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Mastan Productions & Zaman Productions Proudly Present:

## **HOMAY & THE MASTAN ENSEMBLE Kickoff Their North American Tour 2010 At Walt Disney Concert Hall With "Soldiers/Sarbazan" Sunday, August 15, 2010 -Los Angeles**



LOS ANGELES, CA-July 19, 2010—The highly acclaimed Iranian musical phenomenon **Homay and the Mastan Ensemble** return to Walt Disney Concert Hall for the third consecutive year on **August 15, 2010** at **7 p.m.** to perform the latest compositions by **Parvaz Homay**.

The Ensemble's performance of Homay's operetta "Moses and the Shepherd" at Walt Disney Concert Hall last year was followed by sold-out performances throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe to enthusiastic audiences. The group returns to North America with "**Soldiers/Sarbazan**", armed with new and soul-stirring messages of transformation, hoping to raise awareness and compassion.

Throughout their world tours over the past three years, **Homay and the Mastan Ensemble** have performed at some of the most renowned stages, including *Walt Disney Concert Hall* in Los Angeles, *Lincoln Center* in New York City, *Strathmore* in Washington, D.C. and *Roy Thomson Hall* in Toronto, Canada and continue to be invited back to these concert halls.

**Parvaz Homay**, founder of **Homay and the Mastan Ensemble**, always strives to push the bar higher by bringing innovation to his music and showcases classical Persian music on the global music scene to help gain the recognition this musical tradition deserves. He is working on several unique musical projects and collaborative efforts and hopes to bring these to fruition in the near future.

Before kicking off their world tour in 2010, **Parvaz Homay** traveled to various parts of the world seeking inspiration for his new compositions, a number of which he will be performing with the Ensemble on the tour. His journey took him to Africa where he sought to connect with nature in preparation for his next concert tour whose theme will be wildlife and environmental protection, and which he will perform accompanied by some of today's greatest international artists.

**Homay and the Mastan Ensemble** will continue their North American Tour, following their Los Angeles performance, in the following cities:

- **San Francisco** – Palace of Fine Arts – August 21
- **San Diego** - Museum of Contemporary Art – August 28
- **Houston** - Morris Cultural Art Center – September 4
- **Dallas** - Eisemann Center – September 5
- **Miami** - Gusman Center for the Performing Arts – September 10
- **Orlando** - The Plaza Theatre – September 12
- **Atlanta** - Ferst Center for the Arts – September 18

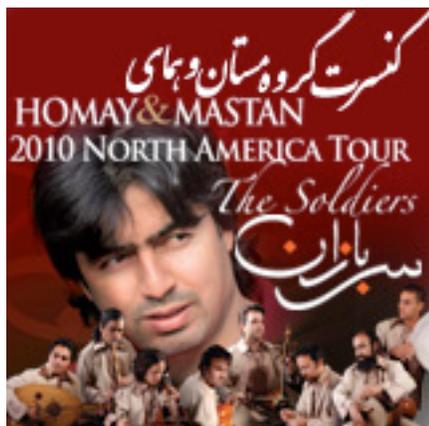
- **Washington** - The Music Center of Strathmore – September 19
- **New York** – Lincoln Center – September 24
- **Chicago** - University of Chicago – September 26
- **Toronto** - Roy Thomson Hall – October 3
- **Montreal** - Théâtre Maisonneuve – October 8
- **Vancouver** - Orpheum Theatre – October 16

**Tickets and tour details** may be found at [www.zamanproductions.com](http://www.zamanproductions.com) and [www.homaymasthan.com](http://www.homaymasthan.com).

Media representatives are encouraged to share the message of these talented artists who have had to overcome many obstacles in pursuit of their passion and whose travel to the United States has been made possible by the generous supporters of Persian traditions and music. Samples of their music are available upon request.

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#### **About Hoday & The Mastan Ensemble**

Founded in 2005 by Parvaz Hoday, The Mastan Ensemble has become one of the most prominent traditional Persian music groups in Iran. Only in his twenties, Hoday is an exceptional classical artist who composes music, writes his own lyrics, sings and produces his work. His ensemble consists of eight virtuoso Iranian musicians. Their first U.S. performance was a sold-out concert at Walt Disney Concert Hall on July 3, 2008, followed by other successful performances in the U.S., Canada and Europe. Following the path of some of the greatest Iranian poets, Hoday's poetry carries a universal political and social message of peace and harmony. Rhythmic, uplifting and mesmerizing, The Mastan Ensemble plays traditional Persian music in a way that has never been heard before.

**Parvaz Hoday;** vocals  
**Sina Jahanabadi;** kamancheh  
**Pasha Hanjani;** ney  
**Azad Mirzapour;** tar  
**Alireza Mehdizadeh;** gheychak  
**Mahmood Nozari;** santoor  
**Ali Pajooheshgar;** oud  
**Sahab Torbati;** tonbak  
**Esfandiar Shahmir;** daf

#### **About Zaman Productions**

Zaman Productions started operations in 1990 and since then has produced many great musical and theatrical events in San Diego as well as across California and the U.S. Among other Persian classical music artists, Zaman has produced such luminaries as M. R. Lotfi, M.R. Shajarian, H. Alizadeh, H. Omoumi, Sh. Nazeri, Parisa, K. Kalhor, and the first ever San Diego appearance of the Dastan Ensemble with Bijan and Pashang Kamkar.



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