



Aga Khan Master Musicians

Nowruz

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In Nowruz, their accomplished debut album, the Aga Khan Master Musicians (AKMM) draw on music from Central Asia, China, the Middle East, and North Africa to create a strikingly original body of work where living musical traditions meet and meld. Acclaimed virtuosos on their respective instruments, the six members of AKMM deftly blend pipa, qanun, dutar, viola d'amore, saxophone, and a panoply of percussion into a soulful new musical language that comes alive in these eloquent performances.

- “The Music Programme demonstrates how to make music come alive in all forms that speak to contemporary audiences, particularly young audiences, to strengthen a sense of shared values, while simultaneously encouraging curiosity, tolerance, and cosmopolitanism.” — THE ISLAMALI
- “[The Master Musicians] share a belief that tradition can serve as an invaluable compass for an artistic search into new forms of creativity inspired, but not constrained, by the past.” — HOPKINS CENTER FOR THE ARTS AT DARTMOUTH

Band member

Abbos Kosimov	doira, chang qobuz (jaw harp), riq, tar (frame drum)
Basel Rajoub	saxophone, duclar, doholla
Feras Charestan	qanun
Jasser Haj Youssef	viola d'amore
Sirojiddin Juraev	dutar, tanbur
Wu Man	pipa

Guest artist

Levent Yildirim	doholla
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Producer

Fairouz Nishanova and
Theodore Levin

Mixer

Feras Charestan and Gabriel
Lundh, The Dome, Stockholm

aufnahmestudio

Kitchen Studio, Geneva,
Switzerland
Studio de la Fonderie,
Fribourg, Switzerland

Mastering

Gabriel Lundh, The Dome,
Stockholm

Phonotraphy

Sebastian Schutyser

Cover Artwork

Zena Sabbagh

Tracklist

1.	Tashkent M: Basel Rajoub	03:02
2.	Samai M: Jasser Haj Youssef	05:35
3.	Teahouse M: Wu Man	04:59
4.	Madad M: Basel Rajoub	02:24
5.	Awdeh M: Feras Charestan	05:49
6.	Mehan M: Sirojiddin Juraev	04:45
7.	Cadence M: Jasser Haj Youssef	03:25
8.	MashqiDutar M: Sirojiddin Juraev	05:30
9.	Jul Dance M: Feras Charestan	05:09
10.	Autumn Flowers And Leaves M: Wu Man	03:36
11.	Illi M: Basel Rajoub	04:18
12.	Nowruz M: Abbos Kosimov	03:47