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Title: **The Many Voices of Faith - A Lecture-Performance with Sonam Kalra**

Much like faith, music knows no bounds. It is a universal emotion that transcends all the boundaries of ethnicity, color, creed, or language.

Experience the coming together of different cultures and voices through song, music and spoken word in Avid Learning's upcoming Lecture-Performance with Founder of the Sufi Gospel Project and Award-winning Songstress Sonam Kalra. Sonam will talk about her vision, inspiration and musical journey and bring it alive through a performance with her ensemble of musicians, blending Gospel hymns, Sanskrit texts and Sufi verses with traditional Indian instruments and contemporary rhythms. A unique multicultural evening that's not to be missed!

Where: Essar House, 11 KK Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai 400034

When: Thursday, 8 October, 2015 Time: 6 pm to 8 pm

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Sonam Kalra has had formal training in Indian Classical music under Shubha Mudgal and Sarathi Chatterji and has also studied various genres of Western music including Gospel, Jazz and Opera under Hur Chul Yung and Ashley Clement. This diverse experience has taught her that despite their different roots, different musical traditions have more in common than they differ. This realization was the genesis of The Sufi Gospel Project, which Sonam has been working on since early 2011.

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