

CONSTANTINOPE

A sixth season to be filed under *travels*

Constantinople offers four concerts that will transport you into the heart of the rich musical traditions of Afghanistan, Iran, Andalusia and the shores of the Mediterranean.

Montreal, august 24th 2007, for immediate release – The 2007/2008 program proposed by the Constantinople ensemble will satisfy lovers of ancient and world music with four great Montreal concerts at the Salle Pierre-Mercure venue in the Centre Pierre-Peladeau. Under Kiya Tabassian's artistic direction, this new season will find Constantinople resuming it's exploration of Mediterranean and ancient musical sources, each concert visiting a different land.

Prestigious guests will be joining Constantinople's musicians – **Kiya Tabassian** (setar), **Ziya Tabassian** (tonbak, dayereh, daf, percussions) and **Saeed Kamjoo** (kamancheh, vielle) – whose performances have been appreciated many times by critics and the general public.

Considered one of the most talented ensembles in Canada, Constantinople will also be touring the province of Quebec as well as performing on several European and North-American stages.

Terra Nostra, their new album recorded under the ATMA label, is now available at all good record stores. With this ninth recording, Constantinople continues it's journey between ancient music and oral traditions in world music, this time visiting 17th century Mexico in company of two masters of the traditional *Son Jarocho* from Veracruz, José Angel Gutiérrez and Teresita de Jesus Islas.

In Montreal

This season's first great departure into the rich musical traditions of Afghanistan, **Perle afghane**, will be featuring a master of rubâb, Hodayun Sakhi, alongside the three soloists from the Constantinople collective. This magical exploration will pull you into the heart of Afghan ragas, closely related to Indian classical music. **Friday, september 21st at 8pm.**

In november, Iranian flutist Hossein Omoumi, who is recognized as one of the greatest ney virtuosos in his country, and the Constantinople musicians will open the doors of the great palaces of Isfahan. Following the recent discovery of ancient manuscripts found in the Ottoman Empire, Central Asia and India, Iranian music is no longer a hidden treasure. **Cercles Migrants** will allow the public to appreciate all of the splendor and refinement of Ancient Persia. **Monday, november 19th at 8pm.**

For the third concert of the season, **Ay!! Amor...**, Constantinople has invited once again the renowned Franco-Moroccan singer **Françoise Atlan** for an evening of *Songs of Love and Women* from the shores of the Mediterranean. This new work is the fruit of an on-going collaboration with this great voice with whom Constantinople performed on the major ancient and world music stages of Europe. **Monday, february 10th at 8pm.**

As a final touch to this sixth season, the warmth and fever of Spain will be displayed in a program entitled **El Grito, el silencio, flamenco of yesterday and today**, with the flamboyant singer from Sevilla, **Rosario La Tremendita**. This important figure of the new generation of flamenco singers will be accompanied by guitarist **José Luis Rodríguez**, who

has worked with Spain's greatest, such as Carmen Linares and Cristina Hoyos. **Friday, may 16th at 8pm.**

On tour

Of the many shows that Constantinople will be giving on tour, let us mention ***Ay!! Amor...***, which will be presented in Europe (Greece, France, Belgium) before it's presentation in Montreal and Toronto (invited by Toronto Consort). Invited by the *Conseil des arts de Montréal*, ***Terra Nostra***, a concert created during the 2005/2006 season, will be visiting seven *Maisons de la Culture* and other Montreal cultural centers as well as being presented in Repentigny and Winnipeg.

Here's a link to some excerpts of Constantinople's recordings:

<http://constantinople.ca/fr/media>

The Centre Pierre-Péladeau is located at 300, de Maisonneuve boulevard east (metro Berri-UQAM).

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