



## MUSICIANS FOR HARMONY

Music is the universal language that crosses national, religious, and ethnic barriers and brings people together. Musicians For Harmony was founded in the wake of September 11, 2001, to promote peace among nations and individuals by bringing together music and musicians of different cultures. Each year we present concerts featuring internationally acclaimed chamber musicians and performers of world music.

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## CONCERTS



Musicians For Harmony presents annual concerts in New York City with such world renowned classical musicians as the Guarneri, Juilliard, Orion, and Shanghai Quartets, pianists Leon Fleisher, Anne-Marie McDermott, Anna Polonsky, and Jonathan Biss, and cellist Carter Brey.

In addition, we are pleased to have been the catalyst for *Musique Sans Frontières* (“Music Without Borders”), a multicultural ensemble of musicians who came together in response to the tragic events of September 11th to perform every year for Musicians For Harmony.

Organized by Musicians For Harmony’s Artistic Director Patrick Derivaz, these artists represent a blending of many different backgrounds and cultures who share a desire to foster global harmony through their music-making.

Each program also includes at least one new artist, such as Iraqi oud virtuoso Omar Bashir, *Saturday Night Live* band director G.E. Smith, and Greek-Israeli bouzouki player Avram Pengas. And every concert features a world première composed especially for the occasion. All artists donate their services for our annual fall concerts.

## BENEFICIARIES

Proceeds from Musicians For Harmony’s fall concerts are donated to charities promoting peace. Past beneficiaries have included Doctors Without Borders, the Gesundheit! Institute, the Iraqi National Symphony Orchestra, Oxfam America, and Safe Horizon. Each beneficiary is carefully selected by a committee of Musicians For Harmony musicians and Board members, and representatives from the charities are invited to speak about their cause at the concerts.

## WORKSHOPS

Musicians For Harmony is planning a new series of educational workshops for children and college students to bring the message of peace through music to younger audiences. These will include lectures and demonstrations on world music instruments given by members of *Musique Sans Frontières*.

(above left) Avram Pengas. (above middle) Pianist Anna Polonsky with members of the Guarneri Quartet. (above right) Siamak Jahangiri.

## IN THE NEWS

“As always with this annual event – great music, a splendid cast, and all for a good cause.”

—*Soundcheck*, WNYC, New York Public Radio

“This worthy organization was founded in a burst of musical idealism in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. Musicians donate their services for an annual concert that commemorates the victims and raises money for peace-related causes.” —*The New York Times*

“This impromptu fall concert, first offered in the wake of 9/11, has become an annual tradition that aims to bridge the gap between the musical styles of East and West.” —*The New Yorker*

“Some excellent musicians gather for the fourth annual concert commemorating the tragedy of 9/11, to bring comfort and encourage peace.” —*New York Magazine*

“Any way you look at it, this is a pretty amazing event.” —*Time Out New York*

“The Iraqi National Symphony Orchestra, which created such a stir last year during its debut U.S. concert tour, is prospering thanks, in part, to the generosity of stateside benefactors and the New York-based charity Musicians For Harmony, Inc.” —*Strings Magazine*

“Musicians For Harmony, founded in the wake of 9/11, seeks to establish a bridge between the art music of the Middle East and Western classical music. Merkin Hall was nearly full for its fourth annual concert.” —*Strad Magazine*

## ABOUT US

### Board of Directors

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**Allegra Klein** is an arts administrator and violinist from New York City. Since graduating from Harvard University with a degree in music, she has worked for Carnegie Hall, Sony Classical, the Marlboro Music Festival, and the New York Youth Symphony. In 1988, she formed her own company, Sterling Music Ensembles, and in October 2001, she founded Musicians For Harmony.



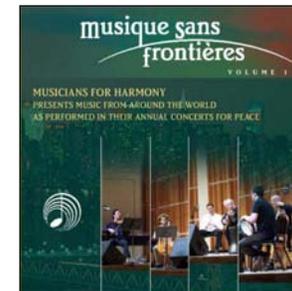
In 2003, Ms. Klein traveled to Baghdad, bringing musical instruments and funds to the Iraqi National Symphony Orchestra. Her article about this trip was published the following year in *Strings* magazine.

Bass player **Patrick Derivaz** studied music at the Conservatoire d'Aix en Provence in France and now lives in New York, where he works as a musician, composer, producer and engineer. Over the years he has been involved in all styles of music, including classical, world, rock and soundtracks, with some of the best musicians in these domains. Mr. Derivaz has been with Musicians For Harmony since its inception and now serves as Artistic Director as well as director of MFH's resident ensemble, *Musique Sans Frontières*.



## RECORDINGS

Musicians For Harmony released its first recording in the spring of 2006. The songs on “*Musique Sans Frontières, Volume 1*” were performed between 2002 and 2005 at Musicians For Harmony's annual “Concerts for Peace” at Merkin Concert Hall in New York City.



Each track represents a different country and a different part of the world and was arranged for a combination of western and non-western instruments. The artists from these concerts reunited in the studio in

December 2005 to make this album, which was produced by Patrick Derivaz.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

In 2003, Musicians For Harmony, Inc., was granted 501(c)3 tax-exempt status. Since we contribute our net concert proceeds to peace-oriented charities, we rely on the generosity of our patrons and supporters to sustain our organization. If you wish to make a fully tax-deductible donation, please send it to:

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