

As chair of Foro Abraham, a Spanish NGO working on interfaith and intercultural dialogue for a decade, I would like to support Arco Forum for the Interfaith Harmony Week Prize. Foro Abraham has contributed to the excellent project of the Concierto de Tres Culturas (Three Culture Concert) for the last three editions, and Arco Forum has led and run the project in a very professional, open and collaborative way.

By promoting cultural and interfaith encounters through music, Arco Forum not only brings people of different religious background together: it also contributes to disseminating ancient musical traditions outside of the mainstream pop culture, particularly among the young.

In fact, the Three Culture Concert is deeply rooted in the coexistence experience of Medieval Spain, where we can find a rich musical tradition of Jewish, Christian and Muslim songs, sometimes with words in Hebrew and Arabic, and some of them preserving the old Ladino or Sephardic language.

Arco Forum deserves support for this non-profit initiative, which we hope can be brought to more cities in Spain (right now concerts are organised only in Madrid and Barcelona).

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