



WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

Interfaith Scotland World Interfaith Harmony Week Concert 'Unforgotten'



Knowing how important it is to not only challenge the mind through education but to touch the heart through creativity and music, Interfaith Scotland decided to commission an original piece of music dedicated to children who have suffered or continue to suffer because of hatred and discrimination. The piece was commissioned for **World Interfaith Harmony Week** and Holocaust Memorial 2020 and was premiered on 28th January to a packed audience of over 250 people. The composers worked with Interfaith Scotland and with students from diverse faith traditions across Glasgow to prepare for the evening.

The event took place in the main auditorium of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and was preceded by a reception hosted by Principal Sharkey who is himself from the Jewish Tradition. The Lord Provost of Glasgow attended the reception and the concert. The concert opened with profound words from Principal Sharkey and then Dr. Sier, Director of Interfaith Scotland, spoke of how important it is to learn from history and to challenge

hatred and discrimination wherever we see it. This was followed by a full hour of music involving young people from countries as diverse as Scotland, South America, Ukraine, Russian, China and Armenia and the performances involved faith-based music from Muslim, Christian, Jewish traditions and Roma traditions.

The concert concluded with a 5 minute vigil involving Russian children from the Russian Cultural Centre of Glasgow. It was an evening never to be forgotten. The you tube link to the concert is included below:



Comments and feedback

This concert was one of the most moving I have ever attended. It had all the ingredients for opening the heart – diversity, incredible talent and a strong focus on working together to overcome prejudice and hate – I hope this becomes an annual event.

Catholic Youth

To hear such talent from people from all over the world who are living and studying in Scotland caused me to cry many times during this world premiere. Thank you to all who made it happen! May the children of the world someday soon be able to live and peace.

Baha'i, from Faiths Together in Skye

The hour passed so quickly although I imagine months of preparation – it was magnificent and a fitting event for World Interfaith Harmony Week – this will surely never be forgotten.

Representative of the Sikh Community

Advertising and Media Coverage

'Unforgotten': Official Concert Invitation letter from Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (see below)



Royal Conservatoire
of Scotland



World Interfaith Harmony Week Holocaust Memorial Day Concert

**Tuesday 28 January 2020, 6.15pm for 7.00pm
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, 100 Renfrew
Street, Glasgow, G2 3DB**

Dear Distinguished guest,

You are invited to join us for this **special World Interfaith Harmony Week, Holocaust Memorial Day Concert and pre-performance reception** on Tuesday 28 January. 2020 will commemorate two very significant events, the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of the Buchenwald concentration camp on the 11 April 1945, and the end of WW2 in Europe on the 8 May 1945.

To commemorate these events Interfaith Scotland, will be hosting this unique **World Interfaith Harmony Week Concert** in

conjunction with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. This performance will feature an original work commissioned by Interfaith Scotland and composed by two world renowned Klezmer musicians, **Oleg Ponomarev** and **Lev Atlas**. The premier of this original piece will be performed by both the Glasgow Schools String Orchestra and Royal Conservatoire of Scotland students.

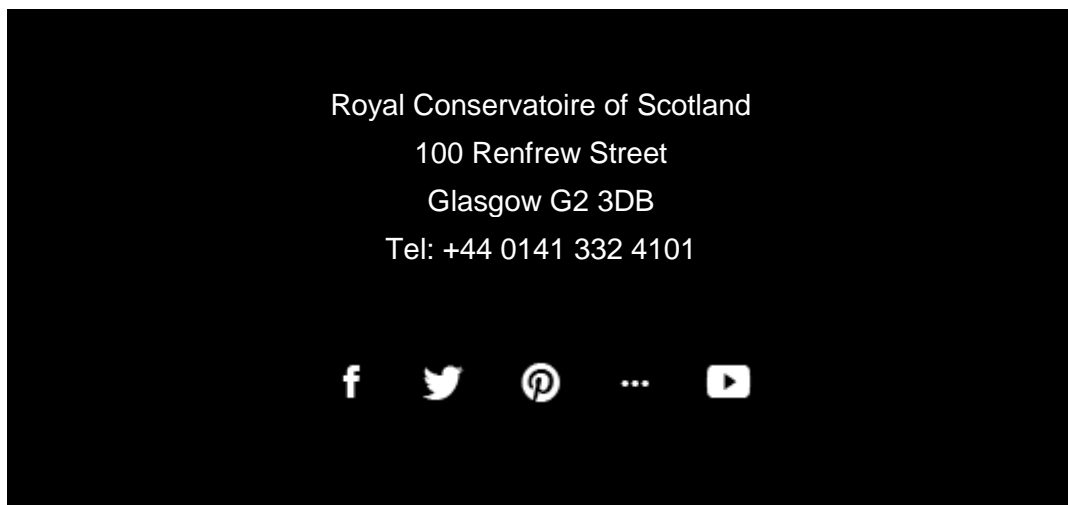
This will be followed by performances from RCS students and teachers and the RCS Junior Conservatoire, and we will also welcome on stage students and teachers from the Yerevan State Conservatoire in Armenia, who will be visiting the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland as part of an Erasmus+ collaboration.

Please join us for a pre-performance reception at 6.15pm ahead of the performance beginning at 7.00pm in the Stevenson Hall. Upon arrival at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, please make your way up the main front steps to guest registration next to the Box Office, where a member of staff will be on hand to assist you.

We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

Kind regards

RCS Events Team
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*Additionally free places were made available to the general public via eventbrite

Social Media Coverage

You Tube Link here for the concert:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SF7vkfcyI0Y&feature=youtu.be>

'Unforgotten' (Concert held in Royal Conservatoire of Scotland)

Facebook page for Interfaith Scotland. The main post is by Maureen Barbara Sier, dated January 29 at 9:47 AM. The post text reads: "WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK: Absolutely amazing evening - the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland dedicating a whole evening of outstanding music for World Interfaith Harmony Week and HMD2020. The music 'Unforgotten' especially commissioned by Interfaith Scotland children who suffer and die because of hate was the stand out piece of the night. Goosebumps moment to hear the full orchestra play ❤️❤️❤️❤️". Below the text is a video player showing a group of musicians performing on a stage. The video player has a "Shared Posts Can't Be Boosted" overlay with a "See Eligible Posts" button. The post has 270 People Reached and 32 Engagements. The page sidebar includes a navigation menu with options like Home, About, Reviews, Posts, Events, Photos, Videos, Community, and Jobs. The right-hand column shows "Page Transparency" information, "Team Members" (Frances Hume), and "Pages Liked by This Page" (Oban High School, St Andrews Coexistence Initiative, Inter Faith Network for the UK). The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system tray with the date 19/02/2020 and time 11:47.