



ARABIC HEBREW WORLD MUSIC



Miriam Toukan (Arabic: مريم طوقان, Hebrew: מִרְיָם טוֹקָאן), singer, song writer and a Lawyer (Born July 6) in I'billin village in the Galilee to a teacher Waseim Toukan and his wife Mokhlisah Zeidan who are a Melkite Greek Catholic couple from I'billin. Miriam Toukan was the first Arab participant of Kokhav Nolad, an Israeli song contest styled after American Idol, and the first to sing in Arabic on the show in a prime time.

Miriam started her musical career herself in the church choir of I'billin, where she became the solo singer in the age of 12. She is until today a member of this choir. In the age of 14 she joined the Alkarawan choir and with them started to perform internationally, in Finland, Estonia, Czech republic, Jordan and other countries.

In her world music concert Miriam is singing her own songs as well as beautiful covers of Israeli traditional songs including "Ki Ha'adam Etz Hasade", "Hachalil", "Tachnisini Tachat Knafech", "Erev Kachol Amok" to name just some. In her repertoire there are also Arabic traditional songs like "Abdelkader", "Yarayah" or songs of the famous Lebanese singer Fairouz. Many songs Miriam sings mixed in Hebrew and Arabic.

In 2012 she performed in Northern Israel with the song of John Lennon ("Imagine") which she sang in English, Arabic and Hebrew.

To concerts like this Miriam travels with her own band with piano, guitar/percussion and Saxophone if wished. On top of this Miriam performed 2012 in the Ethnic Festival together with Zohar Fresco, Antonello Messina and Sokratis.