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Re: Our submission for World Interfaith Harmony Week 2018

Dear Mr. M AbdulJaleal Nasreddin,

Assalamu alaikum.

Thank you for the reminder to submit my report. I have been eager to do so since our concert was completed, but first we wanted to organize the materials. I have uploaded documents, videos and photos as you requested. But I would like to offer a brief explanation, especially regarding the videos.

Everything is now also available on our website at https://www.faithbridgeinterfaith.org/sounds-of-faith-2018.

The three uploaded videos have three distinct purposes, and three distinct lengths.

- 1.) The first one is a *trailer*. It provides a 4 ½ minute overview of our project. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\_continue=83&v=4GNH9MfbJVk)
- 2.) The second is a 14 ½ minute *documentary*. It includes interviews with children and adults as well as examples of the music. (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\_continue=3&v=18E4WUKm33M">https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\_continue=3&v=18E4WUKm33M</a>)
- 3.) The third is a 1 hour, 15-minute *full concert* video. It includes the same narrations and explanations given to the audience at the concert, but it does not include the interviews mentioned above. All the music is included as it was presented.
- 4.) Finally, there is a "playlist" of nine videos where you can see each group separately as well as the material mentioned above. (https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWGLmNbdl20lTo0tUwpxSTSqKtmkURh4C)

"Sounds of Faith" is a program we adapted especially for World Interfaith Harmony Week. It includes a signature opening with church bells, to which are added muezzins calling the adhan, and then rabbis blowing shofars. It is a bit noisy and confusing at first, but each tradition hears its own call to prayerful time and space as we begin. This is followed by songs, recitations, chants and dance from our traditions.

We are grateful for the stimulus you provided to pursue our vision of making this concert especially for children and expanding it beyond the Abrahamic faiths. In this time of increasing hostilities, such events are urgently needed. We appreciate your worldwide concern. We hope to begin developing our next one soon.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Friend-Jones

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