

# Reza Filsoofi

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Musician based in the USA and Iran.

Teaching and Playing Daf, Tonbak, Setar, and Santur since 1998.

## Education

### **2000-2001**

Advanced studies in Setar under Master Masoud Shaari, Kamkar Music Institution, Tehran, Iran.

### **1998-2001**

Advanced studies in Tonbak under Masters Naser Fargangfar and Arash Fargangfar, Tehran, Iran.

### **1997**

A.S. in Textile Engineering, Kashan Azad University, Kashan, Iran.

### **1994-1997**

Advanced studies in Daf Magham under Mehrdad Karim Khavari, Chavosh Institution, Tehran, Iran.

Advanced Studies in Daf (Kurdish and Sufi Magham) under Sadegh Tariff Supervision, Tehran, Iran.

### **1985-1987**

Studies in Santoor and Radif under Masters Mohammad Javad Zarabian and Hossein Malek, Sama Music Institution and Malek Music Institution, Tehran, Iran.

## Selected Solo Performances

### **2024**

Window on the World (WOW) Festival, Tennessee Tech, Cookeville, TN.

### **2023**

Festival of Light in Collaboration with the Global Education Center, Dark Horse Theater, Nashville, TN.

### **2022**

Iranian Sufi Music Performance, Festival of Lights, Darkhorse Theater, Nashville TN.

### **2021**

Iranian Music Performance, Festival of Lights, Father Ryan High School, Nashville TN.

Iranian Music Presentation and Performance, Global Education Center, Nashville TN.

Iranian Music Performance with Reza Filsoofi Via Zoom, Mandel Public Library of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach, FL.

Poetry and Music with Reza Filsoofi, Iranian Women in Network, San Francisco, CA.

### **2020**

In the Celebration of Yalda, Performance via Zoom, Iranian Dental Association of Ontario, Ontario, Canada

### **2019**

Melodies of Iran: An Introduction to the Iranian Music, Talk/Performance, Department of Music, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA.

"Didar O Gofar" in association with Persian American Association in Tampa Bay, Persian American Association Center, Tampa, FL.

**2018**

Culture Fest 305, History Miami Museum, Miami, FL.

**2017**

Asian Festival (Spice& Food Park), Homestead, FL.

**2015**

*1001 Nights*, Micro Theater, Miami, FL.

**2013**

For the Iranian American Foundation at Stephen Clark Government Center, Miami, FL.

Iranian Cultural Society, Presenting Moniro Ravanipour, Florida International University, Miami, FL.

**2012**

Center for Middle East Studies, Aslan Media, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

**2011**

Asian Festival (Spice& Food Park), Homestead, FL.

**2008**

Asian Festival (Spice& Food Park), Homestead, FL.

**2003**

Iranian Festival, West Palm Beach, FL.

Asian Festival (Spice& Food Park), Homestead, FL.

Iranian Music Performance in Conjunction with Shirin Neshat Solo Exhibition, Miami Art Museum of Art, Miami, FL.

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**Selected Group Performances and Concerts**

**2024**

"The Resonance of the Lands Group Performance" in Nashville Without Borders Event, City Winery, Nashville, TN.

"Caravanserai Festival", In Collaboration with Global Education Center, Darkhorse Theater, Nashville, TN.

**2023**

"A Fabric of Sound": A multifaceted concert featuring instrumental music, operatic song, and rhythmic poetry, in collaboration with Daniel Artite, Dark Horse Theater, Nashville, TN.

"Shehzade in Exile": A collaborative performance with Sangeetha Ekambaram and Jennifer McGuire, Frist Museum of Art, Nashville, TN.

Nowruz Celebration: In collaboration with Afghan musicians Shafiq and Zaid, Casa Azafran, Nashville, TN.

Benefit Concert for Iranian Musician Yasaman Najmedin, Global Education Center, Nashville, TN.

Sufi Concerts at Sivananda Ashram with Maestro Davod Azad, Nassau, Bahamas.

**2022**

Global Education Center Birthday Bash with Charlie Gilbert and Carlos Duran, Father Ryan High School, Nashville, TN.

Nowruz Concert with Caravanserai Students, MetroArt Thrive Project Finale Concert, featuring Charlie Gilbert and Carlos Duran, Casa Azafran, Nashville, TN.

Iranian Music Performance with Charlie Gilbert, OZ Arts, Nashville, TN.

Window on the World Festival with Charlie Gilbert and Carlos Duran, Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN.  
Iranian Music Performance with Carlos Duran, Sofar Nashville, Nashville, TN.

Nowruz Celebration Concert with Charlie Gilbert and Carlos Duran, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN.

