Mariam Wafa

PRESS RELEASE

Announcing the new ensemble created by Afghan American singer Mariam Wafa.

Mariam Wafa is an Afghan American singer of Afghan and Egyptian heritage whose lively performances blend traditional Afghan melodies with Afghan pop, Indian music, Middle Eastern sounds, and contemporary global influences. Born in Kabul and raised in California, she began recording in the early 1990s and quickly built a devoted following among Afghan audiences worldwide.

After years of war and restrictions that silenced music and women performers, Mariam was among the first musicians and the first woman to bring music back to Afghanistan. Her songs became an immediate hit, rising quickly on the charts and earning widespread celebration throughout the country and among international audiences. Mariam Wafa sings both traditional and original songs in five languages and choreographs her own dance performances, bringing movement and lively energy to every show.

Mariam Wafa assembled a new Bay Area World fusion ensemble rooted in Afghan musical traditions, with influences from South Asian, Asian, and contemporary Western music. Featuring accomplished musicians, the ensemble brings together rich rhythms, expressive vocals, and dance in vibrant live performances celebrating music from around the world.

Mariam Wafa - lead vocals

Farhan Mohamed - guitar, bass

Jonathan Atleson - keyboard, violin, percussion

Kevin - keyboard

William MacBeath - saz, contrabass

Keith Fongheiser - drums

Wilson Brooks - drums

Ramin Ulfat - tabla

Clement Hudson - accordion

Sasha Mazo - violin

Nika Rejto - flute

See them live on their upcoming tour in 2027!

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