators	Emma Johnson, Mathew Curtis, Rachel Barton
Young Artists Concerto Competition Director (YACOCO)	Ioannis Potamoussis
Ticketing Manager	Brandie Melton
Front of House Manager and Set Design	Laura Roberts

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A spectacular musical event featuring thrilling selections from some of Mozart's finest music for orchestra and guest soloists including:

- Sara Al Qaiwani, Emirati opera singer
 - Min Yang, International Violinist
 - UAENSO Young Artists Concerto Competition winner
- The 'Mostly Mozart' concert will conclude with UAENSO's performance of Beethoven's immortal Symphony No. 5

Friday, October 12th, 2012
National Theatre, Abu Dhabi
8 pm Gala Concert, 5 pm Ladies-Only Matinee

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