## **Concert by WFWP Talents - Virtual Performances From Around The World**

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Music has a unique way to make people feel happy and peaceful, with the power to bind hearts into friendship. Talent and creativity tend to bring far more joy, when shared with others, rather than keeping it to oneself. That is why when I had the opportunity to meet Angelika Birdsong, Vice President of WFWP Korea, at a WFWP event a year ago, I came up with the idea to bring musical talent together into the same room. Ms. Birdsong is a violinist herself, and I, myself, also a musician, had the inspiration to gather musical talents among the WFWP sisters around the world. Ms. Birdsong encouraged this idea. Although the technical aspects were still unclear and we knew there would be language barriers when creating this event, our deep desire to bring joy through music helped us to overcome these hurdles.

The "Concert by WFWP Talents" took place virtually from performances around the world on August 8, 2021. The concert included 11 acts in total.

Olga Vakulinskaya, President of WFWP Russia, is a choreographer of Angels of Peace and danced an ensemble of such impeccable perfection.

Nathalie Komagata was born in 1992 to a Japanese father and a Swiss mother. As a child, she learned the piano and started to compose songs in her early teens. Ms. Komagata graduated with a Master of Arts in Music and Movement in 2016. She has since released two singles in 2021, under the artist name Naelise.

Lyuba Smirnova, known as Love, is from the Moscow State University of Culture and Arts. Ms. Smirnova is a member of WFWP Moscow and a vocal teacher for "Angels of Peace." Ms. Love played a lovely piece on the clarinet.

Arlette Roxburgh, is a Trinidadian American professional singer and songwriter. Her mother is a member of WFWP Trinidad. Ms. Roxburgh is known as the national anthem singer for the New Jersey Devils home games. She delivered a beautiful rendition of John Lennon's "Imagine" for us.

Then came the wonderful Nila Shrestha, Secretary General of WFWP Nepal. Ms. Nila, performed alongside her daughter, Jin-Ho Shrestha, a love song that also portrays Nepali culture.

Angelika Birdsong, performed a duet with Jitka Ecsedi, a songwriter from the Czech Republic and a WFWP Korea International Women in Korea (IWK) chapter member.

The next performer was myself, President of WFWP Bangladesh, the daughter of the founding president of WFWP Bangladesh, Zeenat Ara. I am a mother of two and have been singing for 20 years, my favorite being pop and fusion. I presented a reprise of a very popular English song by Sting, fused with a Bangla song written by myself, composed by DJ Aks.

The youngest performer was 11-year old, Alexandra Tsurkan. She played the violin with her teacher, Evgenia Nikolaevna Morozova, who is a member of WFWP Moscow. It was an enchanting performance that portrayed how music unites people around the globe.



Mary Joy Lore from WFWP Philippines gave an outstanding performance and moved the audience with her sincerity.

Seyong Ecsedi is from the Czech Republic and loves to compose music and write songs.

The last performance of the night was "The Art of Thai Music" by a group of Thai youths who have a passion for Thai music. By performing Thai music in Indian accents they displayed the strong relations between the 2 countries.

This concert featured 11 talented singers and musicians and we hope to grow that number in the coming years. If you know of anyone who might show interest in spreading love and peace through music, please contact us.

Similar to how we can keep our bodies healthy against diseases through vitamins and good minerals, music can bind global families and spread the culture of love, peace and happiness in our souls to keep us away from corruption and menace.

We express our deep appreciation for Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of WFWPI, and all the wonderful people who helped WFWP to be united and active during times of great hardship. WFWP Bangladesh feels blessed to be a part of this beautiful spirit.

You can view the musical performances here: www,youtube,com/watch?v=EesQvfrpz08

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