

A portrait of Sarah Elhiani, a woman with long dark curly hair and blue eyes, wearing a light-colored embroidered blouse. She is holding a large, ornate Sitar with a light wood body and a dark fretboard. The Sitar features intricate carvings and a large circular sound hole with a complex geometric pattern. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

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Singer and oud player Sarah Elhiani was born in Paris to a Jewish, music-loving father who had been exiled from his native Egypt. She studied Middle Eastern music in Jerusalem and at the Egyptian Opera House in Cairo.

On this tour, she performs selections from her new album, *To Your Love*. Highly acclaimed by Israeli critics and radio broadcasters, *To Your Love* features Hebrew liturgical poetry and songs of faith set to music Elhiani composed alongside original songs Elhiani wrote and sings in Arabic and French.

To Your Love is an innovative work whose rich acoustics reveal Elhiani's sources of inspiration: her life path that winds through Arabic, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean culture; and her love of French and black music (blues, jazz, and North African and Ethiopian music).



Elhiani is part of a contemporary generation of artists, such as Balkan Beat Box and A-Wa, who explore what it means to be the children of exiles. Israel, the country Elhiani has made her home, provides fertile ground for such cultural complexity.

Elhiani is accompanied by Omri Mor on piano (Mor also cooperates with renowned jazz musician Avishai Cohen); Ethiopian-Israeli Abate Berihun on saxophone; Erez Monk on percussion instruments from the Near and Far East; and Jerusalem liturgical singer Elad Gabbai on the kanun and oud.



REVIEWS:

"Sarah Elhiani is an extremely interesting artist who emphasizes the content of the work."

(Livnat Ben Hamo, Israel Army Radio)

"The band surprises with originality, musical combinations, and a contemporary approach to Arabic music, plus Elhiani has a mesmerizing voice."

(Y.S., Actualité Juive)

"There's a very special atmosphere at Elhiani's performance."

(Yaakov Brown, Ma'ariv)

"The compositions on Elhiani's album are catchy, original and wonderful. The production is authentic and the vocals are special and free of mannerisms."

(Gadi Feingold, A Small World)

"I was profoundly impressed by Elhiani's musical talent."

(Lea Sheklar, Radio Jerusalem)

"Sarah Elhiani is a musician with rare composing talent."

(Yair Dalal, musician)

"Sarah Elhiani is a great musician, who combines innovative styles with traditional music."

(Daniel Zamir, musician)

"Sarah Elhiani is a versatile and highly creative personality – as a musician and singer."

(Din Din Aviv, musician and singer)