



**Love Songs and Dance Music from Loristan -
HESHMATOLLAH & NEZAM RAJABZADEH
AND THE AFTAB ENSEMBLE**

**Principal performers in this project are the
brothers Nezam Rajabzadeh and Heshmatollah
Rajabzadeh.**

The Rajabzadeh-brothers are folk singers of international caliber. Both reside in Norway and have Norwegian passports. They are principal vocalists in the Aftab [Persian: Sun] ensemble, whose members live both within and outside of Iran. Members of the Aftab ensemble gather for concerts. They contribute as guest musicians in this project.

Their music is that of the region of Loristan [Lorestân, Lurestaan or Luristan] located in western Iran, in the Zagros Mountains. This region has Iraqi Kurdistan as its western neighbor. Lori (or Luri) music comprises one of the four pillars of the Persian classical music tradition.

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This project provides a glimpse of the rich folk music and folk song in the region. Loristan is strategically located between northern and southern Iran, and has been a crossroads for thousands of years. The Silk Road went through this area as well.

This CD presents the brothers in duet. It is their first CD presentation in the Lori (Iranian) language. *Khial Safar* (The dream about the journey) was first performed at a concert in Asker in 2005. The songs are about love and loss of the beloved.

CD 1 and CD 2 contain vocal and instrumental dance music. The lyrics are a mix of old and new, and link older, traditional music with that of our own times. It is a pleasure to be able to present this music to our Norwegian and international listeners.



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