Under the direction of Scott Marcus, the UCSB Middle East Ensemble will present a great variety of music and dance from throughout the Middle East. UCSB Persian music lecturer, Bahram Osqueezadeh, will lead the Ensemble in a Kurdish song and a Persian instrumental composition and Temmo Korisheli will perform two classic Arab songs including in-Nahr al-Khalid by Muhammad ‘Abd al-Wahhab. The group will also present an extended set of Sabah Fakhri songs from Aleppo, Syria; two songs by the Lebanese superstar, Fairuz, featuring vocalist Gabriela Quintana-Garcia; and two songs by the beloved Greek singer Roza Eskenazy, featuring vocalist Melanie Hutton. Three instrumental soloists will also be featured: Gus Novak on drum, Brandon Langford on nay (flute), and Ben Seilhamer on oud (lute). As always, the Ensemble’s Dance Company will perform a wonderful variety of dances, including dances from Kuwaiti/Gulf, Lebanese, Persian, and Turkish cultures, with choreographies by Crist Basimah, Laurel Victoria Gray, and Alexandra King.

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