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## "Echoes from Ugarit" Malek Jandali Life in Detroit



Award-winning pianist, Malek Jandali, was born in Germany to Syrian parents in 1972. He started his piano studies at the Jugendmusikschule, and then continued at the Music Conservatory and the High Institute of Music in Damascus. There, he studied under Vladimir Zaritski and Victor Bunin of the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory.

His musical career as a concert pianist began in 1988, after winning the first prize at the National Young Artists' competition. Active as a performer for many years, he decided to shift his attention to composition. Malek developed a special interest in near Eastern music and the ancient music of Syria. He began to integrate Arabic "maqams" or modes with Western harmonies in his music. This led to his current project, "Echoes from Ugarit", based on the music of Ugarit, the oldest musical notation in the world, dating back to 3400 B.C. He recorded the album with the Russian Philharmonic Orchestra in Moscow.



In 2009, Malek was invited to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Cairo Opera House with the Cairo Symphony Orchestra. His current concert tour this year begins at the Opera House in Damascus with the Syrian National Symphony Orchestra conducted by maestro Sergey Kondrashev. He will continue the tour with concerts in Beirut, Dubai, Cairo, Istanbul and a finale with the Ludwig Symphony Orchestra and Pacific Symphony Orchestra in the United States.

We are very proud and excited that Malek has graciously accepted our invitation to perform for the first time in Detroit in support for the Syrian Society for Social Development. The event will take place at the Detroit Institute of Art on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Reception at 6:30pm at the Islamic Art Gallery (use Woodward entrance); dinner, program, and concert will follow at 7:30 pm at Kresge Court in the DIA.

To purchase tickets for the event please print this [form](#) and mail it with your payment.

Hope many of you can join us for this unique event.

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