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### ELIYAHU & QADIM: THE FUSION OF MIDDLE EASTERN MUSIC FOR PEACE

By Marisa Darnel

As the new American president extends an olive branch to the Muslim world, a cross-cultural group of Jewish and Arabic musicians are playing for peace on a West Coast concert tour promoting a new CD titled "Eastern Wind."

The musical group, led by Eliyahu Sills uses a variety of ancient flutes and lutes along with a diverse array of drums to create the sweetest, exotic and melodic sounds.

This extraordinary band combines the music of Arabs, Jews, Turks and Armenians to prove that we are all brothers, human beings that can get along well together and share friendship and that the fights and wars are only inspired by political and economic reasons.

The concert tour celebrates the release of the new CD titled Eastern Wind and marks their first region name concert following the return of its members from their 2008 musical sojourns to study in Morocco, Syria and Turkey.

The tour will feature Rachel Valfer on vocals, Middle Eastern lute (oud) and persian stick fiddle

(kemanche), Faisal Zedan on Arabic percussion (darbukkah, riqq, & frame drum) and vocals, John Villa on Indian tablas and frame drums, and Eliyahu Sills on the Middle Eastern reed flute (ney), Indian bamboo flute (bansuri), Turkish lute (saz), and vocals. The CD also integrates respected guest artists including multi-instrumentalists Bouchaib Abdelhadi, Evan Fraser, and Fares Hedayati.

To make the message of peace more remarkable they are playing at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Tustin, California on February 18, 2009. After that, on February 19, they are playing Sponsored by The Interfaith Council of Central Orange County at the Levantine Cultural Center in Los Angeles. Then they will play at the Center of Visual and Performing Arts and the United Methodist Church on February 21 in Alhambra.

You can visit at these sites:

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