

Cambridge Public Library to Welcome the Afghanistan Freeharmonic Orchestra for a Live Concert

CAMBRIDGE, MA, October 17 - The Cambridge Public Library will host the Afghanistan Freeharmonic Orchestra (AFO) for a live concert on Saturday, October 21 from 1-3 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. This will be one of the first times the AFO has performed a live concert all together. No registration is required.

<u>The Afghanistan Freeharmonic Orchestra</u> is a group of committed Afghan and international musicians, of all nationalities. AFO's mission is to unite displaced Afghan musicians and welcome musicians from across the world into a chorus of solidarity that champions peace, freedom, and the unifying power of music.

Beyond the realm of music, AFO is committed to providing a platform and a voice for those whose stories demand attention. By showcasing the real people behind the headlines, AFO aims to deepen people's understanding of the situation in Afghanistan, forge stronger connections, and collectively contribute to alleviating the crisis.

The AFO's performance at the Library will be their second performance as a unified group. The Library's programming provides an opportunity for civic dialogue, conversation and learning, which includes exploring a wide range of views. Learn more about this event <u>here</u>.

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About the Afghanistan Freeharmonic Orchestra: Founded by Qudrat Wasefi and Dan Blackwell, the musicians of this ever-expanding, unique group, collaborate virtually to record original pieces and arrangements. Their main focus is Afghan music, and they also incorporate Western and other global musical styles and genres.

About the Cambridge Public Library:

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