

Tarik & Julia Banzi, Al-Andalus Ensemble Illumination

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A graceful and distinctive ensemble straddling continents in its cultural voice, centuries in its array of techniques. Classical Arabic, Sephardic, African, S. Indian & Jazz are clear foundations shadowed by Spain's traditional Flamenco music.

Al-Andalus was a unique moment in world history where under Moorish rule, Muslims, Jews & Christians lived together in relative peace & harmony inspiring a calm exchange of ideas & cultural flowering.

We are a group of 2-9 artists (musicians, singers & dancers) The members of our group are from many diverse & contrasting cultures including North American, North African, Arab, S. Indian, Hispanic, Persian, Sephardic & Spanish communities.

We perform traditional works from these cultures with native artists as well as create new works uniting our cultural pasts, forging a graceful and distinctive ensemble sound that straddles continents in its cultural voice and centuries in its array of techniques. Jazz, progressive pop, and Asian & African music are all identifiable source points for the music, shadowed by the dark and persistent beauty and rhythmic surges of Spain's traditional Flamenco.

Al-Andalus is a music that eludes categorization. An instrumental ensemble effectively merging classical interplay & jazz improvisation with North African, S Indian, Flamenco and Jazz melodies and rhythms. A most unusual new ensemble of International music for the most discriminating musical palette.

This Andalusian tradition is our creative inspiration: a thread connecting many musical and cultural traditions. What is especially unique about our group is that in addition to performing traditional work Al-Andalus also excels in composing contemporary works based on the Andalusian legacy. Our concerts are a creative journey that mirrors cross-cultural communication, subtly uniting sound & movement, merging poetry & fine arts, the old & new are entwined, captivating the audience with colorful intensity & beauty.

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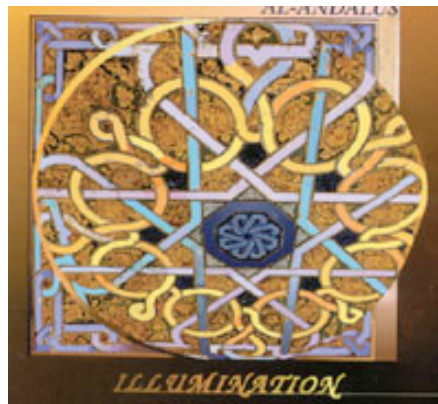
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Track Listing:

1. Maitreem
2. Song of the Water
3. White Shadows
4. Jinete
5. Tiruvai
6. Taktokah
7. Rhythmic Rain
8. Nabil
9. A la Una yo Naci
10. The Nineteen
11. Martil
12. Departure
13. Illumination

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