Nowruz Celebration Concert, Austin Peay University, Clarksville, TN.

## **2019**

"Melodies", Susana Behar Ensemble, Musi mélange, The M Building, Miami, FL.

Persian Sufi Concert with Maestro Davod Azad, Sivananda Ashram Yoga Center, Paradise Island, Bahamas.

Music with Susana Behar and Reza Filsoofi, Miami Limmud Youth Program, FIU Kovens Conference Center, Miami, FL.

Performance and Discussion about Persian Music with Reza Filsoofi and Hussein Fathi, FIU Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performance Arts Center, Miami, FL.

Caravan Ensemble, Yalda Night Celebration, FIU Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performance Arts Center, Miami, FL.

"Found in Translations" with JP Soars and Alfered Jahanforuz, ASOFAR – Fort Lauderdale, Art Serve, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Caravan Ensemble, History Miami Museum Residency Sponsorship and Miami Dade Live Art, Miami, FL.

## **2018**

"The Night of Kurdistan" at the Iranian Cultural Society, Florida International University, Miami, FL.

Performance with Trio Fez, SOFAR – Fort Lauderdale, FAT Village, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

"Persian Classical Performance" with Namaad Ensemble at the 12th Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, UC Irvine, CA.

"Presenting Iran", in collaboration with Roshana Nofret, organized by Nityananda Yoga Center at the World of the Dance Scottish Rite, Miami, FL.

"Persian Classical Performance" with Mojgan Shajarian and Amir Nojan, Art Serve, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

"Persian Classical Performance" with Mojgan Shajarian and Amir Nojan, Carrollwood Cultural Center, Tampa, FL.

"Persian Sufi Concert" with Maestro Davod Azad at the Sivananda Ashram Yoga Center, Paradise Island, Bahamas.

Caravan Ensemble, Celebration of Yalda Night by the Iranian American Foundation, South Campus, Florida International University, Miami, FL.

## **2017**

Caravan Ensemble at Lantana Library, Lake Worth, FL.

Indigo Dreamers Band at Art After Dark, Norton Museum, Palm Beach, FL.

Caravan Ensemble at the Asian Festival (Food and Spice Park), Homestead, FL.

"Persian Sufi Concert" with Maestro Davod Azad, Sivananda Ashram Yoga Center, Paradise Island, Bahamas.

"Tasnif Khani" with Kourosh Taghavi, Iranian Cultural Society, Florida Atlantic University, North Campus, Miami, FL.

"Tasnif Khani" with Kourosh Taghavi, Persian American Association in Tampa Bay, Keiser University, Tampa, FL.

Kaveh Piano Band at Bayanihan Arts and Events Center, Tampa, FL.

Collaboration with Pouya Pourtahmsabi, SOFAR- Fort Lauderdale, Blooming Bean Coffee Roasters, Pompano Beach, FL.

Caravan Ensemble, Celebration of Yalda Night by the Iranian American Foundation, Florida International University, South Campus, Miami, FL.

## **2016**

Hijaz Trio at the Nowruz Celebration, Iranian Cultural Society, Florida International University, North Campus, Miami, FL.

"Adio Kerido Sefard" with Susana Behar and Jose Luis de la Paz, School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University, South Campus, Miami, FL.

Performance with Susana Behar and Jose Luis de la Paz at the Florida Folk Festival, White Springs, FL.

Music and Art After Dark with Susana Behar & Jose Luis de la Paz, Norton Museum, Palm Beach, FL.

Performance with Susana Behar and Jose Luis de la Paz, featuring Ian Maskin at the Atlanta Sacred Music Festival, Atlanta, GA.

Performance with Mahan & Golnar, Graham Center Ballroom, Florida International University, South Campus, Miami, FL.

Armenian Iranian Concert with Joe Zeytoonian and Miriam Eli, Art at St. John Church, North Miami Beach, FL.

## **2015**

Armenian Iranian Concert with Joe Zeytoonian and Miriam Eli, North Campus, Florida International University, Miami, FL.

Trio Fez at Art After Dark, Norton Museum, Palm Beach, FL.

"Old Table Clock" Musical Play in collaboration with Soheila Ghodstinat & Roshana Nofrat, Unitarian Universal East Church, Fresno, CA

"Old Table Clock" Musical Play in collaboration with Soheila Ghodstinat & Roshana Nofrat Central Stage, San Francisco, CA

"Old Table Clock" Musical Play in collaboration with Soheila Ghodstinat & Roshana Nofrat, Little Theater, University High School, Irvine, CA

"Old Table Clock" Musical Play in collaboration with Soheila Ghodstinat & Roshana Nofrat , Morgan-Wixon Theater, Santa Monica, CA

"Old Table Clock" Musical Play in collaboration with Soheila Ghodstinat & Roshana Nofrat, Seminole State College, Orlando, FL.

