

**Refugee musicians join Journey West in concert at Alfred University Sept. 8**  
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Journey West to perform at  
Alfred University Sept. 8

Journey West will perform Friday Sept. 8, at 8 pm, at Holmes Auditorium in Harder Hall on the campus of Alfred University. The ensemble will be joined by refugee musicians from Iraq and Syria, who will share their remarkable stories and music.

Through the generous support of Hillel Alfred University and the David and Elizabeth Miller Guest Artist Series, the public is invited to this free concert.

Journey West is a musical program chronicling the migration of melody through an interactive multi-media performance with a high energy dynamic virtuosic display of multi-instrumental talent which features no less than 15 musical instruments.

It tracks melodies and changing instrumentation beginning in the Middle East, traveling through Eastern to Western Europe, ultimately arriving in the United States. The program illustrates the primary factors in carrying melodies to distant lands: wars, imperialism, nomadic dispersions, mass emigrations due to political oppression, and musical crazes that sweep the globe.

In addition, the group supports and performs with refugee musicians and donates five percent of its income from performance fees and CD sales directly to the United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR) to help thousands of refugees around the globe.

Journey West is collaborating with two refugee musicians: Imad Yassin and Basam Batbouta.