



Caravanserai: American Voices Music Tour #2 Concert Program Copy

Join the caravan! *Caravanserai: A place where cultures meet* celebrates global diversity with performances by dynamic Muslim-American artists in communities across the United States. Caravanserai maps a new cultural Silk Road through America, building bridges to a better tomorrow.

Caravanserai: American Voices presents the Colorado-sunshine infused hip-hop/ and root-soul of The Reminders joined by female hip-hop dance duo MaMa² and Caravanserai's Artistic Director, Asad Ali Jafri, performing under his stage moniker, DJ Man-O-Wax.

Put the pillows on the floor, light the candles, and gaze up at the starry night sky—take a journey across soundscapes with the modern music caravan!

Concert

DJ Man-O-Wax will be spinning a 30 minute set to set the mood and then be joined by The Reminders and MaMa² for a 60 minute hip-hop concert experience. There will be no intermission.

Performers

Big Samir	MC/vocals/guitar
Aja Black	MC/vocals/cahon
Amirah Sackett	dancer
Mary Mar	dancer
DJ Man-O-Wax	MC/DJ/mix-master

Asad Ali Jafri	Caravanserai: American Voices artistic director + tour road manager
Antar Hanif	Caravanserai: American Voices documentarian + storyteller

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The Reminders are a hip-hop duo that comprises Brussels, Belgium-born emcee **Big Samir** and Queens, NY native emcee/ vocalist **Aja Black**. Blending soulful sounds and roots music with thoughtful lyrics that message peaceful social change, The Reminders' positive rhymes and powerful vocals mesh with reggae-tinged beats to carve a unique space in the American and global hip-hop scenes. The Reminders debut album *Recollect* and their latest release *Born*

Champions are both critically and popularly acclaimed, and they have been recognized and applauded for their work internationally through concerts, tours, music awards, TV, and radio appearances. The Reminders have shared the stage with artists such as Les Nubians, Snoop Dogg, Fishbone, Barrington Levy, Nas, Mos Def, Big Boi, KRS-One, Rakim, and K'Naa.

MaMa² is a hip-hop and breakin' dance duo comprised of **Amirah Sackett** ("Suga Mama") and **Mary Mar** ("BGirl Ma-Ma"). Originally from Minneapolis, MN, Chicago-based dancer/choreographer **Amirah Sackett** graduated with a B.F.A. in Dance from the University of Minnesota and has studied at Tisch School of the Arts in NYC. At Minneapolis' Intermedia Arts, Amirah has been an active participant and dance curator for "B-Girl Be," an international festival for women in hip-hop as well as creating "The Joint Project," a show encouraging collaborative works between artists in hip-hop. Amirah Sackett's choreography was featured in Brother Ali's music video "Mourning in America" and won the Sage Cowles award for "Best Ensemble Performance." In November 2014, she taught dance and choreographed pieces with artists in Dhaka, Bangladesh as part of Next Level, an initiative of the U.S. State Department and University of North Carolina. Amirah's love of hip-hop dance and devotion to her faith fused to inspire a contemporary dance collective called We're Muslim, Don't Panic, which is dedicated to elevating the status of women and educating the public on women's issues.

Mary Mar ("BGirl Ma-Ma") joins Amirah Sackett to form MaMa² for the Caravanserai: American Voices tour. Mary has been breakin' since 2001 and has actively studied, taught, and performed hip-hop dance all over the United States. She has been honored to learn from breakin' dance pioneers such as B-Boy Crazy Legs from the legendary Rock Steady Crew, BBoy Dyzee, BGirl Shie Chan, BBoy Born, BBoy Ivan, BBoy Casper, BGirl ABGirl, Incredible Josh and many other breakin' masters. Mary Mar has been a member of Hardcore Detroit dance crew since 2002 and was recently inducted into the Venus Fly dance crew as well as the We're Muslim, Don't Panic collective. She has competed nationally and won several competitions including the 2011 Breakin' the Law in Madison, Wisconsin; 2011 Grand Rapids' Slam N Jam; and the 2014 Detroit's Quality All Styles Dance Competition. Mary teaches hip-hop and breakin' workshops, classes, and children's camps throughout the Metro Detroit area.

DJ Man-O-Wax aka Asad Ali Jafri is the Artistic Director for the 015–2016 Caravanserai: American Voices season. Asad runs an independent cultural consultancy called Sukoon Creative, building on extensive experience presenting Muslim artists as Director of Arts and Cultural Programs for the Inner-city Muslim Action Network in Chicago and a festival organizer for the World Islamic Economic Forum in Malaysia. He also performs internationally as **DJ Man-O-Wax**, spinning soulful, spiritual, and funky music from around the world. As a founding member and director of FEW Collective, Asad directs and tours with a rotating group of performing artists and musicians using art to engage, educate, and inspire. One of Asad's signature productions as an artist is "Turntable Dhikr," a spiritual meditation on the Divine through turntablism. Asad has performed as an artist across five continents and ten countries and is a proud member of the Universal Zulu Nation.