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# ROMA

## THE FORCE OF NATURE

### Harmonizing Nations: Roma, the Heartbeat of Western Balkan Unity

Amidst the rich tapestry of Roma history lies an enigmatic treasure—a testament to resilience in the face of adversity, an embodiment of nonviolence even in strife, and a narrative of survival and progress through the fall of empires. Welcome to an extraordinary journey, one that transcends the ordinary: "Harmonizing Nations: Roma - The Heartbeat of Western Balkans' Unity." This symphonic masterpiece, meticulously crafted under the visionary guidance of Bekir Haliti, introduces the authentic Roma: The Force of Nature orchestra. They are accompanied by a constellation of exceptionally talented artists, luminaries like Mehmedhan Disbudak among them. Together, they unite the Western Balkans and Europe in a harmonious crescendo.

This musical odyssey stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment of the Open Society Foundations (OSF) to the European cause. As we shift our focus towards the European aspirations of Ukraine, Moldova, and the Western Balkans, we illuminate the indispensable role played by the Roma in this grand narrative. OSF, a staunch advocate for the rights and recognition of Europe's most extensive ethnic minority—the Roma, continues to stand by, even amidst turbulent times.

Our celebration extends beyond the realm of music; it serves as a clarion call, affirming that European Union membership is not a hollow political promise. It resounds with the spirit of the Roma, emphasizing their pivotal role in shaping the narrative of the Western Balkans. This concert embodies the profound significance of cultural diplomacy within the intricate fabric of European integration, reaffirming our unwavering dedication to a future founded on diversity, nurtured through collaboration, and united within a harmonious collective.

This concert is a transformative bridge, spanning the complexities of politics, reaching out to touch the very soul of the region's diverse populace. Above all, it is a jubilant celebration of identities, talents, and voices that enrich the Western Balkans, seamlessly

weaving themselves into the vibrant tapestry of Europe. Here, the resonance of cultures and harmonious voices blend to create a truly unified chorus.

The concert's program unfurls as a harmonious symphony, masterfully painting vivid portraits of love, resilience, and cultural grandeur. Our journey commences with "Roma, a Force of Nature," deftly weaving together disparate worlds, spanning from the heart of India to the soul of Europe.

From there, we transition into classical compositions, profoundly inspired, and enriched by the deep wellspring of Roma culture, casting a spotlight on the enduring influence of Roma music upon the works of renowned composers. The evocative "Roma Holocaust and Resurrection" takes center stage, a somber yet necessary reminder of the horrors inflicted by the Nazis and their collaborators, underscoring the pressing need to rise against the forces of evil.

"Roma Anthem" encapsulates our global struggle and unwavering determination to prosper as a united nation. We then bear witness to traditional songs, masterfully performed by distinguished Roma vocalists and instrumentalists, offering living testament to the unyielding resilience of the Roma people.

The grand culmination envisions the Roma as a united nation, bound by a shared history and destined for a prosperous future, epitomized by the evocative term "Mahala Barvali," which translates to "proud and prosperous community" in Romanes.

Join us on this odyssey, where we celebrate the myriad identities, talents, and voices that breathe life into the Western Balkans and Europe. In this living symphony, the Roma are not just a heartbeat; they are the very soul of unity, their rhythm entwining with others, ensuring that the heart of the Western Balkans beats harmoniously as one.

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# Roma: The Force of Nature

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October 15, 2023, 19:00

Orthodox Cathedral 'Resurrection of Christ',  
Ibrahim Rugova Street 1, Tirana, Albania

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## PROGRAM

### Roma: The Force of Nature

COMPOSERS: Bekir Haliti, Mehmedhan Dişbudak  
ARRANGEMENT: Mehmedhan Dişbudak, Bekir Haliti

### Hijo de la Luna

COMPOSER: José María Cano  
ARRANGEMENT: Bekir Haliti, Mehmedhan Dişbudak  
VOCAL: Nataša Tasić Knežević

### Roma Holocaust and Resurrection

COMPOSERS: Bekir Haliti, Mehmedhan Dişbudak  
ARRANGEMENT: Bekir Haliti, Mehmedhan Dişbudak

### Roma Anthem

COMPOSER: Žarko Jovanović  
ARRANGEMENT: Mehmedhan Dişbudak, Bekir Haliti

### Rom

ARRANGEMENT: Mehmedhan Dişbudak, Bekir Haliti  
VOCAL: Çinare Melikzade

### Ederlezi

ARRANGEMENT: Mehmedhan Dişbudak, Bekir Haliti  
VOCAL: Çinare Melikzade

### Naci en Alamo

AUTHORS: Dionisis Tsaknis, Giorgos Katsaris  
ARRANGEMENT: Mehmedhan Dişbudak, Bekir Haliti  
VOCAL: Çinare Melikzade

### Devla, Devla

PRODUCER: Miloš Jovanović  
ARRANGEMENT: Mehmedhan Dişbudak, Bekir Haliti  
VOCAL: Marko Šabanović

### Sila Kale Bal

Šaban Bajramović  
ARRANGEMENT: Mehmedhan Dişbudak, Bekir Haliti  
VOCAL: Marko Šabanović

### Chaj Zibade

Rromano Dives  
ARRANGEMENT: Mehmedhan Dişbudak, Bekir Haliti  
VOCAL: Erdjan Drmaku

### Roma, Roma

Rromano Dives  
ARRANGEMENT: Mehmedhan Dişbudak, Bekir Haliti  
VOCAL: Danica Krstić

### Caje Shukarije

Rromano Dives  
ARRANGEMENT: Mehmedhan Dişbudak, Bekir Haliti  
VOCAL: Danica Krstić

### Mahala Barvali - Opre Roma Serbia

PRODUCER: Opre Roma Serbia  
ARRANGEMENT: Mehmedhan Dişbudak, Bekir Haliti  
VOCALS: Nataša Tasić Knežević, Marko Šabanović,  
Danica Krstić, Çinare Melikzade