



New York Andalus Ensemble

Today, a spirit of intercultural exchange is reborn with the New York Andalus Ensemble, a multiethnic, multi faith group that performs in Arabic, Hebrew, Spanish, and Ladino. Under the direction of ethnomusicologist and multi-instrumentalist Dr. Samuel Torjman Thomas, the ensemble is conjuring the cosmopolitan synergy of Al-Andalus in present-day New York.

ذهبَ الظُّلْمُ وَابْتَلَتِ الْعُرُوقُ وَثَبَتَ الْأَجْرُ

انْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ

The thirst has gone, the throat has been wetted and the reward has been earned, if Allah ﷺ so wills.
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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
Bismillah ir-rahman ir-rahim

בָּשֵׁם אֱלֹהֶיךָ רְחִמָּה וְרָחוּם
Be-shem EL ha-rahman we-ha-rahoom
In the name of Allah, the compassionate, manifesting compassion

Yedid Nefesh – Ya Ashikine

Ya 'a-shi-keen le-he-bát ji-mar, fi wusta l'hásha (ah-ya)
Fellow lovers, fire lit up inside me

Y°díd nèfèsh, 'Av hā-Rah°mān, m°shókh ³avdākh èl
r°tzōnākh.

Beloved of the soul,
Compassionate Father, draw Your servant to Your Will

Ma-h-bu-ba qal-bi qad sa-far, 'anni masha

محبوب قلبي قد سافر عنى مشى
My lover left me and traveled away

Yárütz ³avdākh k°-mō 'ayyāl, yishtaħawè 'el mūl
hadārākh

Your servant will run like a hart, to bow before Your majesty

Ah 'alesh ya fa-tten, tour-da-ni bil-hijra

يا فنان ترضي بذا الهجران
(I was asked, "Why must I accept this departure/this loss?"

Ki yè'èrav lō y°dídutākh, minnōfet tzuf w°-khol ṭa³am
To him Your friendship will be sweeter, than the dripping of the honeycomb and any taste

Enta ma'i wá-na sah-ran, ne-te-nawelu bil ki-ssan
أنت معي و أنا سهران تناولوا بالكيسان
You and I are spending the evening together intoxicated.

Ma taf-ta-kar el 'ata, min a-zah-wi wa sil-wan

أما تفتكر لما كان من الزهو و السلوان
From sensual joy and lovers you cannot escape?

Ya Rabbi

Kullu l-rabbi ma tebqish - Ya Rabbi

Walduq rabbi ma yaħlīsh - Ya Rabbi

Tell to my God not to cry, God will protect

Ya rabbi ḥen alina, Ya rabbi faraj alina

Ya rabbi adfa al 'adyan, Ya rabbi fataħ al bibān

Lo rotzim 'od milħama, ten shalom v-ahava

Lo rotzim 'od milħama, v-hafseq et ha-sin'ah

Ana Mali Fiyash - Sha'ar Petah Dodi

أنا مالي فياش، واش علىّ مني. نقلق من راققي، علاش؟ والخالق يرزقني!
الله الله الله الله، الله الله، لا إله إلا الله

Anā malī fiyāsh, wāsh ³āliyya minnī Naqlaq men rizqī
³iħħ, wel-kħalaq yarzaqnī Why worry about my sustenance, for it is out of my hands, only the Creator will provide

Allāhu (x3) Allāh | Allāhu, Allāh, lā 'iħħa 'iħħa Allāh

أنا عبد ربّي، له قدرة، يهونوا بها كل أمر عسير
فإن كنت عبداً ضعيف القوة، فربّي على كل شيء قدير

Ana ³abdu Rabbī, lahu qudratun Yħunu biħā kulu
'amrin ³asir I'm but a servant of my Lord, He who has the power / to transform all difficulty to ease

Fa-in kuntu ³abdan, da³if al-quwwa fa-Rabbī ³alā
kulli shay'in qadār While I am overcome with weakness, my Master can accomplish all!

مِنِّي وَاشْ عَلَيَّ، أَنَا عَبْدُ مُمْلُوكٍ، وَالحَاجَةُ مَقْضِيَّةٌ، مَا فِي التَّحْقِيقِ شَكُوكٌ
ربّي انظر لي، أنا نظير متزوك، في الأرحام والأحشاء، من نطفة صورني

Mennī wash ³aliyya, ana ³abduñ memlük Wa-l-hāja
meqdiya, ma fi t-taħqiq° shkuk I am not bothered, as faithfully my Master will take care of everything

Rabbī ndar liyya, anā naqdir metrūk fil 'arħām
wa-l-'aħħā', min nutfa sawwarnī My Lord, please look after me, as I am but created from a mere seed

يقول لمن شاء: كُن! فيكون. ويُبرُغ سُبحانه ويعي
ويُحکُم في خلقه ما يشاء، ويغفل في ملوكه ما يُريد

Yaqūlu li-man shā'a kun fa-yakūn wa-yubdi³u
Subħānu wa-yūñi He proclaims who will be, to be
He, praised be He, is the One who provides consciousness
Wa-yaħkumu fī khalqihī mā yashā' wa-yaf ³alu fī
mulkihī mā yurid Only He decides for His creation
what will become of it.

شعر فتح ذوري، كومها فتح شعر في بابها نافشى، جم نشرها شعر
Sha'ar petah dodi qumah petah sha'ar Ki niv-ha-lah
nafshi, gam nis'a-rah sha'ar Open the gate, my beloved,
Arise and open the gate, For terror is in my heart, my love,
the storm never ceases

Rasul Allah

Adam hu rasul Allah, Noah..., Ibrahim..., Ishaq..., Isma'il...,
Yakub..., Yusuf..., Musa..., Harun..., Maryam hi...,
Rut hi..., Dawud..., Sulayman..., Issa..., Mohammed...