

Stefani Valadez

Singer, guitarist, songwriter, percussionist Stefani Valadez offers a rich repertoire of soulful, romantic, enchanting melodies, including songs from many nations. A third generation musician, Stefani has an international following of fans who have thrilled to her deep, haunting voice and the wide range of musical and ethnic lore she incorporates into her performances.

Ms Valadez has attracted some of the best world & jazz musicians in the business to form the Stefanie Valadez Ensemble. The Ensemble is a four (and sometimes six) piece group of Los Angeles based musicians from diverse backgrounds who play World Music infused with Ladino, Turkish, Blues, Brazilian, R & B, American Folk, Jazz and Middle Eastern rhythms and melodies. Ms Valadez' repertoire is broad and the Ensemble's multi-ethnic instrumentation creates a tapestry of sound both ancient and modern, spiritually uplifting and danceable. Their CDs and live performances have been variously described as joyous, high energy, haunting and passionate, taking people to a deep soulful place one moment and in the next has them tapping their feet and clapping or dancing in the aisles.

The Ensemble includes any number of the following musicians:

Jeff Breeh: Electric Bass wizard, has performed with Oingo Boingo and the Pointer Sisters and countless others.

Richard Hardy: Saxes, Flutes and Ethnic Woodwinds. He performed with Carol King for 14 years and has played and recorded with the Dave Matthews Band, James Taylor and Stevie Ray Vaughn.

John Heard: Traditional bassist extraordinaire, John has backed Ella Fitzgerald, Oscar Peterson, Count Basie, Ahmad Jamal, Cal Tjader and many others. He has appeared on over 400 recordings.

Jamie Papish: Middle Eastern and World Percussion. He performs with The Yuval Ron Ensemble, Nabil Azzam and MESTO and many other Eastern Musical Groups in Los Angeles.

Christo Pellani: World Percussion. He has played with Air Supply, Mary Wells, The Shirrelles, the Marvellettes, Nina Hagen, Ronnie Spector, Brandon Fields, Fabien Mamman, The Agape International Choir and many others.

Nyofu Tyson: Turkish Saz(long neck lute). He performs regularly in Turkey where he has gained recognition for his interpretations of Turkish Folk Poets and blends it with Latin and Jazz. He has 2 CDs on his own label.

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