

## **RIAD KUDSI**

Director of Emirates  
Youth Symphony Orchestra



A Czech National of Syrian origin, Mr. Kudsi began learning violin from his father at the age of seven. He then joined the National Conservatory of Aleppo, Syria, to become one of its most promising violinists; thus nominated for a full scholarship to continue his music studies at the Prague Conservatory, for which he gave up his studies in civil engineering. Mr. Kudsi studied at the National Conservatory in Prague from 1970 to 1974 and continued his studies at the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague, where he received Masters of Art degree in 1979 with distinction, specializing in violin.

Since moving to the UAE in 1986, Mr. Kudsi has been contributing towards the development of the musical culture through teaching, practical training for his established Emirates Youth Symphony Orchestra (EYSO) in 1993, and organizing cultural and charitable concerts and classical music festivals.

In 2004, he initiated the Emirates International Peace Music Festival for Young Virtuosos. In 2009 established The National Conservatory in Dubai Media City; accredited and certified by the Premier Music College of Prague.

Mr. Kudsi received several local and international awards and certificates of appreciation. Awarded the “Gratis Agit Award Laureates” from the Foreign Ministry of the Czech Republic in appreciation of supporting Charity and Peace through Classical music. Awarded TECOM Chairman’s award by Dubai Media City in recognition of his valuable contribution to promoting UAE music culture