

Al Conti

Scheherazade

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Style of Music: New Age / World

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Album Description:

Alluring sounds of guitar, piano, dulcimer, exotic hurdy gurdy, sitar, tribal drums and other percussion fill this musical landscape to tell the triumphant story of *Scheherazade* like it has never been told before.

Bio:

Al Conti is a recipient of two ASCAP Awards for his work. His latest album *Scheherazade* topped the *New Age Reporter Top 100 Chart* at number one for three consecutive months in October, November and December 2008. The album has also quickly made the 'Top 10' and 'Best of 2008' lists on dozens of radios around the world and garnered four nominations for the *NAR Lifestyle Awards*. His album *Poeta* was used as part of *NPR's* fundraising efforts in 2007 and his recording *Quest for Orpheus*, from the same album, received a "Best of 2007" Award from *Mystic Soundscapes Radio*. The album *Poeta* headed the top 10 of 2007 lists at *KCCK Radio* and *Origen Music*, and was a featured selection at *WMNR Radio* throughout Connecticut in April, 2008. Reviewers have praised Al's work as "delicious, peaceful music," "intricate," "personable," and expressing a "lovely humanity and positive spirit. Reviewers have praised Al's work as "delicious, peaceful music," "intricate," "personable," and expressing a "lovely humanity and positive spirit."

In 2008, Al Conti joined Kevin Bacon, Jessica Alba, Will & Grace's Shelley Morrison and other celebrities lending his name to the Until There's A Cure foundation to help raise funds for HIV/AIDS awareness and research.

A native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Al has appeared in many theatre productions as well as television commercials and shows such as CBS' daytime drama *As The World Turns*. Al began seriously working on

music 17 years ago, but it was not until a near death experience that he undertook music full time. Al comes from a family of deeply talented individuals. His grandfather was a concert pianist while Al's mother was a ballerina and his father a professor and poet. His extended family includes the late 1800's Argentinean famed writer Miguél Cané. As a result, Al has been surrounded by an eclectic blend of music, literature and art since he was very young. Through deep reflection and an awareness of the world around him, Al transfers emotions and images into music that soothes the soul. Al currently resides in Vermont.

Press Release:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

***Scheherazade* tops the *New Age Reporter Top 100 Charts* at #1 for three consecutive months, on October, November & December, 2008!**

One kingdom, one ruler, the strength of one woman to conquer them all!

On October 7, 2008, Shadowside Music released Al Conti's **SCHEHERAZADE**. Al's third release is his most haunting and seductive yet. Alluring sounds of guitar, piano, dulcimer, exotic hurdy gurdy, sitar, tribal drums and other percussion fill this musical landscape to tell the triumphant story of *Scheherazade* like it has never been told before. This is Al's first album to bridge new age and world music and is a compelling retelling of the 1001 nights through the eyes of *Scheherazade*, the teller of these tales. Ranked at the top of the New Age charts, Al's music has now become a favorite of many radio stations, reviewers and a growing number of fans.

In the timeless winds of the desert night begins one woman's brave journey to life. Through the wisdom of 1001 tales, *Scheherazade* will free herself from the tragic fate of all the women who have preceded her. The destiny of all women now rests on her courage and strength.

Title: SCHEHERAZADE Artist: Al Conti Genre: New Age/World Release Date: October 7, 2008 Availability: Stores include CDBaby, iTUNES, Amazon.com, Borders.com, Target.com, CD NOW, CD Universe, Napster, Ruckus. Wholesale orders: orders@alconti.net.

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