

Spectacular, Extraordinary and a Must-See,

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The watchable and admirable show, *Along the Silk Road*, was an extraordinary event in Los Angeles. We had never had such a spectacular show with so many artists and with a national historical theme in this city. It showed how Ms Jamil Kharrazi, the founder and director of the Toos Foundation has spent so much time and effort to bring this show to USA.

The show followed a symbolic journey with Marco Polo to different cities along this road to bring a world of images, colour and beauty to the American audiences. Its three previous performances in London were well received by English and Persian audiences.

The dance group was very impressive and skilful in presenting such a diverse range of wonderful Eastern dances.

The show had three story tellers. Ms Fakhri Nikzad (ex presenter of the Iranian National Radio and Television) who unfortunately developed a cold whilst in LA, Hamid Javdan, an Iranian actor from France and Daryoush Alvand, a well known theatre actor and singer living in London.

Whilst they explained the stories of the Silk Road, the dancers artistically and skilfully showed us the art and culture of the different countries along that road.

The show used lots of great props which given the small stage of Wilshire Theatre presented some difficulties for the organisers to move them about. Previous familiarity with these conditions would have helped overcome these problems.

We must congratulate Ms Jamil Kharrazi for all her efforts in promoting Iranian culture and thank all the artists who made this show possible.