

SHIRA Z. CARMEL & HER BRASSERIE

A Singer-Songwriter and a Brass-Band walk into a bar



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Shira Z. Carmel and her Brasserie is Shira Z. Carmel's newest adventure - an Avant-Groove Brass Band, This unusual ensemble features 6 brass and woodwinds players, a drummer, and a singer-songwriter.

After years of traveling between the arts - be it dance, theater or photography, Shira Z. Carmel ("One of the most interesting musicians in the local music industry") has found her artistic home in music, where she's been composing, writing and performing for over a decade, in different genres and ensembles. As a true independent artist, and having her diverse background, Shira is able to keep her artistic freedom above all, and so every few years, she rises from the ashes like a Phoenix, reborn with new sonic structures and textures, but always with the same essence - creating a human and humane microcosm - a SONG.

After her rock-cabaret band "the Shira Z. Carmel Quartet", her Avantgarde Yiddish duo "The Technicalities", and along her successful vocal swing group "The Hazelnuts", Shira assembled "the Brasserie" - a brass and wind orchestra where arranger Orr Sinay dips Shira's songs in a hot sauce of horns and drums that best befits her sultry voice and poetic songs.

Carmel & Sinay (who's currently studying at Calarts, USA) met in the Jerusalem Music Academy, and it was musical love at first sight. Assembling the varied musical backgrounds of the Brasserie's wonderful musicians (mostly classical and jazz), Sinay's complex arrangements orchestrate Carmel's ideas about life and death, war and peace, art and the mundane into a fine mixture of Jazz, modern and pop, or if you will: **Brass, Wind and Fire.**

After releasing their debut album in January 2016, and performing for astounded audiences and critics in Israel and Europe, and after being selected "ALBUM OF THE YEAR" for Hebrew Year 2016 Shira Z. Carmel and her Brasserie continue to conquer Israeli hearts, and plan their European tour in 2017.

- "Carmel proves herself again as one of the most interesting artists in Israel. 3 years were worth the wait for the this album". (Lahiton)
- "9/10 - Despite this instrumental and intellectual complexity, the album feels light and the joy of music making blows through it like a storm." (Haaretz music blog)
- "Shira Z. Carmel and her Brasserie's new album flirts with jazz and cabaret and leaves many open thought provoking questions." (Haaretz Newspaper)
- "Shira Z. Carmel's act is likely the best musical act in Israel today" (+972)

Shira Z. Carmel and her Brasserie are:

Voice & Songs: Shira Z. Carmel // Arrangements: Orr Sinay
Drums: Oded Levi // Tuba: Péter Lengyel // Trumpet: Tal Avraham
Bass Clarinet: Nitai Levi // Baritone Saxophone: Ioram Linker
Tenor Saxophone: Noam Shapira // Clarinet: Tomer Amikam



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