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Grammys Honor Real Music's Omar Akram

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Real Music® proudly announces that recording artist Omar Akram has been honored with a Grammy nomination for his 4th CD release, *Echoes of Love*. Akram is the first ever Afghan American to be nominated for a Grammy.

Described as “a marriage of passion and grace, of adventure and relaxation, of beauty and raw earthiness,” Akram’s music reflects his multi-cultural roots, incorporating piano, violin, guitars, flute, Persian ney and world percussion. The son of a U.N. diplomat, Akram has spent decades living around the globe, soaking up musical influences from far flung locales such as Afghanistan, Cuba, France, Switzerland and the Czech Republic.

“Every culture I have encountered has influenced my music,” explains Akram. “Also reflected in my compositions are elements of my classical training, the early new age synthesists, and the melodic content I learned from solo pianists. ...In a world where communication and understanding between cultures is sometimes difficult, I try to have the instruments speak to one another in a manner that crosses any cultural barriers.”

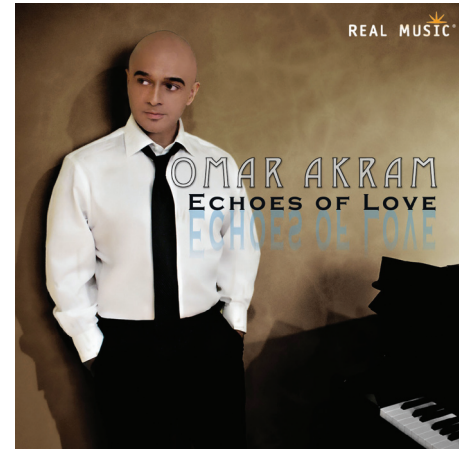
To learn more, purchase the album or to find links to iTunes and Amazon visit: <https://www.realmusic.com/artists/omar-akram/echoes-love>

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“Omar provides a poignant soundtrack for a life that is rich, diverse, sincere, and receptive to emotional exploration.”

– Bette Timm,
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