

## Turkish Masters Welcomed to the Aga Khan Museum

*Concert by Erkan Oğur and Ismail Hakkı Demircioğlu Just Announced*

**Toronto, March 7, 2016** – The Aga Khan Museum and Turkuaz TV, Canada’s only Turkish community television program, co-present two exceptional musicians from Turkey: Erkan Oğur, pioneer of the fretless guitar, and Ismail Hakkı Demircioğlu, master of *saz* and guitar. Taking place **Friday, April 1, 2016 at 8:30 pm** in the Museum’s auditorium, the performance is an exciting complement to the Aga Khan Museum’s current exhibition *A City Transformed: Images of Istanbul Then and Now*, for which Turkuaz TV is media partner. For those wishing to enhance their experience of Turkish culture, a themed dinner showcasing Turkish cuisine will be offered at Diwan, the Museum’s restaurant headed by master chef Mark McEwan.

For over two decades, Erkan Oğur and Ismail Hakkı Demircioğlu have been interpreting the ancient songs of Anatolia using traditional musical instruments (*saz*, *baglama* lute) and modern ones (guitar). They have toured extensively in Turkey and abroad, and collaborated on two albums (*Gülün Kokusu Vardı*, 1998 and *Anadolu Beşik*, 2000). Their concert at the Aga Khan Museum will showcase new and previously released music that has its earliest origins in the 14th century.

Tickets for the April 1 performance are available at [agakhanmuseum.org](http://agakhanmuseum.org) and by calling 416.646.4677. Tickets for the pre-show dinner may be added to performance tickets or purchased separately. Gallery hours will be extended for ticket holders, permitting exclusive access to the exhibition *A City Transformed: Images of Istanbul Then and Now* and Collections gallery before the performance.

**The Aga Khan Museum** in Toronto, Canada has been established and developed by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC), which is an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN). The Museum’s mission is to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the contribution that Muslim civilizations have made to world heritage.

**Turkuaz TV** is a weekly 30-minute program with a focus on the Turkish community in Ontario. Broadcasting on OMNI 1 for more than a decade, the Turkish-language program includes community news, interviews, coverage of social issues, multicultural education, and lifestyle segments as well as music videos.

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