



Scheherazade is pronounced Sha-hair-a-zad

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And, the story of 1,001 Arabian Nights

The ancient art of storytelling has produced many famous characters. A well loved character is Queen **Scheherazade** who after marrying the King tells him 1,001 stories, one per night, so that he will not kill her or any other young women in the kingdom. Her collected stories are “The Book of One Thousand and One Arabian Nights” – a collection of fanciful and adventurous stories, including stories of Aladdin – the famous prince recently made so popular by the Disney movie.

In 1888, Russian composer **NIKOLAI RIMSKY-KORSAKOV** (pronounced Nik-o-lay Rim-skee-Kor-sa-kof) wrote a suite of music based on the story of **Scheherazade**. The featured instrument of this music is the **VIOLIN** (see our Spotlight On page this month) – it plays the sweet melody of Queen **Scheherazade** herself.

Click on this picture of **Scheherazade** and the King below to go to a fantastic website developed by Classical KUSC radio 91.5fm that tells the story of **Scheherazade** – at this website you can hear the music that **RIMSKY-KORSAKOV** wrote, so you can be familiar with the themes that you will hear at the Family Musical Mornings **Scheherazade** concert.



Be sure to come to our Musical Carnival where you can participate in musical events related to this concert and, as always, write a question that might be answered on stage by conductor Michael Hall and the orchestra members.