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**Banned from singing in Iran,
Farnaz Ohadi premieres her new Persian Flamenco project “Breath”**

An Anthem of Resilience and Freedom to Debut at Aga Khan Museum’s Duende Flamenco Festival on November 14th.

1000 years after the first music conservatory was established in Cordoba, by Zaryab (who travelled to Spain from the Persian Empire), Farnaz Ohadi stunningly combines the intricate beauty of Farsi poetry with the passionate rhythms of Spanish flamenco, a celebration of love and resilience despite 45 years of oppression.

Trailblazing Persian-Canadian flamenco artist Farnaz Ohadi will take the stage at the Aga Khan Museum in what is set to be a standout performance at the Duende Flamenco Festival: a courageous statement of defiance, love, and the relentless fight for freedom.

Farnaz’s life is an ode to overcoming adversity. Growing up in a culture where access to performing music was restricted, and passionate styles such as flamenco were banned, she never let these obstacles stop her. Her story is one of determination and empowerment, as she forged her path as an artist in Canada. Her music reflects the struggle for self-expression, and it is no surprise that her work resonates with women around the globe - particularly those in Iran who continue to fight for their basic rights.

"Through the fusion of flamenco’s passion and Persian poetry’s reflection, I aim to give a voice to those who have been silenced for too long. *Breath* is about reclaiming space, power, and our right to freedom—both as women and as individuals," Farnaz explains.

Join us for the World Premiere of Farnaz Ohadi’s *Breath*, a live preview of her new album set to be release in March 2025 on International Women's Day.



Artists accompanying Farnaz Ohadi:

- Antonio Najarro: Flamenco dancer and former director of the National Ballet of Spain
- Gaspar Rodríguez: Renowned flamenco guitarist
- Alberto López: Award-winning flamenco guitarist
- Amir Amiri: Persian santur virtuoso
- Carlos Merino: Master percussionist

[Watch the promotional video here](#)

For tickets and more information, visit: [Aga Khan Museum - Breath.](#)

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