



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR**

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago and its surrounding areas are home to a diverse population of people who peacefully practice and teach a variety of established faiths and religions; and

WHEREAS, music is a universal language that often brings us together and holds various states of significance in all cultures; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, American Music Festivals was founded by artistic director Philip Simmons with the mission of sharing beautiful music on a world stage; and

WHEREAS, this year, American Music Festivals will partner with the American Islamic Center of Bosniaks in Chicago and the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs to present "Bridging the Gap: An Interfaith Concert of Muslim and Jewish Music, Celebrating 500 Years of Friendship in Bosnia and Herzegovina; and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of the concert is to bring together under one umbrella, people of varying faiths, nationalities, cultures, and ethnic backgrounds, and

WHEREAS, this interfaith concert will promote the message of cooperation and understanding while enhancing the scope of Chicago's greater cultural and arts community with classical and traditional Bosnian and Jewish music; and

WHEREAS, the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra will put on "Bridging the Gap: An Interfaith Concert of Muslim and Jewish Music, Celebrating 500 Years of Friendship in Bosnia and Herzegovina" with accompanying artists and musicians on September 2, 2012 at the American Islamic College in Chicago, Illinois with the intention of not only entertaining, but educating and celebrating:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim September 2, 2012 to be AMERICAN MUSIC FESTIVALS DAY IN CHICAGO, and urge all Chicagoans to acknowledge this event and celebrate our differences.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2012.

  
Mayor