

The IFC Interfaith Concert

November 5, 2023 | 5pm
Washington Hebrew Congregation



Welcome! We are thrilled to share the richness of our diverse faith traditions through music and dance with you!

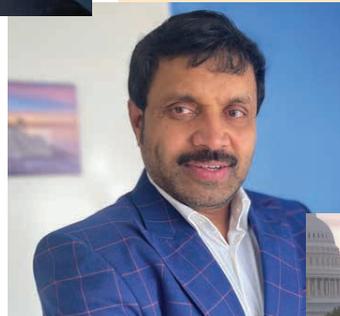
IFC Vision & Mission

We envision a united community, strengthened by its diversity, where people of all faiths and cultures are welcomed and appreciated – and together, build a better society for all.

Our mission is to advance understanding and cooperation across diverse faith traditions and cultures in our nation's capital for the betterment of all.



Special Guest & Keynote Speaker
MD Congressman,
Jamie Raskin



2023 IFC Honoree
Selva Jayaraman



Event Emcee
Bill Scanlan
C-SPAN Journalist

Welcome to Interfaith Council (IFC) of Metropolitan Washington's Annual Interfaith Concert. **And, thank you for believing in the power of 'All Faiths, One Family'.**

Tonight, we have gathered here to celebrate the beauty of diversity, promote understanding, and embrace the harmonious blend of different faiths, cultures, and traditions.

We have an extraordinary lineup of artists, musicians, and performers, each representing their unique faiths and cultural backgrounds. Through their talents, they will transport us to a realm where melodies and rhythms transcend language barriers, and take us on a soul-stirring journey through the beauty of interfaith harmony.

Let us be reminded of the values that underpin all religions – compassion, respect, and empathy. Each of these values reminds us that our differences should be celebrated, not feared.

Through this concert, our hope is to encourage understanding, respect, and the deepening of connections among different faith communities. It is only through dialogue, collaboration, and shared experiences that we can build bridges of mutual respect and foster a more inclusive society.

We hope that this concert will serve as a reminder of our common humanity and how we are all connected by our shared values and regardless of our religious beliefs, ethnicities, or backgrounds, we have the capability to shower love and kindness upon others.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you all and our generous donors, as well as our awesome team of board members: Lee Bachu, Danielle Goldstone, Carrie Marriott, Farzad Aidun, Fr. Charles Cortinovis, Nkoyo Iyamba, Rizwan Jaka and our staff members Suzanne Hirsch and Symi Rom-Rymer for helping make this possible in six weeks.

So, without further ado, let's embark on this journey of unity and togetherness. Let the rhythms of our hearts intertwine, as we embrace the blessings of diversity and celebrate the power of interfaith harmony!



Humbled and honored to lead IFC's 2023 Concert,
Ms. Aman Kaur Shergill, IFC Board



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and get connected!

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Order of Performance

Host Welcome Rabbi Susan Shankman
Washington Hebrew Congregation

Introductory Remarks Imam Talib Shareef
Masjid Muhammad, the Nation's Mosque

Blowing of the Shofar Billie Lieber (*Jewish*)

Welcome from IFC Lee Bachu, *IFC Board President*

National Anthem Hazarika & Shreya Ghosh, (*Hindu*)

Opening Prayer Shreya Ghosh, (*Hindu*)

"Shahnameh" or "The Book of Kings" Written by Persian Poet, Ferdowsi
Performed by the Silk Road Dance Company (*Zoroastrian*)
Recitation by Armin Kiani

Ganesha Kouthvam in Raga Naatai set to Adi Tala
Padma Paadam School of Performing Arts, Inc.
Vid. Thejashwini Ramarao (*Hindu*)

Keynote Speaker MD Congressman Jamie Raskin

Award Presentation Representative Jamie Raskin
Mr. Selva Jayaraman, *Honoree*

Kirtan Sri Harmandir Sahib Academy & the School of Sikh Musicology Maryland
Led by Bhai Sawinder Singh, Former Ragi of Sri Darbar Sahib (Sikh)

Piano Performance Ethan Vinodh & Friends (*Christian*)

Vocal Duet Ashwin Hazarika & Shreya Ghosh

Kasey Martin (Muslim) Masjid Muhammad, the Nation's Mosque

St. Augustine Gospel Choir Mr. Samuel "Eddie" Cromwell (*Roman Catholic*)

**Thank you for blessing us tonight,
performers and guests!**

Reception in the synagogue ballroom, following the concert.

**Special thanks to the
Washington Hebrew Congregation
for graciously hosting this event!**

Best wishes for all future IFC endeavors!
IFC Board Chairperson, Lee Bachu



All Faiths. One Family.



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over the last 40+ years!*

*We also congratulate this year's honoree,
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