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The Christmas Revels Festival Welcomes Afghan Refugees with Donated Tickets

Revels North has announced it will donate tickets to the upcoming performance by Eden MacAdam-Somer at [*The Christmas Revels Festival*](#) to refugees from Afghanistan who have resettled in the United States in 2021. This performance is [Friday, December 17 at 7:30pm at Lebanon Opera House](#) in Lebanon, NH.

Eden MacAdam-Somer, one of *The Christmas Revels Festival's* three performers appearing at Lebanon Opera House, has extensive connections with Afghanistan, having visited several times over the last 10 years to teach at the Afghanistan National Institute of Music in Kabul. The future of this school is in doubt since the recent rise to power of the Taliban in Afghanistan. [In her recent interview on The Folk Show on NHPR promoting her upcoming performance](#), she told listeners that she intended to include some Afghan folk songs in her set.

"I have enormous respect for the music and traditions of Afghanistan," said Eden MacAdam-Somer. "My time in Kabul has had a huge influence on my life, and I sincerely hope that Afghans resettling are able to find a sense of home and comfort here as well."



Revels North is a non-profit arts organization based in the Upper Valley providing year-round, multi-generational programming that celebrates the power of traditional song, dance, storytelling and ritual. Anyone interested in securing donated tickets for Afghan refugees may contact Revels North at 866-556-3083 or info@RevelsNorth.org.

ABOUT EDEN MACADAM-SOMER



Eden MacAdam-Somer's music transcends genre while challenging the boundaries of composition and improvisation through [soaring violin, vocals, and percussive dance](#), weaving in and out of the many cultures that have formed her experience. She maintains an active, eclectic international performance and recording career as a soloist and with such bands as Notorious Folk and the [Klezmer Conservatory Band](#). She has been a featured soloist with symphony and chamber orchestras, jazz and swing bands, and [Romanian](#), [Jewish music](#), and American

folk ensembles. She has been a featured performer at the Beijing International Music Festival and has toured across the United States, India, Iceland, Europe, the UK, and Afghanistan.

Her 2015 live solo album, "My First Love Story," was listed as one of the top ten jazz albums of the year in the *Boston Globe*. She has written numerous works for solo artist on voice, violin, and body percussion, such as "[Rumi Songs](#)," a partially composed, partially improvised song cycle. She is a full-time faculty member at New England Conservatory, where she teaches courses, ensembles, and studio lessons, in addition to serving as Co-Chair of the Department of Contemporary Improvisation. She lives in Boston with her husband and two children.

For more information about Eden MacAdam-Somer and *The Christmas Revels Festival*:
<https://www.revelsnorth.org/>

To purchase tickets to Eden MacAdam-Somer's performance:
<https://lebanonoperahouse.org/events/eden-macadam-somer/>

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