



## *Diwan Saz*

### *Enchanting Biblical Music from the Heart of the Galilee*

My name is Yochai Barak. Born in the Galilee.

The Bedouin music emanating from the neighboring villages enchanted me, as did Gurdjieff's music from Central Asia often heard in my home.

With a desire to experience music more intimately I set out on nomadic journeys throughout Central Asia and the Middle East where I discovered the SAZ.

When I returned to the Galilee, I gathered talented musicians together and created DIWAN SAZ .

The Diwan Saz ensemble collects the sparks of traditional music from the past and transcribes it into sacred contemporary music.

We believe in the power of music which can provoke a feeling of healing and liberation.

in the past 8 years we performed in many festivals around the world

in front of a diverse audience.

from New York to India, from a mosque to a synagogue, we were fascinated by the ability of our music to create a dialogue

and rise above any controversy or politics.

we feel very grateful for that. this is the essence of music for us.

Yochai Barak ~ Saz, Baglama

Udi Benknaan ~ Saz, Lira

Amir Shamsar ~ Ney , Zorna, Persian Vocals

Eyal Luman ~ Percussion & Qanun

Tzipora El Rei ~ Hebrew & Turkish Vocals

Rani Lorentz ~ Bass