

## Along the Silk Road

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Along the Silk Road is the title of an event to be shown for the first time in Los Angeles, in Wilshire Theatre on 9th February. The Toos Foundation, the organisers, has already brought onto stage a number of programs devoted to the promotion of Iranian art and culture. For each of its previous events the Foundation has concentrated on a unique period or area of this culture and its latest choice of the subject of Silk Road emphasises the cultural, artistic and scientific exchanges between Iran and other countries along this road.



Fakhri Nikzad

The first performance of this event in London was presented as a tribute to Amir Khosrow Dehlavi who symbolizes the cross cultural effects of the these trade routes. This route which was the most important international trade route for more than a thousand years played a very significant role in shaping the cultures of all the countries affected by it.



Hamid Javdan

The program plans to use the famous Marco Polo's Travels as a vehicle to take us through the many different cultures along this road. This was one of the first books in Europe which introduced the wonders of Asia to European audiences.

The Foundations artists will take the audience through poetry, music and dance to different cities from the Roman Empire to Syria, Iraq, Armenia and Iran to Afghanistan, India, Central Asia and all the way to China to show this exchange of Ideas, Religions, cultures, knowledge and Techniques.



Daryoush Alvand

The cast is made up of a diverse group of artists from different countries such as Fakhri Nikzad from London (famous radio and TV announcer), Hamid Javdan from Paris (a theatre actor) who plays Marco Polo, Daryoush Alvand from London (actor and singer), Shahrzad Aria from Los Angeles (harp player), Naghme Farahmand from Canada (daf and tabla player), Edgar Nikolyan the Armenian choreographer, Donny B Lord modern dancer and choreographer who has performed in more than 20 Hollywood movies, Showmi Das the famous Indian dancer and two groups of dancers under Zebretta Johnson and Ghamzeh Mehdizadeh.

The producer of the program is Jamileh Kharrazi the founder and director of Toos Foundation who has spent a lot of efforts (not to mention the huge costs) in bringing this event to Los Angeles.

We wish the Toos Foundation and its artists the best success and invite all lovers of Iranian culture to attend this important event on the 9th Feb in Wilshire Theatre.



Shahzad Aria, Naghmeh Farahmand, Edgar Nikolyan, Ghamzeh Mehdizadeh, Zebretta Johnson, Showmi Das, Donny B Lord