

# Jamil Kharrazi speech at Commonwealth Concert Hall London 1998

Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Farnoosh Behzad

Composer and soloist: Sirus Malakooty

It is pleasure to share with you this presentation and get you to know my country through its music and arts.

We have a culture which is totally ignored in the past and has contributed to the development of the world through its science, medicine, astronomy & arts. We have definitely much more to give to the world than fanaticism.

We can and we will try to contribute to the welfare of the society through our arts which is expiration of our values and principals, and music is one of these forms, the most elaborate way of communication, this is the tune of life.

It is my intention to set up a future trust to invest in talented people such as artists, musicians, filmmaker, writers and who participate in transmitting the culture of East to West.

This is the better dialogue between people & the promotion of humanity over hate red and conflict.

We gather tonight to support these musicians and show the world that Eat and West can meet over Beauty and Art.

We live in an international environment and in a global world, a society of mass communication and media, we have a unique opportunity to spear the message of friendship and peace and we must each one of us work hard to make this message prevail over anyone else.

It is my pleasure to announce that Sirus Malakooty who has worked with numerous humanistic and charity organization in the past and Mr. Farnoosh Behzad being the first Iranian musician who both agreed to contribute their work and donate their income of their next concert for the same purpose, which I am grateful to both of them.

Having experienced and see how west has invaded our ways of life in the past, I want somehow to reciprocate by being the bridge head of the culture movement which will bring and integrate the beauty and perfume of the orient to the west.

I hope you enjoy tonight concert.

Thank you