

# Beirut Chants Festival

The Music Despite



Season 14

1 — 23 DECEMBER, 2021

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# Beirut Chants 2021

## PROGRAM

### Wednesday 1

#### Grand Opening

Giorgio Berruggi, Tenor

Fabio Centanni, Piano

St. Joseph Church | Monot | 20:00

*In collaboration with the Italian Embassy and the Italian Cultural Institute*

### Thursday 2

#### Abeer Nehmé

Beirut Souks | Downtown | 20:00

### Friday 3

Micaela Mingheras, Soprano

Michel Bou Rjeili, Countertenor

Antonel Boldan, Tenor

Denis Dubois, Piano

Ondin Brezeanu, Violin

St. Maron Church | Gemmayze | 20:00

### Saturday 4

#### Opera Gala Concert

Lebanese Philharmonic Orchestra

Jack Swanson, Tenor

*Richard Tucker Career Grant Winner 2018*

Toufic Maatouk, Conductor

Assembly Hall | AUB | 20:00

*In collaboration with the Embassy of the United States of America*

### Sunday 5

#### The Jazz groove

Arthur Satyan Trio

Arthur Satyan, Piano

Khachatur Savzyan, Double bass

Fouad Afra, Drums

Beirut Souks | Downtown | 20:00

### Monday 6

#### Armenian Chords

Kevork Kechichian, Flute, Duduk and Shvi

Aren Donerian, Piano

Kousan Chamber Choir

Krikor Alozian, Conductor

Shoghig Torossian, Soprano

Hasmik Kasbarian, Piano

Henry Ishkhanian, Piano

St. Elias & St. Gregory the Illuminator  
(Armenian Catholic Cathedral) | 20:00

### Tuesday 7

#### The Love of Beauty

Philokalia Choir

Lena Farah, Solo artist

Fadi Khalil, Organ

S. Marana Saad, Conductor

St. George Maronite Cathedral | Downtown  
20:00

### Wednesday 8

#### Of Love and War

Beatriz Blanco, Cello

*First Prize at the Association Suisse des Musiciens*

Federico Bosco, Piano

St. Joseph Church | Monot | 20:00

*In collaboration with the Spanish Embassy*

### Thursday 9

#### Telemann and the Italians

#### Baroque Sonatas for Cello and Basso Continuo

Jana Semaan, Baroque Cello

Anna Scholl, Harpsichord

St. Maron Church | Gemmayze | 20:00

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### Friday 10

#### Beethoven's Second Symphony

Lebanese Philharmonic Orchestra

Ion Iosif Prunner, Conductor

Florin Estefan, Baritone

St. Joseph Church | Monot | 20:00

*In collaboration with the Lebanese National Conservatory of Music and the Swedish Embassy*

### Saturday 11

#### Opera Oriental Fusion

Bechara Moufarrej, Tenor

Beirut Souks | Downtown | 20:00

### Sunday 12

#### Nativity

St. Romanos the Melodist Choir of Beirut

Fr. Romanos Joubran, Conductor

St. George Orthodox Cathedral | 18:00

#### Clarinet Fantasies

Heidy Huwiler, Clarinet

Tomas Dratva, Piano

St. Elie Church | Kantari | 20:00

*In collaboration with the Swiss Embassy*

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### Monday 13

#### **Goldberg Variations for Strings Trio | J.S.Bach**

Enrico Filippo Maligno, Violin

Riccardo Savinelli, Viola

Jacopo di Tonno, Cello

St. Maron Church | Gemmayze | 20:00

*In collaboration with the Italian Embassy and the Italian Cultural Institute*

### Tuesday 14

#### **Allahū Maāna**

Ghada Shbeir

Elie Hardan, Piano

Naji Azar, Violin

Afif Merhej, Oud

Maria Makhoul, Qanoun

Maroun Abou Samra, Douff, Percussion

St. Elie Church | Kantari | 20:00

### Wednesday 15

#### **Les Divas de la Méditerranée**

Farah El Dibany, Mezzo-soprano

*Prix Lyrique de l'AROP*

Mina Nabil Hanna, Piano

Beirut Souks | Downtown | 20:00

### Thursday 16

#### **The Traditional Byzantine Christmas**

St. Stephanos the Melode Choir

Fr. Romanos Al Osta, Conductor

St. Sauveur Catholic Cathedral | 20:00

### Friday 17

#### **Great Mass in C minor | W. A. Mozart**

Anna Maria Labin, Soprano

Caterina Di Tonno, Soprano

Anicio Zorzi Giustiniani, Tenor

Cesar Naassy, Bass-baritone

Antonine University Choir

Notre-Dame University Choir

Lebanese Philharmonic Orchestra

Toufic Maatouk, Conductor

St. Joseph Church | Monot | 20:00

*In collaboration with the Lebanese National Conservatory of Music*

### Saturday 18

#### **Sacred and Profane**

Mira Akiki, Soprano

Olga El Kik, Soprano

Natasha Nassar, Mezzo-soprano

Charles Eid, Tenor

Fady Jeanbart, Baritone

Cesar Naassy, Bass-baritone

Vartan Agopian, Piano

St. Maron Church | Gemmayze | 20:00

### Sunday 19

#### **A Countertenor Christmas**

Matteo El Khodr, Countertenor

Ensemble Barocca

Mario Rahi, Violin

Beirut Souks | Downtown | 20:00

### Monday 20

#### **Roy Hage, Tenor**

*59th Annual Grammy Awards (2017)*

*First Prize in the WRTI (2017)*

#### **Hélio Vida, Piano**

St. Elie Church | Kantari | 20:00

*In collaboration with the Brazilian Embassy*

### Tuesday 21

#### **A Moving Brahms!**

Jonathan Fournel, Piano

*First Prize Queen Elisabeth Competition 2021*

Assembly Hall | AUB | 20:00

*En collaboration avec l'ambassade de France et*

*l'Institut Français au Liban*

### Wednesday 22

#### **Notre-Dame University Choir**

Khalil Rahme, Conductor

St. George Maronite Cathedral | Downtown

20:00

### Thursday 23

#### **Closing**

#### **Guy Manoukian**

Beirut Souks | Downtown | 20:00

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