

THE HOLY SOUNDS FOUNDATION

Executive Summary

“HOLY SOUNDS, TOGETHER IN HARMONY” will be an unprecedented MUSICAL interconnection of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim cultures, elevating the spirit of all who participate.

Mission

The HOLY SOUNDS FOUNDATION has been established as a non-profit organization to support the use of devotional, inspirational and traditional music as a universal language to foster education, cooperation and understanding among the three cultures, promoting stronger human relations.

Location

The international headquarters of HOLY SOUNDS FOUNDATION is located at the King Hassan II Pavilion in Seville Spain. The first regional Foundation Action Centers will be located in the Middle East, Far East, Europe, and The United States.

Grants

The Foundation offers financial, logistical and technical support to people and organizations who work to meet these goals.

Grants will be made and facilities provided for educational programs, intercultural activities, etc., both for children and adults. Special emphasis is placed on youth programs, from which will come “the next generation.” Grants are distributed on a global level to universities, music institutions, art venues, public spaces, and deserving individuals. Grants are decided by a panel of musical experts, scholars, composers and performers representing the three cultures.

In addition, the Foundation supports the preservation of devotional and traditional music composition and performances.

The *Holy Sounds Foundation Archive* gathers performances and musical materials throughout the world, creating a unique collection to be made available to the academic world as well as the public.

Educational and Communications Materials

The Foundation also initiates and subsidizes the development and production of educational materials including documentaries, internet sites, literature, etc. for worldwide distribution. The first such project, already in development, is a series of three documentary films entitled “Search for the Holy Sounds.” These historic films will trace the musical paths that each of the three cultures have taken, from their common ancestor Abraham several millennia ago, along their divergent journeys to the present day. The considerable modern impact of traditional and devotional music will at last be fully uncovered.

Musical Convocations

The Holy Sounds Foundation is also developing a series of music convocations and concerts with participants and visitors representing all three cultures, to take place in various cities around the world. The first will be in Italy in late 2002.

The Jerusalem Music Event

Planning is currently underway for the Foundation to host an unprecedented musical event among the three cultures in their common sacred city of Jerusalem.

The finest inspirational and traditional performers and music experts from around the world, representing all three cultures, joined by internationally famous music stars and dignitaries, will rekindle the ancient alliance between music, faith and understanding.

Simultaneously a tri-cultural seminar of experts will be convened in Jerusalem to discuss the continued development of the role of music and the arts in human relations.

To be celebrated as a three-day event, and designed to be renewed every three years, the first HOLY SOUNDS Jerusalem Event will be an historic occasion.

Future Goals

As the Holy Sounds Foundation matures, the mission will likely expand to include other cultures and religions. No matter how embracing the global reach becomes, the emphasis of the Foundation's philanthropy will always be on Music and the Arts - the Foundation's chosen vehicles to achieve closer understanding between diverse cultures.

The Founders

"HOLY SOUNDS, TOGETHER IN HARMONY" and the Holy Sounds Foundation have been envisioned by Mrs. Alfia Kuanysheva and Mr. Timor Kuanyshev.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuanyshev, Muslims from the Republic of Kazakhstan, are the founders of BATT AGRO Ltd., a conglomerate of agribusiness companies that help feed a significant population.

In 1997, the Kuanyshevs first visited Jerusalem. Their impressions of the beautiful, but embattled city were so strong that the couple vowed to find a way to help bring its cultures together. This promise became the seed for the HOLY SOUNDS FOUNDATION, and the impetus to plan the Jerusalem music convocation and concert event.

Supporters

THE HOLY SOUNDS FOUNDATION enjoys the public blessing of Muslim, Christian and Jewish global leaders, as well as the support of a growing list of dignitaries.

PARTIAL LIST OF ENDORSEMENTS:

Mikhail Gorbachev, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. The Head of Gorbachev Foundation, ex-president of USSR

Shimon Peres, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. The Head of The Peres center for Peace, former Prime Minister and Current Foreign Minister of the State of Israel.

His Majesty Hassan II, King of Morocco

Federico Mayor Zaragoza, The Head of Foundation of Culture for Peace, former Director General of UNESCO

PARTIAL LIST OF BLESSINGS:

The Holy Father Pope John Paul II

Sheikh Muhammad Hussein, Mufti of El-Aqsa Mosque

His late beatitude Diodorus I, Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem

Sheikh Akrima Sabri, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and Palestine

Rabbi Eliyahu Bakshi Doron, Chief Rabbi of Israel

Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, Chief Rabbi of Israel

His beatitude Michel Sabah, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

Rabbi David Rosen – Director of Interrelations affairs, American Jewish Committee and President of the World Conference of Religions for Peace

Sheikh Ravil Gaynutdin, Chairman of Russian Muftis Committee.