

Mp3 Avital Raz - Strange Love Songs



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An intimate fusion of Indian classical music, English Renaissance and American singer-songwriters. 6 MP3 Songs FOLK: Gentle, WORLD: World Fusion Show all album songs: Strange Love Songs Songs Details: Avital Raz's album is a guerrilla revolution inside a tiny antique music box, a cabaret put on in the chamber of the heart. At the age of eight, the restless and unruly child of religious parents in Jerusalem, Avital joined a strict children's choir that rehearsed six days a week and toured all over Europe. At thirteen, she started taking private voice lessons and by sixteen, she was performing solos with major Israeli orchestras. She continued with rigorous training in voice and composition, graduating from The Rubin Academy of Music and Dance in Jerusalem. As a classical singer, she recorded for radio, and performed in small opera productions, specializing in both early music and avant-garde modern compositions. After all this, to the surprise and dismay of her teachers and supporters, She dropped her budding career in western classical music altogether and moved to the Holy City of Varanasi (Benares) in India, where she spent six years studying Dhrupad, the oldest form of north-Indian classical music, with Master Ritwik Sanyal. Avital's time in India consisted of pre-dawn chanting, bathing in the Ganges, Hindi and Sanskrit lessons, many a variety of dysentery, obsessions with ayurvedic cooking, painfully drawn out international love sagas, moments of utter bliss, being too stoned to move, two broken legs, a sprained ankle and a rabid dog attack, involvement with various cults, touching feet of statues and of actual people, being awfully alone and little by little, as her inhibitions melted, finally finding the nerve to write her own music. This unique fusion of Indian and Western classical traditions, took final form when Avital met Itzik Yona, a celebrated guitar player and devoted sitar student, who encouraged her to return to Israel and start recording with him. Avital currently performs her own songs as well as Indian Classical music and piyutim, traditional Jewish liturgical music.

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