

## Silk Road Festival Unveils Concert Program

STAFFORD, Texas/ Sept. 12, 2012/ -- The First Silk Road festival is set to kick off on October 4 at the Stafford Center, South of Houston. The four-day event will bring together hundreds of musicians, dancers and artisans from the six participating countries along the historic trade route in Eurasia.

The live performances will range from popular world music stars, as well as international pop idols and award-winning folk-dancing groups. The festival will also feature life-size exhibits of famous landmarks, a market with 120 stands selling regional foods and crafts and demonstrations by craftsmen of traditional arts like weaving, calligraphy and jewelry-making.

### The Program:

Friday, October 5 -- Omar Faruk Tekbilek, the master of mystical music who specializes in the ney (a traditional flute), and other wind and percussion instruments.

Saturday, October 6 -- The TURKSOY Regional Youth Chamber Orchestra performing classical Turkic music.

Sunday, October 7 -- Rafet El Roman, a live-performance by chart-topping Turkish pop star and recording artist.

Throughout the festival there will also be performances by FOMGET, an internationally-acclaimed folk group from Turkey showcasing regional dances and costumes.

The six participating countries are Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Tickets for the festival can be purchased from the Silk Road Festival website at [www.silkroadfestival.org](http://www.silkroadfestival.org) or at the festival.

### One-Day Admission Prices:

Adults: \$10.00

Kids (Ages 7 - 12): \$6.00

Kids (Under 6): FREE

Seniors (Ages 60 and older): \$9.00

Military Personnel: \$9.00

### Multiple-Day Admission Prices:

Adults: \$15.00  
Kids (Ages 7 - 12): \$9.00  
Kids (Under 6): FREE  
Seniors (Ages 60 and older): \$13.00  
Military Personnel: \$9.00

For more information about the festival visit [www.silkroadfest.org](http://www.silkroadfest.org) email at [silkroadfest@silkroadfest.com](mailto:silkroadfest@silkroadfest.com).

#### About the Sponsor

The Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE) is an independent umbrella organization committed to advancing interaction among American, Turkish, Turkic and Eurasian people. Their mission is to foster educational, academic and business relationships within these communities by organizing events and activities within the United States. TCAE has hosted task forces, executive forums, luncheons, conferences, studies and seminars bringing together diverse communities, regardless of their ethnicity or religion. For more information visit [www.turquoisecouncil.org](http://www.turquoisecouncil.org).