Please join the UCSB Middle East Ensemble for its formal Spring concert featuring two extended sets of regional Persian folk songs presented by Bahram Osqueezadeh (UCSB Persian music lecturer) and Special Guests Mitra Khorsandi (vocalist), Siamak Bozorgi (tar, shurangiz, and vocal), and Nadia Sabet (tombak and daf).

The Ensemble will also perform two celebrated Arabic art songs (recorded by Umm Kulthum and Warda) presented by graduating senior Sarah Salem; two Sephardic songs featuring Andrea Fishman; and a Kazakh song by UCSB Kazakh Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Nazerke Doskeldi.

As always, the Ensemble’s Dance Company will perform a wonderful variety of dances, from Egyptian, Greek, and Turkish cultures, and also a Latin-Arab fusion dance, with choreographies by Cris! Basimah; Ellen Chang and Alicia Cordero; Alexandra King; and Karim Nagi. The Ensemble will also present an extended solo cabaret-style dance performed by Madeleine Winterich and a special guest appearance by Ari Marcus.

$15 general | $10 non-UCSB students | $5 UCSB students | Free children under 12

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