

Music of Al-Andalus

A unique program of Andalusian vocal and instrumental music blending tradition, innovation and telling the story of a deeply spiritual and cultural heritage. Songs in Spanish, Arabic, Hebrew and Ladino.

This concert may be performed solo or with an ensemble playing saz, oud, rik, daf, rebab, qanun, ney and many other ethnic instruments.

Sample program

Bin El Barach/Ki Eshmera Shabbat

Bint Bladi

Nubah Maya

D'ror Yikra

Ojos Asesinos

Dai de Cenar

Puellae Gaditanae

Una Tarde de Verano

Cuando el Rey Nimrod

Kochav Tzedek

L'mma Bada/El Adon

Qum Ya Nadeem

Shalom L'Ven Dod

Sidi Habibi /Eli Sh'ma Koli



vibrant baritone is simultaneously hypnotic, evocative and soothing, the arrangements compelling."

JEWISH HEARTLAND

Biography

Gerard graduated from the prestigious Manhattan School of Music with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in operatic performance and has sung more than thirty roles with opera companies around the United States. Also, widely regarded as a master singer and guitarist, Gerard has at his command a remarkable range of ethnic folk styles and traditions from around the world. Not only does he regularly uncover and preserve songs and stories from North and South America, Europe and the Middle East, he energises these repertoires by interpreting them for contemporary audiences. Highlights of Gerard's extensive performing career include performances at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Centre and The United Nations (NYC), Victoria Hall and The United Nations (Geneva), Kimmel Centre (Philadelphia), Royce Hall (LA) Smithsonian Institute and Holocaust Museum (DC), Seiji Ozawa Hall, (Tanglewood), Fez International Festival of Sacred Music (Morocco), Cordoba International Sephardic Music Festival (Spain), Faiths In Tune Interfaith Festival (Turin and London) Festival Cervantino (Mexico), Jewish Music Festival (Amsterdam), International Folk Festival and Pax Sacred Music Festival (Lithuania), among many other world venues. Gerard has been honoured with the Sephardic Musical Heritage Award and is the recipient of a Meet the Composer grant for his original songs. Gerard has also released 17 CDs on the Sefarad Records label and a much acclaimed songbook



