Mauritian Griot Noura Mint Seymali Brings Her West African Flare to Wisconsin Union Theater

From a prominent line of Moorish musical royalty, Wisconsin Union Theater is proud to present Noura Mint Seymali on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. in the Fredric March Play Circle. Tickets for the general public are $25. University of Wisconsin-Madison Faculty and Staff tickets are $23. Wisconsin Union Members and Non UW-Madison Student tickets are $20 and UW-Madison Student tickets are $10, with a valid student ID.
Seymali is a nationally beloved star in Mauritania and one of its most adventurous young artists. She began her career at age 13 as a supporting vocalist to her step-mother, the legendary Dimi Mint Abba. Trained in instrumental technique by her grandmother, Noura mastered the ardine, a nine-string harp reserved only for women. Her father Seymali Ould Ahmed Vall sparked her compositional instincts early on.

Currently, Seymali is touring internationally with her band which includes her husband, a well-known Mauritanian guitar player. For years they experimented with adapting Moorish music to various pop formations, but the band has returned to actively exposing Mauritanian roots music to the world by using traditional sounds and instruments.

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