

## ***ORIT ORBACH – Clarinet , Bass Clarinet***

***“Orit is above all an artist. She has an outstanding stage presence, strong personality and natural musicality”.***

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Orit Orbach has appeared as soloist with many orchestras all over the world including - the Israel Philharmonic conducted by Zubin Mehta, the Jerusalem Symphony, the Hagen Symphony, the Warsaw Philharmonic, the Sofia Philharmonic, the Israel Chamber Orchestra, the Beer Sheva Sinfonietta, the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, the San Fransisco Sinfonietta, the Colorado Symphony and others. She was principal Clarinetist in the Israel Symphony Orchestra, the Tel-Aviv Chamber Orchestra, the Haifa Symphony Orchestra and the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra.

Orit Orbach performed the world premiere of the Penderecki Clarinet Concerto with the Colorado Music Festival Symphony Orchestra, and also premiered Robert Starer's "Kli Zemer" with the Jerusalem Symphony. Among her CD recordings are Starer's "Kli Zemer" , Aharon Harlap Clarinet concerto, composed especially for Orit and Andre Hajdu's "Jewish Rhapsody"" for Clarinet, bass Clarinet and orchestra..

Ms. Orbach has participated in various music festivals in the United States and Europe, including the Marlboro Music Festival, the Tanglewood Music Festival, the Neustadt Music Festival (Germany), Music By the Red Sea Festival in Israel and the International Clarinet Festival in Sefad, Israel, with Giora Feidman. She has performed with musicians such as Shlomo Mintz, Yuri Bashmet, Schmucl Ashkenasi, Raphael Wallfisch, Atar Arad, Michael Tree, David Soyer and the Pianist, Pascal Roge..

Orit won first prizes in the Wind competitions, Chamber competitions and Concerto competitions in the 3 Universities she attended and graduated: the Tel Aviv Rubin Academy, the New England Conservatory, and the Northwestern University, Chicago.

Ms. Orbach also specializes in Jewish Hassidic music and has performed with several Klezmer bands as the Maxwell Street Klezmar Band, Chicago, the Klarisma Band and others. For the past 10 years Orit leads the “ Eve’s Women Band”. This Ensemble is one of the most highly appreciated women ensembles, which performs Jewish authentic music combined with new styles as Jazz, Rock, Latin, Middle Eastern, Moroccan, Irish etc. The group has performed across the globe, from the "Oris" Jazz Festival, London, through "Roskilde" Festival, Denmark, Brooklyn Festival, New York, the International Festival in Beijing, South Africa, Berlin, Eastern Europe to a grand tour in the Far East.

Born in New York, Ms. Orbach immigrated to Israel and began studying the Clarinet at the age of seven. Among her teachers were Richard Lesser, Harold Wright and Robert Marcellus.