

Mp3 Flory Jagoda - La Nona Kanta (the Grandmother Sings)



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Traditional and original Sephardic ballads, Jewish holiday songs, and romansas from the authentic Ladino speaking performer and composer Flory Jagoda, known worldwide as The Keeper of the Flame. 14 MP3 Songs WORLD: Balkan, FOLK: Traditional Folk Details: La Nona Kanta, in Flory's words: "I loved working on this CD because it was all about my family. I became a Nona and wrote many of these songs for my grandchildren and recorded them with their parents, Betty, Elliot and Lori." La Nona Kanta is Disc 3 of Flory's 4 Disc Set. ABOUT Flory: Born in Sarajevo, Flory spent her childhood summers in the Bosnian village of Vlasenica within the rich Sephardic tradition of her musical Altaras family. Tragically, the Sephardim of Sarajevo and its surrounding communities were nearly obliterated during World War II. During most of the war Flory was interned on the island of Korchula on the Dalmatian Coast. She and her parents finally escaped to Italy where she met and soon married Harry Jagoda, then in the U.S. military. Flory arrived in America as a war bride in 1946. Now in her 80s Flory has stated that her latest CD, Arvoliko: The Little Tree, will be her final recording. The tree, located in Bosnia, is said to be the only marker of the mass grave of 42 massacred members of the Altaras family. She refers to her four recordings as representing the four musical stages of her life. Ladino is in serious danger of extinction but it is experiencing a minor revival among Sephardic communities, especially in music. As the leader of this revival, Flory has been labeled "The Keeper of the Flame". In 2002 Flory received a Lifetime Honor by the National Heritage Fellowship and the National Endowment for the Arts for her efforts in passing on the tradition of Ladino music. People who are interested in should consider this download.

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