

ZELA MARGOSSIAN QUINTET EPK

The Zela Margossian Quintet is an ethno-jazz band performing original works and arrangements carrying influences from Armenian traditional music. Comprised of talented and multi-cultural musicians from Sydney, Australia, the Zela Margossian Quintet creates an emotive musical atmosphere that is sure to take you on a pleasurable journey.

The Zela Margossian Quintet has participated in different festivals in Sydney such as the International Women's Jazz Festival in 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, Sydney Improvised Music Association's various jazz programs, a debut performance for Wangaratta Festival of Jazz and Blues in 2020, a debut performance at the prestigious Sydney Opera House in December 2020 and a performance at Sydney Town Hall for Sydney Festival in January 2021. A special performance to note is ZMQ's participation in the Beirut International Jazz Festival in Lebanon in April 2018.

"Transition", the band's debut album was released digitally by the Australian record label, Art As Catharsis, in November 2018. To promote their debut album, the quintet had performances in Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Auckland and Wellington and the album received positive reviews from different media sources such as The Sydney Morning Herald, The Australian, DownBeat and JazzWise magazines to name a few.

In October 2019, ZMQ's debut album, Transition, received an ARIA nomination for Best World Music Album category.

In 2021, ZMQ signed a record deal with the American Jazz Label, Ropeadope. The album was released internationally in February 2022 with an album launch event on the same day in Sydney.

BIO

Zela Margossian – Born in Beirut, of Armenian heritage, Zela Margossian began studying piano at a very young age. Graduating from Hamazkaine's Parsegh Ganatchian Musical College, she carried on her musical studies at the Lebanese Higher State Conservatory and at the same time, continued her education in English literature at Haigazian University. Upon earning her B.A. degree in English literature, she travelled to Armenia to further her musical studies at the Yerevan Komitas State Conservatory in the class of the renowned pianist and professor Vili Sargsyan. In 2007, Zela earned her Masters degree in Piano Performance from the Yerevan Komitas State Conservatory.

During her years studying in Armenia, Zela developed a great passion for Armenian ethno-jazz music that she experienced in local jazz venues. After moving to Sydney, she embarked on a new journey of nurturing this passion and has been making her mark there as a blossoming composer and artist.

Zela is currently actively performing her original compositions with her band, Zela Margossian Quintet, which she founded in early 2017. Zela Margossian Quintet's music is a fusion of folk, jazz and classical, carrying influences from traditional Armenian music.

Staging: Venue to provide backline

Show Duration: 90min

Touring Party: 5

Available: August 2023 onwards

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Resources:

- Bio (as above)
- [Tech specs](#)
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