

Ahmed Mukhtar and the Baghdad Ensemble

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Ahmed Mukhtar

is a professional Oud (lute) master of international fame and status who has won many international awards for his music, most recently the coveted AL Hamra award in competition with 300 musicians from the Islamic world. He leads a team of musicians forming the Baghdad Ensemble.

The Baghdad Ensemble

West meets East bringing Western musicians with their instruments, such as cello, accordion and double bass, to meet with ancient Eastern musical instruments; a rich mix of musicians from different backgrounds, jazz, classical, Klezmer (Jewish celebratory music), and other world music. Arabs, Kurds and Brits, Muslims, Jews and Christians together create a new dialogue for a hopeful and harmonious future.

Cello:

Francesca Ter-berg

Accordion: Carol Isaacs

Double Bass:
Paul Tkachenko

Oud:

Ahmed Mukhtar

Qanoon: Jamil Al Assadi

Percussion:
Hussein Al Zahawi

The Iraqi Maqam Group

Musicians and vocalists group ensemble performing the 'al-Maqam al-Iraqi' who are exclusively dedicated to perform the ancient musical art of the Iraqi Maqam, and to preserve the memory of Iraq's most prominent Maqam masters. The majority of the performing music works have been obtained through collectors and old recordings from private parties and Iraqi radio in the 1940s.

Djoze:

Mohammed Gomar (Leader)

Qanoon: Jamil Al Assadi

Tabla: **Darwish Karim**

Santur: **Wisam Al Azzawi**

> Raqq: **Latif Al Obaidi**



Iraqi Al-Amal Association

is a non political, non sectarian association of volunteers actively engaged in projects for the benefit and well being of the Iraqi population. Al-Amal's projects range from health and education sectors to cultural and social activities with particular emphasis being placed on the well being of women, young people and children. It is engaged in activities all over Iraq.

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