

Lumen de Lumine

This album is a collection of sacred songs - most of them from liturgical character - from the most diverse traditions of the Christendom.

Harpa Dei has dared to interpret songs with quite unusual melodies to our ears, marked by western musicality; for example, the „Kyrie eleison“ of Ethiopia or the „Hail Mary“ in Chinese language.

Thus, listeners can get an idea of the richness of Sacred Music in the Church, in which so many different peoples converge with their own expressions in the praise of God.

The members of Harpa Dei have found a style that facilitates the assimilation of the songs and the Enjoyment of its almost supernatural beauty.

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1. O magne Pater (O great Father) - Antiphon composed by St. Hildegard of Bingen in honor of God the Father.

2. Kyrie eleison & Trisagon - Two invocations that resound daily in the liturgy of the Armenians.

3. Dotsojno jest jako vaistinu - This song of praise is recited in the Byzantine liturgy after the words of consecration and honors the Mother of God, raised above the Cherubim and Seraphim.

4. Lecha dodi - Hymn that greets the arrival of the Shabbat (the Sabbath of the Jews): Come, my friend, to meet the bride; Let us receive the face of Sabbath!"

During the last stanza it is customary to turn toward the door of the synagogue, to greet the Sabbath with a bow.

5. Poorna sanaathana - Song of meditation that describes Jesus as a perpetual light that enlightens the darkness of the world.

6. Trisagon (Three Times Holy) - "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One; have mercy on us."

7. Ya Mariam el bekr - "O Virgin Mary, you shine brighter than the moon and the sun, and every star fades before you. O Mother of God, my only hope; do not abandon me even if I stray from my path. O Morning Star, enlighten our thinking, seeing, and hearing."

8. O buen Jesús (O good Jesus) - Eucharistic song written by St. (Brother) Miguel, an Ecuadorian religious.

9. Nova Bella - Gradual from Holy Mass written in honor of St. Joan of Arc.

"The Lord has chosen a new war... there the justice and goodness of the Lord will be proclaimed by the heroes of Israel."

10. Bogurodzica - Religious song and oldest Polish poem that was written around the thirteenth century. In the course of Polish history it often rang out as an anthem of coronation or battle. The first stanza is addressed to the Mother of God and invokes her intercession for us with her son. The second invokes Christ and asks for His blessing on earth and His reward

11. Egzio mharene - Meditative Ethiopian song: "Lord, have mercy!"

12. Ee ver in Yéroosaghém - Piece from the Armenian Requiem, singing of the wonders of the heavenly Jerusalem and asking the Lord to welcome the dead into it.

13. Cherubikon - "We, who mystically represent the Cherubim and sing to the life-giving Trinity the thrice-holy hymn, let us cast aside every earthly desire."

14. Yedid nefesh - A tender love song to God in which the soul invokes the Heavenly Father as his beloved and asks for enlightenment and healing for herself and for the whole world.

15. Sveika žvaigžde ankstyboji - Song to the apocalyptic Mother of God, who appears as the woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

16. Improperium - Offertory of the Holy Mass in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - "In my pain I looked for someone to console me, but I found none."

17. Swarga di pade - Hymn from the Syro-Malankara liturgy.

18. Our Father - The prayer of the Lord sung in the mother tongue of Jesus, Aramaic. Today it is the sacred language of the Syrian and Assyrian rites.

19. Ave Maria - The "Hail Mary" sung in the Chinese language.

20. Bogoroditse Devo raduisja - The angel Gabriel's greeting to the Virgin Mary.

21. Nakulondo Mfumuami (Language: Kisonge) - Song native to the Congo:

"I will follow you, O Son of God, in poverty and wealth; for Your name is exalted, Your infinite mercy and clemency knows no boundaries."

22. Muana Kondo (Language: Swahili) - In Congolese style:

//Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. //

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

01. O magne Pater - Sainte Hildegard from Bingen
02. Kyrie & Trisagon - Armenian tradition
03. Dostojno jest jako vaistinu - Russian Tradition
04. Lecha dodi - Jewish tradition
05. Poorna sanaathana - Indian Bhajan
06. Trisagon - Greek tradition
07. Ya Mariam el bekr- Arabic tradition
08. O buen Jesús - Ecuador
09. Nova bella - Offertorium Sanctae Johannae Arcensis
10. Bogurodzica - Polish marian hymn
11. Egzio mharene - Ethiopian Lord have Mercy
12. Ee ver in Yéroosaghém - Armenian Requiem
13. Cherubikon - Russian Hymn of the Cherubim

14. Yedid nefesh - Jewish song
15. Sveika, žvaigždė ankstyboji - Lithuanian tradition
16. Improperium - Offertorium sacratissimi cordis Jesu
17. Swarga di pade - Indian tradition
18. Our Father in aramaic language - Syrian tradition
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