

Stefani Valadez

An unforgettable singer and performer whose soulful voice will linger on, long after you have been entranced and entertained . . .

Singer, guitarist, songwriter, Stefani Valadez offers a rich repertoire of soulful romantic, enchanting melodies, including songs from many lands. 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 in her performances.

Stefani first learned to play guitar and discovered the beauty of harmony from her mother, a singer and pianist, and from Pete Seeger and the Greenwich Village blues locals. She traces her musical inspiration to diverse musicians, including Taj Mahal, Grace Slick, and Antonio Jobim. Her later interest in Celtic and international folk music led her to her first CD of World Music, "Other Voices".

Her latest CD is "Ladino Alive," a collection of songs from the Sephardic cultures of the Mediterranean, which Stefani researched while living in Spain. They speak of a time of peace and a flowering of civilization when the cultures of the three great religions coexisted peacefully together for 700 years.

Stefani's arrangements bring these ancient melodies, prayers and love songs into the present with sensual vocals, soulful ethnic drums and delicious harmonies. The LA musicians on this CD have played with the legends of the music world and add layers of rich colors to an already deep and moving palette of music.

A compelling performer and arranger, she is also a sought-after studio producer. Stefani plays guitar, dulcimer and percussion.