Persian/Sufi Concert with Master Davood Azad, Asia Society, New York, NY.

Persian/Sufi Concert with Master Davood Azad, Alumni Center, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

Persian/Sufi Concert with Master Davood Azad , Rebeca Sosa Theater, Florida Atlantic University, North Campus, Miami, FL.

Iranian-Armenian Concert with Harmonic Motion, Lantana Library, Lake Worth, FL.

## **2014**

Persian/Sufi Concert with Master Davood Azad, Iranian Cultural Society Event, Florida International University, North Campus, Miami, FL.

Faramarz Aslani & Ardeshir Farah Concert, Makan and Jasmin Foundation Annual Concert, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Faramarz Aslani & Ardeshir Farah Concert, Makan and Jasmin Foundation Annual Concert, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

Iranian American Concert in collaboration with Joe Zeytoonian & Myriam Eli, Lantana Public Library, Lake Worth, FL.

"Old Table Clock" Musical Play in collaboration with Soheila Ghodstinat & Roshana Nofrat, Rebecca Sossa Complex, Miami, FL.

"Old Table Clock" Musical Play in collaboration with Soheila Ghodstinat & Roshana Nofrat, Mos'Art, Palm Beach, FL.

### **2013**

Caravan Ensemble Monthly Music Performance at Piano Bar, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

"The Essence of Time" Concert with Susana Behar and Jose Luis de la Paz at Next@19, North Miami, FL.

"The Essence of Time" Concert at Miami Auditorium, Miami, FL.

Sephardic Trio with Susana Behar & Jose Luis de la Paz at Art Garage, Delray, FL.

### **2012**

Caravan Ensemble at International Night, University of Miami, Miami, FL.

Makan Foundation Concert with Kaveh Karandish at the Coral Gables Museum, Miami, FL.

"Lullaby" Concert with Susana Behar & Jose Luis de la Paz at Next@19, North Miami, FL.

Makan Foundation Concert with Kaveh Karandish at Georgia Tech University, Atlanta, GA.

Makan Foundation Concert with Kaveh Karandish at the National Museum of Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia.

Caravan Ensemble at the Celebration of Persian New Year, Florida International University, North Campus, Miami, FL.

### **2011**

Music Performance with Kaveh Karandish at Globe, Miami, FL.

Rumi Poetry Recital with Peter Rogen at Art at St. John, Miami, FL.

Music Night with Kaveh Karandish at Art at St. John, Miami, FL.

Group Music Night with Kaveh Karandish at Van Dyke Café, South Beach, FL.

### **2010**

Makan Foundation Music Concert at Café Vivaldi, New York, NY.

Makan Foundation Music Concert in Washington, DC.

### **2009**

Makan Foundation Music Concert in Tampa, FL.

### **2004**

Music Night and Poetry Reading with Peter Rogen at the University of Miami, Miami, FL.

Iranian of South Florida Festival with Amir Aslan Vahab at Bayfront Park, Miami, FL.

## Awards/Residencies

### **2022**

MetroArt Thrive Grant in collaboration with Global Education Center. Project: Caravanserai "A New Year, A New Home", Nashville, TN.

**2021**

Tennessee Art Commission Grant in Collaboration with Visual Artist Raheleh Filsoofi for the project: Listening: The Fourth String, Nashville, TN.

Periscope Artist Entrepreneur Training Program, Art & Business Council, Nashville, TN.

**2019**

Residency at History Miami Museum, Miami, FL. (January-April)

**2011**

Tiger Tail Individual Artist Reward, Miami, FL.

**Teaching and Workshops****1998-Present**

Providing private and group music lessons twice a week.

**2024**

*Introduction to The Resonance of the Lands Project and Ceramic Drum Circle*, in Collaboration with Raheleh Filsoofi, Musicology and Ethnomusicology Class of Professor Isidora Miranda, Sarratt Cinema, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

Demonstration and Workshop on Iranian Music, Musicology and Ethnomusicology Class of Professor Isidora Miranda, Blair School of Music, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

Demonstration and Workshop on Iranian Music, Musicology Class of Dr. Mei Han, School of Music, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN.

**2023**

Demonstration and Workshop on Iranian Music, Musicology and Ethnomusicology Class Dr. Mei Han, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN.

**2022**

Demonstration and Workshop on Iranian Music, Musicology and Ethnomusicology Class of Professor Isidora Miranda, Blair School of Music, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

Performing and Presenting Iranian Music, Friends Life Community, Nashville, TN.

