

An evening of music and poetry

LOVE OF THE HEART

Mediaeval Armenian Poetry

Created by Jason Kouchak

With Shakeh Major Tchilingirian, Hagop Varoujian, Sonya Varoujian and Seta White

Saturday, 5 April 2014 at 7:30 pm

St Sarkis Armenian Church, Iverna Gardens, W8 6TP



Love of the Heart is a selection of mediaeval poetry and music whose content is as relevant today as in the past. A search of values, identity and fundamental beliefs and our need for truth and a sense of being perceived in various forms of love.

Enjoy tonight's poetry both in the original Armenian and English to music and projected images. Original piano music composed and performed by Jason Kouchak who was inspired by the symbolism of Armenian mediaeval poetry. These poets - Gregory of Narek, Constantine of Yerznka, Frik, Grigoris of Akhtamar and Nahapet Kouchak - help us understand our place in the world and their poems capture our imagination, inspire us and help us search within to reflect on our past and fundamentally our identity. Their words and literary symbolism are a search for harmony and humanity in our loves and lives. These poems are a source of inspiration through the flow of time, the memories and light.



Concept and Context of Mediaeval Poetry	Seta White & Jason Kouchak
Musical Introduction	Jason Kouchak
Melody of Nativity <i>Gregory of Narek (951-1003)</i>	Hagop Varoujian & Jason Kouchak
Ode to Spring <i>Grigoris of Akhtamar (16th c.)</i>	Sonya Varoujian & Seta White
Love Song <i>Constantine of Yerznka (13th - 14th c.)</i>	Hagop Varoujian & Seta White
Reproach <i>Frik (13th - 14th c.)</i>	Sonya Varoujian & Jason Kouchak
Love Poem <i>Nahapet Kouchak (16th c.)</i>	Jason Kouchak

Creative Artist: Shakeh Major Tchilingirian

Please join the artists after the concert in the Nevart Gulbenkian Hall for a drink and snacks.