

MEDIA RELEASE

Global Voice Concert

11 June 2004, 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Iwaki Auditorium, ABC Southbank Centre

Ground Floor, Southbank Blvd, Southbank, Melbourne

Tickets: \$15 (presale), \$10 MAV Members, Door: \$20 full and \$18 conc. Bookings: 03 9417 6777

CHERMOSH CHOIR – UKRAINE - *beautiful harmonic singing*

VISIER SANYU – NAGALAND - *extraordinary chants and songs*

RIA SOEMARDJO – INDONESIA - *exquisite West Javanese vocals*

THE RONA ENSEMBLE – IRAN - *traditional spiritual Sufi music*

Be transported by the evocative power of the human voice. This unique concert features four outstanding culturally diverse performances and is a rare opportunity for the people of Melbourne to experience in optimum acoustic conditions the ancient musical traditions of Iran, Indonesia, Nagaland (North East India) and Ukraine.

The Rona Ensemble resurrects the mystical secrets of Sufi practices of ancient Persia. The rhythmic music cycles engage body and spirit resulting in a selfless and stateless movement of the body, while the “zikr” opens a path to divine spiritual ecstasy.

Ria Soemardjo will totally immerse your senses with her exquisite music from West Java. A leading musician with the Melbourne Community Gamelan, Ria is currently Melbourne’s only female performer of traditional Javanese and Sundanese (West Javanese) song.

Share in a rare and enchanting performance with Visier Sanyu, Australia’s only speaker of Khonoma Angami, an ancient and endangered language, with no more than 5,000 speakers. Experience a mesmerizing performance of traditional throat singing and spiritual chants in this Tibeto-Burman language from the Naga Hills of northeastern India.

Join the growing number of audiences captured and stunned by the beautiful vocal arrangements and harmonic song of the Cheremosh Choir of Ukraine. Under the artistic direction of Professor Volodymyr Holovko, this uplifting performance comes from a mixture of young and old, with a dedication to keeping alive customs and traditions of Ukraine and delighting audiences all over Australia.

Produced by Multicultural Arts Victoria. The concert will be recorded by Music Deli ABC Radio National.

For further information contact Elda Koro, Multicultural Arts Victoria - 03 9417 6777.

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