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***CONCERTS OF SEVARA NAZARKHAN  
IN BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS***

Sevara Nazarkhan (27), a young talented Uzbek singer, songwriter and musician, possesses a repertoire of beautiful original songs based on national motives.

Sevara, having a nice natural enchanting voice, began her career as a singer from 1998 when she started singing at an all women band of the Tashkent conservatorium. Later she made the intelligent connection between tradition and pop and started a solo carrier. In Uzbekistan and whole Central Asia she is known as that pop singer who takes extra attention to the rich traditions of Uzbekistan. Her instrument is the doutar - a fifteenth century, two-stringed, Central Asian lute that is plucked not strummed.



The world success came to Sevara Nazarkhan in 2000, when she took part in the Festival WOMAD (World of Music, Art and Dance) in Redding, England. Here Sevara managed to impress all who saw her – including producer Peter Gabriel. Gabriel duly signed Sevara to his sound-recording company Real World and matched her up with noted French producer Hector Zazou.

H.Zazou came to Uzbekistan and managed to match his lush, electronic production style with Sevara's

traditional Uzbeki sensibility so resulting in her acclaimed 2003 Real World debut "Yol Bolsin".

Sevara Nazarkhan has since gone on to open concerts for Peter Gabriel as he toured the world, guest on Charlie Gillett's BBC London radio show and headline The Barbican's X-Bloc Revisited festival.

In 2003 Sevara Nazarkhan was nominated as top singer in the Asia-Pacific Region – and won this title in the contest of “BBC Radio 3 World Music Awards”. Sevara Nazarkhan was chosen as winner in that contest by means of voting of the musical fans from around the globe.

There is a lot of press reviews were published about Sevara Nazarkhan. Garth Cartwright from British Broadcasting Corporation wrote: “Sevara Nazarkhan is the first musician from Uzbekistan to find a warm welcome in the West. The Central Asian state is proud of its ancient cultural history and across several millennia much fine music has traveled from the ancient cities of Samarqand and Tashkent down the Silk Road so to cross-pollinate across Western Asia”.

Sevara Nazarkhan is a long-expected guest performer in Belgium and Netherlands. She made her concert tours in 2004 (Lommel, Tilburg, Amsterdam), 2005 (Evergem, Dendermonde, Ternat, Leopoldsburg).

In her 2006 tour to Belgium and Netherlands Sevara will be performing in the following concert venues:

10 February, Lommel, CC De Adelberg, Adelbergpark 1 tel.: 011-553511,

11 February, Tilburg, Concertzaal, Schouwburgring, tel.: +3120 4125285,

12 February, Houthalen-helchteren, CC Casino, Varenstraat 22A, tel.: 011-523868.