

House of Tarab, Arabic Music Ensemble

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The Music:

There are many genres of arabic music, House of Tarab specializes in the “Golden Era” music of Egyptian cinema. Think Frank Sinatra of the middle east, classical instruments with a big band cabaret sound.

Musical Director Sallah Ali spices the band’s potpourri of arabic songs, dance and theater music with his original arrangements, inspired by his classical training in the Iraqi National Orchestra. While maintaining the integrity of the music these cabaret arrangements keep the music fresh and relevant. The melodies are intricate in there micro-tonal scale structure; and the use of acoustic instrument leads to very dynamic emotional playing. Most all of the members sing chorus as well giving a rich, bigger than life sound. Attention to detail, professional attitudes, hours upon hours of research and rehearsals gives House of Tarab a level of class and sophistication rarely seen these days.

The Band:

House of Tarab aka H.O.T consists of 6 members playing acoustic instruments including oud (Egyptian lute), ney (open end reed flute), violin, contra bass, and a variety of percussion instruments.

The band was officially formed in 2007 though several members have played in different configurations for over a decade. Venues range from house concerts, weddings, night clubs, concert hall, colleges functions, and festivals. Attention to detail, professional attitudes, hours upon hours of research and rehearsals gives House of Tarab a level of class and sophistication rarely seen these days. From casual to tuxedos these players can do it all.

Unlike a lot of ensembles H.O.T is a family, the members spend as much time hanging out together as they do rehearsing and performing. This has created a bond between them that truly makes the sum greater then the parts.

The Style:

This is not your typical sleepy acoustic music. House of Tarab is high energy dance music accompanied by world class dance artists. The band loves this music and it shows by how much fun they have on stage, goofing around and making jokes that inevitably lead to hysterical laughter by the band and audience. This is a spectacle that will leave any audience in awe, a true cabaret show.

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The Dancers:

House of Tarab works with only the best cabaret belly dancers. Our principle dance artists are nationally and internationally recognized for their grace, charm and elegance.

The Musicians:

Stephen Elaimy: oud, vocals

David McGrath: ney, vocals

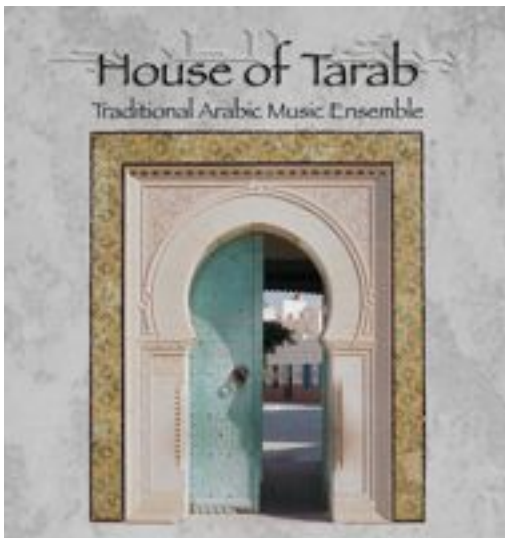
Sallah Ali: violin, vocals

Andy Zadrozny: contra bass

Jane Hall: riqq, duff, tabl baladi, vocals

Erik Brown: tablah, duff, muzhar, vocals

The Recordings:



House of Tarab: Self titled 2007 voted one of the ten best world music recordings of 2007 by Barbie-Danielle DeCarlo World Music Director of KCBS



House of Tarab: Beledi released in October 2008