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Sunday, October 14 at Toronto Centre For The Arts AFRICAN, JEWISH & ISMAILI MUSLIM MUSICIANS UNITE IN WALK TOGETHER CHILDREN, OCTOBER 14

Denise Williams Walk Together Children

Musicians, dancers, and other artists from African, Jewish and Muslim diasporas join forces for a joyful sharing of their cultural traditions in *Walk Together Children*, an afternoon of music, dance, readings and visual art, Sunday, October 14 at 3 p.m. in the George Weston Recital Hall, Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge Street (North York City Centre subway).

Tickets, \$55; children, students, seniors and freelance artists \$30, are now on sale at all Civic Theatres Toronto Box Offices and via Ticketmaster, www.ticketmaster.ca, phone 1-855-985-ARTS (2787). More information is available at www.denisewilliamssoprano.com/walk-together-children, as well as at www.facebook.com/WalkTogetherChildrenToronto, twitter.com/wtctoronto2018, and www.instagram.com/walktogetherchildren.

The concert – featuring songs of joy, longing, inspiration and humour in many languages – is headlined by Antiguan-born soprano **Denise Williams**, who has developed a following over two decades for the Black-and-Jewish versions of *Walk Together Children* she created as a way to bring together the two communities. These widely performed concerts were showcased most recently last fall in Stratford, and were the basis for her much lauded 2006 CD of the same title.

"We are tremendously excited to extend our scope this fall to Ismaili Muslims and beyond," she said. "As an artist, it moves me just as much to learn the music of other cultures as to present that of my own. And with this array of well known artists, we know it will be an exceptional performance!"

Joining Williams will be pianists Brahm Goldhamer and Nina Shapilsky, percussionists Sam Donkoh and Daniel Barnes, clarinetist Ben MacDonald, and the Toronto Ismaili Muslim Youth Choir and Dancers, directed by Adrian Savin and Salima Dhanani. Guests include tenor Mitch Smolkin, pianist Babak Naseri, and dancer Shakeil Rollock. M.C. is dub poet Clifton Joseph, Canada's First Nations will also be represented, with singer/songwriter Aqua Nibii Waawaaskone opening the afternoon. A pop-up exhibition by Art Ignite will add a visual arts component.

The event dovetails with the Diamond Jubilee of His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan, and his aspiration for global pluralism: that the peoples of the world collaborate and learn from one another, and live together in peace.

Walk Together Children is presented by the Children of Abraham Collective under the aegis of No Strings Theatre in partnership with North York Arts (NYA). The Collective comprises soprano Denise Williams, educator Salima Dhanani of the Toronto Ismaili Muslim Youth Choir, and arts publicist Linda Litwack.

Tax receiptable donations are welcome. Details on contributing will be posted on the website.

The Children of Abraham Collective presents WALK TOGETHER CHILDREN: A Cross-Cultural Concert Celebration

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Pronunciations:

(Adrian) Savin – SAV-in Salima Dhanani – sa-LEE-ma da-NAH-nee (Mitch) Smolkin – SMOL-kin Babak Naseri – BAH-bak NAH-sair-ee Aqua Nibii Waawaaskone – AH –kwa nib-EE-ee waw-waas-KOH-nay





