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Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture is pleased to announce:

AUDITIONS for the Simon Shaheen All-Star Music Ensemble

in partnership with GAMP School and Kimmel Center

Simon Shaheen

An internationally acclaimed Arab music performer, composer, and instructor, Simon Shaheen tours worldwide as a soloist and with his ensembles. His recordings have won him an international reputation as a leading Arab musician of his generation, receiving the prestigious National Heritage Award in 1994. A master instructor in performance and theory, Shaheen is dedicated to teaching Arab music and passing on his knowledge to the younger generation. He is founder/director of the annual summer Arabic Music Retreat, and has taught at Julliard, Columbia, Harvard, and Cornell, among others, as well as in Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt, and Jordan.



Auditions

Monday, February 8, 2010 - 6pm

at Girard Academic Music Program School, 2136 West Ritner St, Philadelphia, PA 19145

Auditions are open to students in middle/high school or undergraduate college. For application and to receive repertoire for the audition, please contact: Kevin Schott at kschott@albustanseeds.org or 267-809-3668

Jury

The jury committee includes:

- Simon Shaheen: composer, music performer, instructor
- Hanna Khoury: Music Director, Arabesque Music Ensemble
Philadelphia Arab Music Ensemble
- Hafez El Ali Kotain: Master Percussionist, Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture
- Marc Johnson: Director, Kimmel Center Youth Jazz Ensemble
- Vincent Rutland: Director, GAMP High School Jazz Band

Prizes

- Winners will participate in two-day workshops with Shaheen on April 23 and 24
- Winners will perform with Shaheen at Irvine Auditorium
- Cash prize totaling \$500 will be distributed among the winners

Concert

Sunday, April 25, 2010 - 3pm

Irvine Auditorium at University of Pennsylvania, 3417 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

The All-Star Music Ensemble will perform with Shaheen on April 25. The concert will also include performances by the Philadelphia Arab Music Ensemble, GAMP High School Jazz Band, and Kimmel Center Youth Jazz Ensemble.

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Application for Audition
Simon Shaheen All-Star Music Ensemble
Deadline: February 1, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Age: _____ School/College: _____

Instrument: _____ Years played: _____

1. Do you have any experience playing Arab music? If so, what?

2. Do you have any conflicts with the scheduled rehearsal and concert dates?

Rehearsal and Concert Dates:

Friday, April 23, 2010: evening workshop/rehearsal

Saturday, April 24, 2010: all day workshop/rehearsal

Sunday, April 25, 2010: sound check 12pm, concert 3pm

Please return application to:

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