

Six months after flood devastation, Pakistan music megastar joins concert for MSF's Pakistan Flood Relief, 12 February, Cadogan Hall, London

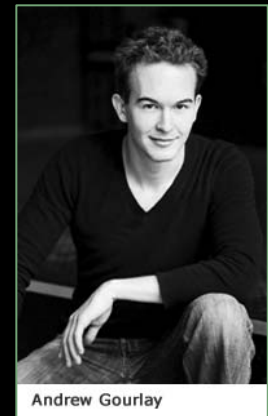
Pakistan singing sensation Raja Kaasheff has joined the line-up for a classical music concert fundraising for the Pakistan flood relief work of [Medecins Sans Frontieres \(MSF\)](#). Across the country, following further heavy rains, thousands of people are still homeless and suffering from starvation and widespread disease.



Raja Kaasheff

Kaasheff will join renowned French pianist Emmanuel Despax, captivating Cypriot violinist Victoria Mavromoustaki, rising star British conductor Andrew Gourlay, and 80 top classical orchestral musicians from London for a one-off concert at London's Cadogan Hall on Saturday 12th February.

London-based Raja Kaasheff, speaking of his involvement says: "I'm proud to be helping Adhoc Humanitarians Orchestra with their work to raise money for flood relief in Pakistan. I hope to help make this event an exciting mix of east and west, promoting Pakistani culture alongside some of the finest western classical music — inspiring the audience to give as much as possible to flood-hit communities in my beloved homeland!"



Andrew Gourlay

Andrew Gourlay, assistant conductor to Sir Mark Elder at Manchester's famous Halle ("One to Watch" — Gramophone Magazine) says: "I was delighted to be invited back to conduct Adhoc Humanitarians Orchestra again for such a good cause. I hope everyone is inspired to give generously to MSF. With the programme we've put together, the audience is in for a treat."



Emmanuel Despax

Emmanuel Despax, French-born pianist now living in London adds: "It will be a wonderful concert, bringing different cultures together through music. I love the Saint-Saens piano concerto very much, and really look forward to playing it for this special cause."

Victoria Mavromoustaki, London-based Greek-Cypriot violinist, describes Ravel's intoxicating piece: "Tzigane is a musical gem — the violin speaks alone for several minutes before the orchestra comes in, full of Spanish passion and flair. It's extremely powerful and I love playing it. The juxtaposition of



Victoria Mavromoustaki

the arrangement of Raja's song, followed by my performance of Tzigane will be amazing for the audience!"

Ellie Merton, concert organiser and founder of Adhoc Humanitarians Orchestra, adds: "Everyone has worked night and day to make the evening a fantastic success for the sake of all those suffering from the floods in Pakistan. I hope we raise over £30,000 for MSF's vital work."

Every penny raised from the concert will go directly to MSF's work in Pakistan.

Tickets (£50, £35, £25 and £15) are on sale from Cadogan Hall — www.cadoganhall.com

As with all Adhoc Humanitarian Orchestra concerts, none of the performers receive any pay or expenses for this event. Everyone donates time, talent and enthusiasm for free.

For full details, see Adhoc Humanitarians Orchestra website — www.adhochumanitarians.org

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CONCERT PROGRAMME:



SATURDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2011

Cadogan Hall, Sloane Terrace, London

www.cadoganhall.com

7.30pm - Adhoc Humanitarians Orchestra Concert

Andrew Gourlay - Conductor
Emmanuel Despax - Piano
Victoria Mavromoustaki - Violin
Raja Kaasheff & Friends - Asian Music Circuit
Adhoc Humanitarians Orchestra

Debussy - Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune
Saint-Saëns - Piano concerto no.2 in G minor
Kaasheff - special song arrangement for this concert
Ravel - Tzigane
Ravel - Daphnis et Chloé, Suite no.2 for orchestra

Tickets

Available online and over the phone at: www.cadoganhall.com

Ticket prices

£50, £35, £25, £15

All proceeds go to MSF. All costs covered separately.