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THE
**ABRAHAMIC
SYMPHONY**
PEACE | LOVE | TOLERANCE

3 COMPOSERS | 1 ORCHESTRA | 6 CHOIRS | 7 VOCALISTS | 12 SOLOISTS

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1. Earth

Composed by **Ihab Darwish**

Lyrics by **Lebo M**

2. Peace

Composed by **David Shire**

Text compiled by: **Rabbi William Cutter**, Phd, and **David Shire**

- i. *And They Shall Beat Their Swords*, Traditional
- ii. *Jerusalem* by **Yehuda Amichai**
- iii. *We Shall Be As Dreamers Again* by **Herbert Levine**
- iv. *My Child Smells of Peace* by **Yehuda Amichai**
- v. *Everlasting Light Violin Concertina*
- vi. *I, May I Rest In Peace* by **Yehuda Amichai**
- vii. *Hinei Ma Tov Variations*, Traditional
- viii. *The Light of Peace* by **David Shire**
- ix. *Everlasting Light* by **Sheldon Harnick**

3. Love

Composed by **John Debney**

Text Traditional

Hymn to The Father, poem by **John Donne**

4. Tolerance

Composed by **Ihab Darwish**

Text compiled by **Mahmoud El-Tohamy**

Wuleda Al Huda Fal Kaenatu Diyaa, poem by **Ahmed Shawqi**

Asbaktu Kabilan Kul Soraten poem by **Mohyi El Deen Bin Arabi**

Lyrics *Iqraa Ya Nabiya Allah* by **Mahmoud El-Tohamy**



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Artistic Directors
Ihab Darwish & Robert Townson

Commissioned and Produced by **Abu Dhabi Festival**
Produced by **Robert Townson, Ihab Darwish, Zofia Jeziorna, Huda Al-Khamis Kanoo**

Orchestra: **Beethoven Academy Orchestra** with **Elham Al Marzooqi** as special guest artist (cello, UAE)
Conducted by **Diego Navarro**
Recording Engineer: **Dennis Sands**, Sound Waves SB, Santa Barbara.
Location Engineer: **Łukasz Kurzawski**
Recorded at Cavatina Hall, Bielsko-Biała, Poland. March 28, 29 and 30, 2022

Mixed by **Dennis Sands** and **Stoyan Stoyanov**
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Royal Scottish National Orchestra Chorus (80 voices)
Choir Director: **Gregory Batsleer**
Recorded by **Hedd Morfett-Jones**
Recorded at **Scotland's Studio**, Glasgow, Scotland. April 30, 2022

Antonine University Choir, Lebanon (28 voices)
Choir Director: **Toufic Maatouk**
Recorded by **Ralph Sleiman**
Recorded at **Studio Ralph Suleiman**, Beirut, Lebanon. July 19-25, 2022



Composed by **Ihab Darwish**
Lyrics by **Lebo M**

Vocal: **Lebo M**
Recorded by **Thando Magwaza**
Recorded at **Howard Audio**. Bryanston, South Africa. February 23, 2022.

Soprano: **Sumi Jo**
Recorded by **Jin Choi**
Recorded at **Studio Sempre La Musica Seoul**, South Korea. August 13, 2022,

Bass Flute, Flute: **Sara Andon**
Recorded by **Gabe Burch** at **Sara Andon Studio**. Los Angeles, USA. April 20, 2022.

Cello: **Tina Guo**
Recorded by **Tina Guo** at **Tina Guo Studio**. Los Angeles, USA. July 6, 2022.

Duduk: **Pedro Eustache**
Recorded by **Pedro Eustache** at **Pedro Eustache Studio**. Los Angeles, USA. May 6 and 7, 2022.

Royal Scottish National Orchestra Chorus
Lebo's South African Choir (30 voices)
Recorded by **Thando Magwaza**
Recorded at **Howard Audio**. Bryanston, South Africa. February 23, 2022.
Antonine University Choir

Very special thanks to **Gehad Darwish & Zofia Jeziorna**

EARTH MOVEMENT



IHAB DARWISH EARTH

Lyrics by
LEBO M

(i) Introduction 00:00 - 01:30

Solo: Mmmmhh

Choir: A-ahaah-aaa

Choir: Ndibon'ukuthi andiqondi
Ndiphamandla

Children's Choir: Ndibon'ukuthi andiqondi

Choir: Ndiphamandla Ndibon'ukuthi
andiqondi

Children's Choir: Ndibon'ukuthi...

Choir: Ndibon'ukuthi andiqondi
Ndiphamandla

Children's Choir: Ndibon'ukuthi...

Solo: Thixo Somandla...

Thixo Somandla yiba nofefe kuthi
Ndibon'ukuthi
Ndibon'ukuthi!

Choir & Children: Moya! Moya!
Moya moya, moya!

Solo: Moya wam wooo
Ndibonise
Moya wam
ndincamile
Ndiqondise

Solo: Mmmmhh

Choir: A-ahaah-aaa

Choir: Please give me strength while I try to
find my way through thy righteous path

Children's Choir:: Show me the way

Choir: Please give me strength while I try to
find my way through thy righteous path)

Children's Choir:: Show me the way

Choir: Please give me strength while I try to
find my way through thy righteous path)

Children's Choir:: Show me the way

Solo: Lord Almighty...

Lord Almighty have mercy upon us
Show us the light
Show us the way

Choir & Children:
Spirit, essence of me

Solo: Essence of me, I am slowly losing
strength, show me the way

(ii) Creation 01:31 - 02:31

(iii) The Arrival 02:32 - 03:40

(iv) Lost Soul 03:41 - 06:58

Choir: Thixo wam
Iba no fefe

Choir:
Heavenly father,
have mercy on me

Solo: Thixo wam
Thixo wam
Thixo wam
Tata Yiba nofefe kuthi

Solo: Lord
Almighty
have
mercy
upon us

Choir: Thixo bawo
Thixo bawo
Zono zam ndincamile
Yiba nofefe

Choir: I am
overwhelmed by
my wrong doings...
my soul is giving in

Choir: Hear my cry,
feel my pain, more I
try, more it feels in
vain

Choir: Hear my
cry, feel my pain,
more I try, more
it feels in vain

Need your light, hear
my prayer, father hear
my heart

Need your light,
hear my prayer,
father hear my heart

(v) Conflicts of Man 06:59 - 08:06

Choir: Tarhu bawo
Tarhu Bawo yiba nofefe
Tarhu Bawo yiba nofefe
Zono zam ndincamile
Yiba no-fefe

Choir: Lord
Almighty please
do have mercy
upon us. Lord
Almighty please do
have mercy upon
us

Yemmmh

Choir: Tarhu Bawo yiba nofefe
Choir: Ngqondo yam'ayiqondi
Ngqondo yam'ayiqondi
Ngqondo yam'ayiqondile
Ngqondo yam'ayiqondile

Solo: Awu Faku
Nyawuza
Thahla
Ka Ndayeni
'hlamba ngobubende Amanzi
ekhona

(vi) The Father of Three 08:07 - 09:04

Ngeji
Ye mmmh!
Solo: Thyini maan
Ntonga zoTata
Xesha liqondile
Liqondile
Mhlobo wam
Nyamezela
Liqondile

Yemmmh

Choir: I am overwhelmed by my
wrong doings – my soul is giving in
Choir: My mind is conflicted
My mind is conflicted
My mind is conflicted
My mind is conflicted

Solo: Awu Faku
Nyawuza
Thahla
Ka Ndayeni
'hlamba ngobubende Amanzi
ekhona

Ngeji
Ye mmmh!
Solo: Thyini maan
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