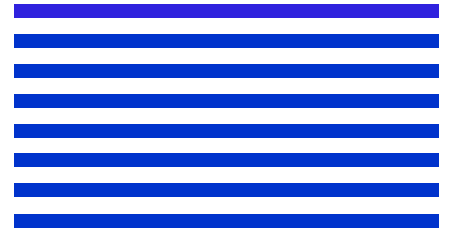


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EID AT NEW ZEALAND PARLIMENT

7th April Simurgh Music had the honour of performing at the New Zealand Parliament in celebration of Eid al-Fitr.

MULTICULTURAL NOWRUZ

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WELCOME TO THE FIRST SIMURGH MUSIC NEWSLETTER!

We're thrilled to share with you the very first edition of Simurgh Music's newsletter — a space to celebrate our journey, highlight cultural achievements, and keep you connected with the vibrant Iranian community across Aotearoa. It's also a platform to showcase our collaborations with other cultures and communities, reflecting the inclusive spirit of Simurgh.

In this issue, we reflect on recent highlights, including our performance at the New Zealand Parliament for Eid al-Fitr, and the Multicultural Nowruz celebration we co-hosted with the University of Canterbury Iranian Society. We also proudly introduce our newly formed youth group, dedicated to preserving and performing traditional Persian melodies.

SIMURGH'S YOUTH GROUP

At the beginning of this year, Simurgh Music proudly founded a youth group focused on learning and performing traditional Persian melodies

Eid at Parliament

We were honoured to be invited by the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, through Hisham Eldai, to perform at the New Zealand Parliament for the Eid al-Fitr celebration. Representing Simurgh Music, our group performed a beautiful fusion piece titled “Alnoor – Deilaman”, blending Persian and Arabic musical traditions. It was a moving experience to share our culture in such a meaningful setting, with community leaders, diplomats, and Members of Parliament — including Hon. Mark Mitchell — in attendance, all gathered to celebrate unity, diversity, and the spirit of Eid.



Multicultural Nowruz in Christchurch

On April 12th, Simurgh Music, in collaboration with the University of Canterbury Iranian Society (UCIS), hosted a vibrant Multicultural Nowruz celebration at Haere-roa, UCSA. The event brought together around 250 participants from diverse backgrounds to welcome the Persian New Year. The evening featured performances by Simurgh Music group, the Kazakh groups, and Afghan communities — all celebrating the shared cultural heritage of Nowruz through music, poetry, and dance. It was a joyful and unifying night, filled with colour, rhythm, and community spirit.

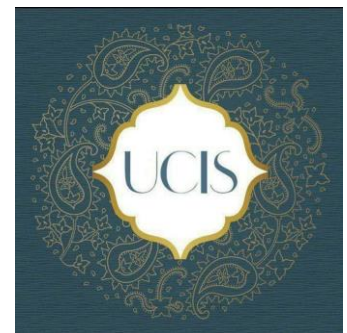


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Simurgh Music is an inclusive cultural group that brings together diverse musical traditions from Persian, Turkish, Arabic, and Indian heritage. Through performance, education, and collaboration with community groups such as UCIS, we aim to celebrate unity in diversity, foster cultural exchange, and pass on the beauty of these rich traditions to future generations.



UPCOMING EVENTS

19 APRIL

UCIS Game night at
UC undercroft 101.
Event starts at 7:00PM

20 APRIL

Family walk (Pasakh)
Track to be
confirmed
Every Sunday at
10:00AM

15,18 APRIL

Persian Zurkhaneh
group excersie. starts
at 6:20PM at
Fendalton Centre

26 APRIL

UCIS Cinema Club
at UC Rehua, Room
529 Event starts at
6:00PM

