

CLARENDON EVENTS

MYSTICAL MUSIC FROM ASIA

7.30PM SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2011

THE LONDON UYGHUR ENSEMBLE

The UK's first locally-based group, in connection with SOAS, perform the music and dance of the Central Asian Uyghurs. The Uyghurs live mainly in the large desert and mountain region of northwest China now known as Xinjiang. Rahima Mahmut's thrilling vocals are accompanied by an ensemble of long-necked lutes, spike fiddle and frame drum. This easternmost example of the *maqām* traditions of the Islamic world, with its limping rhythms and ecstatic poetry, is deeply imbued with the Sufi ethos.



PIANO MUSIC OF GURDJIEFF/DE HARTMANN *'ASIAN SONGS AND RHYTHMS'*

From 'Music for the Piano' Volume 1 this celebratory music for piano and frame drum from the extraordinary collaboration of Gurdjieff and Thomas de Hartmann evokes the atmosphere of the peoples of the Near East and Central Asia. The pieces are a kind of 'travel sketch' filled with the haunting mystery and allure of the aurally transmitted culture which Gurdjieff heard on his journeys and either quoted literally or recreated in the idiom of the location. The performance will be given by London Gurdjieff Society musicians.

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