



## **Jerusalem Duo**

Hila Ofek, Harp  
Andre Tsirlin, Saxophone

**Jerusalem Duo** was founded in 2012 by two young musicians from Israel - Hila Ofek (harp) and Andre Tsirlin (saxophone).

The Duo is one of the most exciting and unique ensembles in the world of chamber music. Since their first performance together, **Jerusalem Duo** has performed concerts in numerous stages and has been invited to appear at major festivals throughout Europe and Israel.

Their engaging moderation and direct interaction with the audience on stage during their concerts, creates a close and personal relationship that communicates the historical, musical and personal background of their chosen repertoire and establishes a closer connection to their art.

This is what the german newspaper "Frankfurter Neue Presse" wrote after one of their concerts: "... it's seems like one of the biggest inspiration of the duo is the unique connection between them and their audience... **Jerusalem Duo** creates an unforgettable experience in which music becomes a universal language and a form of expression that opens up a path directly to every listener's heart..."

**Jerusalem Duo** has won first prizes in prestige competitions such as the 6th Iberian contest of chamber music with harp in Madrid (2019), the 6th international competition for Israeli music in London (2012), and the 3rd international TEREM-CROSSOVER competition in Saint Petersburg, Russia (2013).

As scholarship recipients of Live Music Now Frankfurt they have played more than 80 concerts in many different venues and performed in front of a huge verity of listeners.

On October 3, 2017, **Jerusalem Duo** was invited to play in the main worship service on the "German unity day" in the main cathedral in Mainz in front of The German Chancellor Angela Merkel and the German president Frank-Walter Steinmeier. The event was broadcasted live on the main German television channel.

The duo has been an integral part of Maestro Giora Feidman's concerts and since 2017 has taken part in 3 of his latest productions - "Feidman plays Beatles", "Klezmer for Peace" and "Klezmer Virtuosi".

Their first album - "PREMIERE" was recorded in Pianissimo label (January 2017), and is being sold and played on various radio stations worldwide.

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## **Hila Ofek, Harp**

Harpist Hila Ofek was born in 1990 in Tel-Aviv, Israel.

She is a multiple prize winner of different international competitions. Among others, she won the third prize at the 1st Israeli National Harp Competition and first prize at the Concerto Competition of the Jerusalem Academy of Music. In July 2014 she won third prize at the 1st International Italian Harp Competition in Como, Italy and in January 2016 she won second prize at the Mexico International in Mexico City.

She has performed and recorded as a soloist with different orchestras such as the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Carlos Chaves Orchestra and Ra`anana Symphonette Orchestra, and has appeared in a recordings by Maestro Giora Feidman and the Gershwin Quartet.

Hila graduated with a BA degree from the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance. During the years 2012-2013 she studied with Prof. Germaine Lorenzini in Lyon, and in 2013 she was accepted at the Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, in the harp class of Prof. Françoise Friedrich, where in 2015 she completed her MA degree and continued her studies for the Konzertexamen (Artist diploma), which she completed with excellency in 2019.

For the outstanding musical achievements during her career, Hila was a scholarship holder from the "America-Israel Culture Foundation" (2005 - 2016), "Chais Family Foundation" (2008-2009), "Live Music Now Frankfurt" (2014-2019), "Freunde Junger Musiker e.V. Frankfurt", and the "Hessian Cultural Foundation" (2020).

Hila Ofek plays on Salvi harps.

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## **Andre Tsirlin, Saxophone**

Saxophone player Andre Tsirlin was born 1988 in Irkutsk, Russia.

In 1991, his family immigrated to Israel where he began his saxophone studies at the Jerusalem Conservatory for Music & Dance at the age of 13 in the class of Prof. Gersh Geller.

He is the first prize winner of the first Israeli Saxophone Competition, winner of the Wind Competition in the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance and the special prize for an outstanding performance of a musical work in the competition named after Paul Ben-Chaim.

As a soloist he had performed with numerous orchestras, including the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, the St. Petersburg Chamber Orchestra, the Italian Saxophone Orchestra, the Arco Musical Orchestra and others. In 2014 Andre performed as a soloist with the "Sadnah Conservatory Orchestra" at Carnegie Hall, New-York, USA and in 2016 they took part at the Cumma-Sum-Laude Festival and Competition in Vienna, Austria, where they won first prize and performed in prestigious concert halls such as "Musikverein" and the "Konzerthaus".

Andre graduated with a BA degree from the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance. He finished his MA studies in 2016 in the class of Wardy Hamburg in Mainz, and later continued to the Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst in Frankfurt am Main, where he studied instrumental pedagogy.

For the outstanding musical achievements during his career, Andre was a scholarship holder from the "America-Israel Culture Foundation" (2004 - 2014), "Anni Eisler Lehmann Foundation Mainz" (2015-2017), "Live Music Now Frankfurt" (2014-2019) and the "Hessian Cultural Foundation" (2020).

Andre plays on Selmer Paris & Yanagisawa saxophones, Pomarico mouthpieces and Legere reeds.

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