**2021**

Demonstration and Workshop on Iranian Music, Jazz Ensemble Class of Professor Isidora Miranda Blair School of Music, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

**2019**

Directing and Teaching Classes for Metro Art Thrive Project, Caravanserai "A New Year, A New Home", Nashville, TN.

Workshop Series, History Miami Museum, Miami, FL. (January-April)

**2013**

Introduction to Persian Music Workshop, Art Department, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL.

**Collaboration with Visual Artists****2024**

"The Resonance of the Lands", performance in collaboration with Artist Raheleh Filsoofi, Gallery 204, Department of Art, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

Community Drum Circle, workshop in Collaboration with Raheleh Filsoofi, Ball Hall, Department of Art and Design, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN.

Embodied Connection through Clay, Circle and Collective Creativity, Workshop in Collaboration with Raheleh Filsoofi, Ball Hall, Department of Art and Design, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN.

Embodied Connection through Clay, Circle and Collective Creativity, workshop in collaboration with Raheleh Filsoofi, Space Maker Studio, Saint Augustine, FL.

### **2023**

"Say Their Names", performance in collaboration with Artist Raheleh Filsoofi, NCECA-2023, Cincinnati, OH.

"Listening: The Fourth String", performance in collaboration with Artist Raheleh Filsoofi, Ingram Hall, Blair School of Music, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

### **2022**

"Listening: The Fourth String", performance in collaboration with Artist Raheleh Filsoofi, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN.

"Listening: The Fourth String", performance with Raheleh Filsoofi and Michael Hix, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN.

### **2019**

"Aural Memorabilia", lecture and performance in collaboration with Artist Raheleh Filsoofi, Middle Eastern Studies Program, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.

### **2018**

"The Peace Cylinder", performance in collaboration with Artists Linda Behar and Susana Behar, Rosemary Duffy Larson Gallery, Davie, FL.

### **2016**

Performance, "The Peace Cylinder", collaboration with Artists Linda Behar, Raheleh Filsoofi, and Shahab Mahidashti, Lantana Public Library, Lake Worth, FL.

### **2015**

Performance, "The Peace Cylinder", collaboration with Artist Linda Behar and Musician Reza Filsoofi, The Peace Corps Iran Associate Conference, University of Texas, Austin, TX.

## **Multimedia Installation Production Assistance and Management**

### **2023**

Interactive Multimedia Installations by Raheleh Filsoofi, Gibbs Museum of Art, Charleston, SC.

### **2021**

Interactive Multimedia Installations by Raheleh Filsoofi, South Art 2021 Exhibition, The Bo Bartlett Center, Columbus, GA.

### **2020**

Interactive Multimedia Installation by Raheleh Filsoofi in Tenacity, Strohl Art Center, Chautauqua, NY.

### **2019**

Interactive Multimedia Installation by Raheleh Filsoofi in Inh(a/i)bited, Spinello Project Gallery, Miami, FL.

### **2018**

Interactive Multimedia Installation by Raheleh Filsoofi in Being in America, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH.

### **2016**

Interactive Multimedia Installation by Raheleh Filsoofi in YOU AM I, Veronique Wantz Gallery, NCECA, Minneapolis, MN.

### **2014**

Interactive Multimedia Installation by Raheleh Filsoofi in Ugly Birds, Palm Beach Cultural Council, Lake Worth, FL.

Interactive Multimedia Installation by Raheleh Filsoofi in Dual Frequency, Art and Cultural Center, Hollywood, FL.

Interactive Multimedia Installations by Raheleh Filsoofi in Bailey Contemporary Art Center, Pompano Beach, FL.

### **2013**

Multimedia Installation by Raheleh Filsoofi in Confluence, Schmidt Center Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL.

### **Selected Bibliography**

#### **2019**

"Meet Reza Filsoofi", Interview, VoyageMIA, April 25.

<http://voyagemia.com/interview/art-life-reza-filsoofi/>

"Interview with Reza Filsoofi", History Miami Museum, January.

<http://www.historymiami.org/reza-filsoofi/>

### **Discography**

#### **2020**

"Anusim, What is Hidden is Never Lost", in collaboration with Dance NOW Miami (Guest Artist).

#### **2019**

"South Bound I-95" by JP Soars (Guest Artist).

#### **2018**

"Silent Whisper" by Kaveh Karandish (Guest Artist).

"Tapiz", in collaboration with Susana Behar and Jose Luis de la Paz.

#### **2014**

"Old Table Clock", in collaboration with Soheila Ghodstinat.

#### **2011**

"Rain" by Kaveh Karandish (Guest Artist).

#### **2007**

"Whisper of Persia" (Solo Album).