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An evening of joy in Detroit



It was an event by the choir of joy, and joy was the event! Over thousand people, with some coming from Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Montreal, and Toronto, Cincinnati, Grand Rapids, Flint, Ann Arbor, and Windsor gathered last Friday night for a reception and recital by the children choir of Jawqet al-Farah at the Silver Garden Theatre in Detroit.



University presidents, federal judges, diplomatic corps, mayors, religious and public leaders were all there to listen to those little angels from Syria. The children were up to the challenge, and they simply excelled! They sang religious and secular songs, Christian and Muslim ones, modern and traditional songs, with phenomenal harmony between the choir and the audience! And at the end they touched the heart of everyone when they spontaneously sang the Syrian Anthem. Everyone who spoke Arabic in the audience was singing with the choir *Humat Al Dyari*, Lebanese more than Syrians, with tears in the eyes of many! The comment I heard most at the end of the recital was: *Those little children made us feel proud to be Arab and to be Syrians!*

The choir – 118 boys and girls- brought with it from Syria a simple and important message of living in peace with each other through reaching out to the hearts of people around the world with music and song message.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Arab organization: ASACA, ACC, ACCESS and Nadi-N-Nahdda, and all the Antiochian churches in Detroit area that contributed towards the success of the event. Also I would like to thank all the individuals who put time and effort to make this event happened. I am proud to tell you that with the generosity of the Syrian community in Detroit we were able to cover all the expenses of the choir stay and performance in Detroit.

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