

“International Women’s Day”



Nazir Nabaq 1969

A Tribute to Syrian Women

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Arab Austrian Women’s Association in cooperation with the Afro-Asian Institute, Vienna, Austria

AAI, Türkenstrasse. 3, 1090 Vienna, 6 pm

Under the patronage of the

Arab Austrian Women's Association

Our Choir "NAI" is a multicultural Arab-Austrian-European group formed to promote Arabic heritage, art, music and culture. Members of our Arabic-Austrian-European Choir meet regularly to sing and socialize. They include male and female Austrians of Arabic origin, in addition to Austrians and Europeans of other ethnic backgrounds. The songs are in Arabic, Assyrian, Chaldea, German, English, French and other *languages (more than 24 musicians and singers).*

We aim through our artistic vision to connect with the Austrian society by introducing fascinating music and songs put to live in enchanting performances at cultural events engaging local musicians and artists from various backgrounds.

We encourage our community members, regardless of their background to contribute to Austria's vibrant cultural life and activities.

Our community is thirsty to find connections between cultures, especially in music. When we perform, this becomes real; the stage transports you to a magical ambiance where poetry, music, religion and identity are interlinked to the point where language does not matter anymore, the music takes over. "It is a remedy for the soul".

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Organizers (in alphabetical order)

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Aleid, Dema
Aleid, Mai
Aleid, Mazen
Ammar Nasser
AYOUB, Ayham
EDER, Beate Maria Mag.
Hawijah, Sanaa
Idomir, Maria
Kiriaky, Marie Therese
Moustafa, Mouhamad
Nesterovaite, Viktorija



wedding tunes, sighing laments and old pastoral ballads, Romani songs and oriental melodies, as well as “classics” of Romanian folklore.

Diana Rasina found the congenial musical partners for her unique musical project in three outstanding and renowned musicians: Dimitar Karamitev from Bulgaria on kaval (shepherd's flute), Laszlo Racz from Hungary on cimbalom and Jovan Torbica from Serbia on double bass.

“NAI” group director “Orwa Alshofi”

composer and professor, who studied at the Higher Institute of Music in Beirut, Lebanon. He was Director of Nineveh Institute of music and singing in Swaida, Syria. Together with his colleagues (Ayman Hilal /Violin, Ahmed/Guitar, Ragheb Massa’/Chello) he has founded a symphonic band. “Orphee”. Supervised a choir of more than a hundred children led by Miss Manar Al Shaar. Winner of the second prize “Passion” for his musical piece “Hopes Fade”. He runs the “NAI” musical and singing group of the Arab Austrian Women Association.



Hames Alshofi (Pianist)

Born in 1997 into musicians family, he started to learn music and play the piano at the age of 4. He won the first prize in the Alroad competition in Homs city in 2003. After his High School graduation, he applied to study at the Damascus conservatory. He left Syria the same year and came to Austria.

Musicians (*in alphabetical order*):

Al Aissami, Bayrak
Alkurdi, Ismat
Alshofi, Almounzer
Alshofi, Hames
Alshofi, Orwa
Ibrahim, Saeid
Khoury, Fadi

We will also have a buffet and a bazaar.

Note: the event will be held in Arabic, English and German

Basma Jabr (Vocal)



Born in Kuwait. grew up in Damascus, in a artistic family, loves playing music, singing, drawing

and writing poetry. She joined the musical school activities. In 2002 she finished high school and joined the Faculty of Architecture in Damascus. She participated in several local music festivals, such as the Syrian Song Festival, sixth and seventh version. She finished her studies at the Faculty of Architecture, and began the hard work in the music field. She sang in many of TV programs and plays for children. She is a member of the Syrian Band " Kelna Sawa.". She sang many of emblem's songs for Arabic Series and

Films. She participated in several concerts at the Opera House in Damascus. She issued a set of own songs. She moved to Vienna in November 2014, and she participated in many concerts in Vienna. Recently released a song called "Fi Hal", it was filmed and photographed in Vienna.

Nour Khoury (Vocal)

Nour Khoury graduated from Damascus University and is holding a degree in French Literature. End of 2011, she started to learn singing and guitar playing with the support of her father. Nour had performed at many concerts and events (Opera house, Monument Asaad Basha and palais Al Azem). She participated in many charity events and her last performance took place at the end of 2015 in Damascus (old part). Nour can sing in many Arabic dialects (Moroccan, Algerian, and others), as well as she can sing in French and English.



Diana Rasina (Vocal)

The Bucharest-born singer Diana Rasina offers in an authentically expressive way a remarkable overview of the musical folklore of Romania. In her homeland, the

