

MAqam

MAqam is an ensemble that specializes in performing Middle-eastern and Arabic music with a modern, structured but accessible approach, all the while preserving the spirit and character of the original music. This genre we like to call “MA”

MA music genre is not directly connected with a definite harmonic or rhythmic pattern nor with specific instrumentation. Rather, it is about capturing the soul of middle-eastern music and presenting it in an innovative style.

The group was established by *MAias Alyamani* in Vienna in 2006 with great success in Austria and its neighboring countries where *MAqam* gave many concerts in different venues such as the Austrian Parliament Building, ORF National Austrian TV, Musikhaue, Fest der Visionen, United Nations/Vienna, Afro-Asiatische Institute (New Year concert), Palastia Forum.

Since 2009, the ensemble has been performing in Middle Eastern countries like Syria (Art house, Damascus Opera House), Jordan, Lebanon(Monot Theater)and Qatar where *MAqam* gives regular concerts, of which the most recent was the opening concert of the Qatar Philharmonic first Chamber Music Festival.

In 2010, *MAqam* released its first album “Live at Aspire Hall 2010”, which is available now in Syria, Lebanon, Austria, Germany, Emirates and Qatar.

MAqam consists now of young musicians from the Arab world sharing the highest level of musical education as well as a special talent and passion for their work. The repertoire of *MAqam* includes original works composed especially for the group by *MAias Alyamani* who also re-arranges for the ensemble traditional music from all around the middle eastern and Arab world in a unique style that suits modern musical taste and showcases the virtuosity of the musicians.

To know more about *MAqam*, Please visit <http://maqamensemble.com/>

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