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**Gulaza**

SECRET WOMEN SONGS FROM YEMEN

Gulaza Press Release

“Revealing Yemenite women’s hidden universe to the world”

After taking over the world by storm with its repertoire of Yemenite women’s songs sung by a man, Gulaza will continue to mesmerise us all at “WOMEX 2018”!

Breaking ethnic and musical boundaries has become second nature for Gulaza. Using theatrical and ceremonial elements, Gulaza revives and revamps ancient Jewish Yemenite women’s songs, offering the audience a phenomenal aural and visual experience.

Mystical texts that for centuries were handed down from mother to daughter, from generation to generation, acquire a contemporary interpretation in a memorable instrumental composition.

Through Igal Gulaza Mizrahi’s sultry performance and a unique combination of instruments, the audience is cast into an entrancing world of prayer, passion, dance, love and longing for freedom. There is no doubt about it — Gulaza will continue to leave audiences in awe throughout the world, as it has done so far.

After touring in Europe and the Far East for the past three years, Gulaza this time leaped even further as it will be among the selected artists to perform at the prestigious WOMEX Festival 2018. Looks like there is no stopping now.

“You get that when you see and hear Mizrahi strutting his stuff on stage. His voice, emphatic dictation and presence grab you by the heartstrings and don’t let go.” (Songlines, October 2018)

“With each melody, ... and through Igal Mizrahi’s soaring voice, the songs become laments for freedom and yearning for love.” (World Music Central.org, July 2016)

Musicians: **Igal Gulaza Mizrahi** - vocals and percussion, **Leat Sabbah** - cello
Yair Hashahar - guitars, **Shahar Katchka** - N’goni and percussion

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