

Taraf Syriana (Canada)

November 21 at 8pm

Norman & Annette Rothstein Theatre

This masterful lineup of multicultural artists from around the world features music from Sephardic Jewish, Syrian, and Roma traditions. The group includes legendary Romani accordionist Sergiu Popa, qanun virtuoso Naeem Shanwar and violist Omar Abou Afach, both of whom immigrated to Canada from Syria, and acclaimed Sephardic cellist Noémy Braun. Described as “Expressive and emotional... played with absolute brilliance by a group of amazingly talented musicians” the band is especially relevant “In a world that unfortunately seems to be becoming more and more divisive, this beautiful work of art that celebrates people coming together is definitely a must hear.” For Taraf Syriana’s debut at Chutzpah!, they will be premiering a new program that will also showcase rarely heard Sephardic songs from Syria.

Co-presented with Caravan World Rhythms.

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