

The Naghash Ensemble and String Orchestra



"A unique hybrid of world music and contemporary classical music."—NAI

Composer/conductor **John Hodian** has created a compelling new orchestral version of **"Songs of Exile"** which allows for collaboration between a string orchestra and the musicians of The Naghash Ensemble. The ensemble consists of seven of the finest musicians and singers from Armenia; three female vocal soloists along with oud, duduk, dhol and piano. The orchestra parts are for any size string orchestra.

With the members of the ensemble playing indigenous Armenian instruments, the music retains its unique Armenian characteristics and the soloists are free to embellish spontaneously. The vocalists each have a deep connection to Armenian folk song and spiritual music as well as extensive conservatory training. These traditional Armenian elements are combined with techniques from Western classical music and contemporary American minimalism for a sound that presents a unique vision of Armenian musical culture in the 21st century.

"East meets West and Ancient meets Modern in this spectacular collaboration between ensemble and orchestra."—Shoghakat TV



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