

# Mp3 Rich & Connie Shelengian - Oud Vibrations



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A mix of folk/contemporary Armenian music, using traditional Middle Eastern and Western instruments with vocals. 9 MP3 Songs WORLD: Middle East, WORLD: World Traditions Details: Richard Shelengian has been playing Armenian music for over twenty-five years. His early formal music training was on the trumpet, and he subsequently became interested in playing the folk songs of his ethnic Armenian heritage using authentic musical instruments of the Middle East region. His main instrument is the oud, an eleven-string, fretless acoustic instrument, considered to be the grandfather of the guitar. Richard also plays the saz (stringed instrument), dumbeg (hourglass-shaped hand drum), guitar, mandolin, flugelhorn, and sings. His first recording, "Oud Vibrations", features nine Armenian popular and folk melodies, including one original composition. Constance Shelengian was classically trained on piano by Maro Ajemian, and studied voice with former Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano Nancy Williams. She has a Doctor of Musical Arts degree and currently teaches vocal music. Connie sings two duets on Oud Vibrations, and provides the background instrumentals on acoustic guitar and keyboard.

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