

***"I wanted to flood  
the scene with  
culture and beauty."***

*-Karim Wasfi,  
Maestro & Virtuoso*

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**TWO PERFORMANCES**

**Free Virtual Concert  
(Donations Appreciated)**

**2 pm London Time**

**10 pm London Time**

**Celebrating U.N.  
International Day of Peace  
with Maestro Karim Wasfi  
and Friends**

Jun Yi Ma, Orchestra Director & Concertmaster  
of Sydney Opera House (Australia)

Cihat Askin, International Artist & Educator (Turkey)

Phoebus Chan, Composer & Pianist (Hong Kong)

Valdosta Symphony Orchestra, Georgia (USA)

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# Purpose of this Concert for Peace

**A**fter car bombings in Bagdad, Iraq, Maestro Karim Wasfi took his cello and a chair and began to play music at the location to demonstrate hope and resilience as well as to counter terrorism.



Maestro Wasfi said, "I wanted to flood the scene with culture and beauty."



Maestro Wasfi went on to become Founder of a non-profit organization, "Peace Through Arts Global Foundation".

He organized young musicians from diverse populations in his hometown. These young musicians demonstrate "Peace Through Music", as they share their music with others in their community.

Maestro Wasfi's shared that one of his precious moments occurred when he realized that several young militia members laid down their arms and began play music, as an alternative.

Peace News featured Karim Wasfi's peace efforts, which resulted in 33 million viewers.

Maestro Wasfi's peace efforts have been recognized world-wide, including his work with the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

**T**his Virtual Concert for Peace was inspired and created by the Shaping Peace Through Music Committee, an international group of Rotarians (and a Rotary Peace Fellow) from 9 global Rotary Districts including USA, Europe, Asia and Australia. One committee member suggested that the group explore the possibility of creating a "Song of Peace" to inspire Hope during the global COVID-19 crisis.

**You are invited in celebration of U.N.  
International Day of Peace, September 21,  
two Virtual PEACE Concert Performances  
on Saturday, September 18, 2021,  
at 2 pm and 10 pm, London Time**

Another committee member offered the suggestion that the group focus on "Peace Through Music", featuring Maestro Karim Wasfi, and his international non-profit organization. The committee rallied around the idea, and added the suggestion that we invite musicians and orchestras, from various regions, represented by our international "Shaping Peace Through the Art of Music" Committee.

**We**  
want to acknowledge  
the musicians and  
orchestras who have  
"donated" their musical  
recordings for this  
Virtual Concert for  
Peace, as they share  
their talent with all of  
us, in the name of  
"Peace Through Music".

**We**  
want to acknowledge the  
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They have put in many  
hours over the past year in  
support of this Peace  
Through the Art of Music.

# **"Concert for Peace" Program**

## **Dvorak Serenade for Strings Op. 22**

### **111.Scherzo: Vivace**

Valdosta Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: Howard Hsu

## **Antonin Dvorak**

(1841-1904)

## **Peace News Video**

### **Two pieces for Peace**

Soloist: Phoebus Chan

## **Karim Wasfi**

### **Phoebus Chan**

(1980 - )

### **"Thais" Meditation**

Soloist: Jun Yi Ma

## **Frederic Massenet**

(1842 -1912)

### **Quintet in E Major, op. 11, No. 5**

(Under Karim Wasfi programs)

III. Minuet

## **Luigi Boccherini**

(1743-1805)

### **Four Seasons**

(Under Karim Wasfi programs)

I. Spring

## **Antonio Vivaldi**

(1675-1741)

## **Youth Orchestra of Cihat Askin**

### **Reflections**

## **Karim Wasfi**

(1972 - )

### **Quartet for End of Time (narrative only)**

Narrator: Al McDonald

## **Oliver Messian**

(1908 -1992)

### **La Campanella**

Soloist: Cihat Askin

## **Niccolo Paganini**

(1782-1840)

### **Amor**

Littleton Symphony Orchestra

Soloist: Ethan Lazarus

Conductor: Jurgen De Lemos

## **Astor Piazzolla**

(1921-1992)

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**with Maestro Karim Wasfi**

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# **Shaping Peace Through the Art of Music**

## **Concert for Peace Performers**

### **Maestro & Virtuoso Karim Wasfi**

#### **International Peacebuilder**

Cellist and conductor Karim Wasfi, a Rotarian, is President and Founder of Peace Through Arts Global Foundation and serves as a fellow at the Geneva Center for Security Policy. With more than two decades of experience in cultural diplomacy, he uses music, sound, and art therapy for healing and cross-cultural integration, de-radicalization, prevention of tension, and counterterrorism. His innovative approach has helped thousands of people in areas of crisis to rise from violence, fear, and intimidation of terror. His work and initiatives have been widely covered by national and international media including BBC, CNN, The New York Times, and Forbes, and his YouTube videos on which he plays music in the aftermath of explosions in Iraq went viral, with more than 33 million viewers.

