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Istanbul Opera and Ballet in Hollywood



The Exotic Istanbul National Ballet makes United States debut under the stars at the Ford Amphitheatre in Hollywood.

On two evenings in August, relive the passion and agony of the Cholera District of Istanbul, a place where the Ottoman Empire brought together people from all over Europe and Asia, and left them to try to survive as one people, with nothing to bind them but their humanity. The only city in the world to sit on two continents, will be recreated at the Ford Amphitheatre August 24 and 25, 2006, in a presentation of the dance-theatre production of "East Side Story," adapted, choreographed and directed by Aysun Aslan and performed by the Istanbul National Opera & Ballet.

TURKISH OPERA TO HAIL HOLLYWOOD

The Istanbul Opera and Ballet will perform "Ağır Roman" in Hollywood -- considered to be the American entertainment industry's capital.

Choreographed and directed by Aysun Aslan, the opera will be staged at Los Angeles' Ford Amphitheatre Aug. 24-25 under the name of "East Side Story," in cooperation with the Turkish Culture and Tourism Ministry and Hollywood-based Turkish film company uniCvisions.

The piece, with a score by Fahir Atakoğlu, will be performed abroad for the first time. It features the story of a family focusing on family member relations, love and intrigue as well as tragic-comic conflicts and interactions within a family living in 1970s Istanbul.

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We also learned that the Istanbul National Ballet will be performing East Side Story (Ağır Roman) at the Ford Amphitheatre August 24 and 25, thanks to support from LATAA, the Ministry of Culture & Tourism and the Los Angeles County Arts Commission. The show has the largest presentation in the Ford's Summer Season brochure. We are so proud! You can get more information on that at www.east-side-story.com