Directed by Scott Marcus, the UCSB Middle East Ensemble will present its annual winter concert, featuring special guests Bahram Osqueezadeh (UCSB Persian music lecturer) who will lead the Ensemble in three Persian songs in celebration of Persian New Year with guest vocalist Siamak Bozorgi, and Besnik Yzeiri (a first-year DMA student from Albania specializing in viola) who will present a rousing solo. The ensemble will also present a traditional suite of Arab vocal and instrumental music, featuring Sam Khattar as solo vocalist, a Sephardic song featuring Andrea Fishman, vocals, and three Turkish songs (by Pir Sultan Abdal, c.1480-1550; Zeki Müren, 1931-1996; and a folk song from the Ankara region) with Kristin Spalding and Natalie Bartlett, vocalists.

As always, the ensemble’s Dance Company will perform a wonderful variety of dances, from Arab and Persian cultures, with choreographies by Cris! Basimah, Laurel Victoria Gray, and Shahrzad Khorsandi. The ensemble will also present a veil dance performed by Cris!’s beginner students.

Scott Marcus, Founder & Director
Sue Rudnicki, Director of the Ensemble’s percussion section
Cris! Basimah, Director of the Ensemble’s Dance Company

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