Karim Wasfi was named the 2015 Humanitarian of the Year by the Arabian Global Business community and was awarded the 2016 Asia Game Changers Award by the Asia Society and The Rockefeller Foundation. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in physics and philosophy from Cairo University and a Master's in music technology and conducting from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music. Fair Saturday Festival in Bilbao from 25th to 28th September will honour Karim with the Culture Excellence Award (Fair Saturday is an independent not for profit organisation registered in 2015 committed to developing a better world through the promotion of Arts and Culture and Social empathy as key drivers of change).

[Watch Karim Wasfi's compelling video..](#)

# **Jun Yi Ma**

## **Concertmaster & Orchestra Director**

### **Opera Australia Orchestra**

Jun Yi Ma began violin studies at the age of six with Professor Ding at the Shanghai Conservatorium. At nine he gave his first televised performance in Shanghai. Three years later he performed at the White House as 'Little Ambassador', representing the Chinese Government for the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan. The renowned violinist Jascha Heifetz was also present at this performance and then took Jun on as a student. In addition to playing for Ronald Reagan, Jun has also played in Australia for two other US Presidents, George H. Bush and Bill Clinton, as well as three Australian Prime Ministers, Bob

Hawke AC, GCL, Paul Keating and John Howard OM, AC.

An active soloist and chamber musician, Jun Yi Ma has made numerous CD recordings featuring the music of Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Sarasate, Bruch, Saint-Saëns and Britten. He often records solo and chamber music for broadcast on ABC Classic FM. His solo recording has also been broadcast by New York Radio. He has performed throughout Asia, Europe and North America, appeared alongside superstar violinist Nigel Kennedy in the Vivaldi Double Concerto, and performed chamber music with Lang-Lang and Robert Chan (Concertmaster of Chicago Symphony Orchestra).

For more information: <https://opera.org.au/artist/jun-yi-ma/>



# Cihat Aşkın

## Classical Artist & Educator (Turkey)

Born in Istanbul, Cihat Aşkın graduated from Turkish Music State Conservatory, under the tutelage of Ayhan Turan. He was able to perform all of Paganini's Caprices before he was fifteen. He completed his studies in London studying with Rodney Friend at the Royal College of Music and Yfrah Neaman at City University. He is currently the Director of the Turkish Music State Conservatory of ITU and the co-chair of MIAM (Advanced Music Research Center).

Being a prominent musician in Turkey, he has performed in festivals and concerts across

Europe, Asia, Africa and the United States. He has appeared with violinists Shlomo Mintz and Ida Haendel and conductors J.L. Cobos, Yoel Levi and Alexander Dimitriev. He serves on the juries of many international competitions. He teaches at Keshet Eilon Violin master-classes, and founded the Aşkın Ensemble, a chamber orchestra that performs a wide range of music from the classics to the modern. His educational project, CAKA, aims to develop violin education throughout Turkey. Aşkın performs on a violin by Jean Baptiste Vuillaume (1846).

For more information: <https://cihataskin.com/>

Cihat Aşkın and Little Friends (CALF) : <https://caka.info/>

CALF Philharmonic Orchestra : <https://askinacademia.com/caga-1/>

# **Phoebus Chan**

## **Composer & Pianist (Hong Kong)**

Phoebus Chan, Founder and Executive Director of PA House Asia Ltd.; Vice-Chairman of Hong Kong Innovision ; Chairman of Mainland Hong Kong Macau Arts and Culture Youth Alliance ; Vice-Chairman of Hong Kong QingDao Association; Chairman of Worldwide Chinese Foundation; Board member of Faith in Love Foundation; Chairman of Haoxue Action ; Chairman of Alumni Association of Music Department of the

Chinese University of Hong Kong ; Columnist of Singtao Daily and Kung Kao Po.

While commercially active, Chan has also played a significant role in Hong Kong's music industry. He was also the lecturer of the Hong Kong College of Technology, Director of the Pop Music Department of Baron School of Music, RTHK Radio 4 and Radio 2 Presenter, Post Producer of Disney Channel Hong Kong.

For more information: <https://www.hkphil.org/artist/phoebus-chan>

# **Valdosta Symphony Orchestra**

## **Georgia USA**

Winner of The American Prize in Orchestral Performance, the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra has served both the cultural life of Valdosta and the regional academic mission of Valdosta State University since 1990. The high standard of performance of the orchestra enables it to attract guest soloists of national and international renown to the Valdosta community.

The orchestra's membership is a unique blend of resident artist-

faculty, students studying professional music disciplines, talented community performers, and carefully selected professionals from a five-state region. Supported by an Advisory Board of Directors, the Valdosta Symphony Guild, Valdosta State University, corporate sponsors, and hundreds of individual patrons, the orchestra has become an important part of the cultural life of the entire region.

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## **Colorado USA**

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been largely responsible for the LSO's reputation as one of Colorado's most respected and versatile community orchestras.

The LSO is dedicated to the growth and quality of its musicians and to the cultural life of the south suburban area. It has participated in concerts during the Western Welcome Week, at the Riverfront Festival, Hudson Gardens, Elitch Gardens, Littleton Museum, Roxborough Park, Littleton Town Hall and at many community churches.

For more information: <https://www.littletonsymphony.org>



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