

artist: Apollo's Fire
Jeannette Sorrell, director
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about the release

Cast out of Jerusalem, cast out of Spain. The Spanish Jews in their travels absorbed the colorful musical accents of Italy, Turkey and North Africa, including exotic percussion. Apollo's Fire's musical journey interweaves Sephardic folk song with the Monteverdi-like Hebrew choral work of Salamone Rossi – the *Songs of Solomon*. The daily rhythms of life – love, rejection, feasting and celebration – culminate in the mystical prayers of Shabbat.

critical acclaim for Apollo's Fire

“*Sephardic Journey* certainly has the potential to be the ensemble's biggest hit since their long-running *Sacrum Mysterium: A Celtic Christmas Vespers* presentation [AV 2269]. Sorrell and company have a new favorite on their hands, one which is likely to become a regular event.” – *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*

“Sorrell has taken her programming to a new level in a showcase of Jewish music from Spain and Italy. With performers of such reliable quality and a director who choreographs the proceedings down to the tiniest detail, Apollo's Fire always puts on a good show.... *Sephardic Journey* is a keeper.” – *Classical Voice Of North America*

“another innovative and brilliant new program: *Sephardic Journey*... a magic carpet that swept Sunday afternoon's large audience away. It was often a deeply moving journey.” – CoolCleveland.com

“delightfully authentic songs of the Sephardic Jews. The spirit and sound of the music could have come straight out of a Middle Eastern bazaar, mixed with spices ranging from ancient prayer chants to Italian Baroque. ...In all, a scholarly, imaginative program that only a skillful and adventuresome ensemble could pull off. – *BackTrack.com*

summary

Sephardic Journey documents one of Jeannette Sorrell's and Apollo's Fire's most popular programs ever, weaving musical accents of Jerusalem, Spain, Italy, Turkey and North Africa with Baroque-style choral music.

tracklist

I. O JERUSALEM!

- [1] Ir me kero, Madre, a Yerushalayim (I want to go to Jerusalem, mother...)
- [2] Cuando el Rey Nimrod (Avram Avinu)

II. THE TEMPLE

- [3] Avinu Malkenu
- [4] Lecha Dodi

Salamone Rossi Hebreo (c. 1570-1630)

- [5] Sonata in Dialogo, for Two Violins & Continuo
From the *Songs of Solomon*:
- [6] Al Naharot Bavel (By the Waters of Babylon - Psalm 137)
- [7] Ytgaddal veyitkaddash (Kaddish)

III. LOVE AND ROMANCE

- [8] Ah el Novio no quere dinero (Ah, the bridegroom wants no money)
- [9] La Rosa enflorise (The Rose Blooms)
- [10] Adio querida (Farewell, My Beloved)
- [11] La Comida la manana (*instrumental*)
- [12] A la Una yo nasci (At One I was Born)

IV. O JERUSALEM!

- [13] Ir me quiero a Yerushalayim

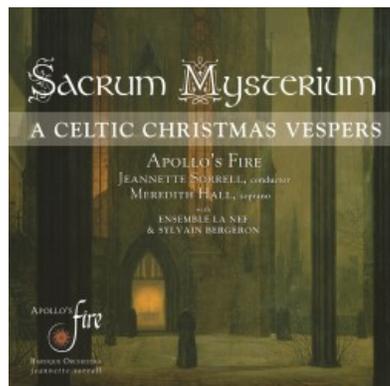
V. THE SABBATH

- [14] Ki eshmera Shabbat (If I Guard the Sabbath)
From the *Songs of Solomon* (Rossi):
- [15] Hallelujah Ashreish
- [16] Tzur mishelo akhalnu (The Lord our Rock)

VI. FEASTING AND CELEBRATION

- [17] Sonata 12 sopra la Bergamasca (Sonatas, Bk. IV)
- [18] Galliarda detta la Zambalina, (Sinfonie e Galliarde, Bk. II)
- [19] Hazeremos / Quita'l tas
- [20] La Comida la Manana (The Morning Meal)

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A Celtic Christmas Vespers
AV2269 (CD + DVD)