## SHIRA Z. CARMEE and her BRASSERIE



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Shira Z. Carmel and her Brasserie - Shira Z. Carmel's newest adventure is an Avant-Groove Brass Band, standing (and dancing) on the thin line between Jazz, Art and Pop. This unusual ensemble features 6 brass and woodwinds players, a drummer and a singer-songwriter. CLICK TO LISTEN.

After years of "traveling" between the arts, be it dance, theater or photography - *Shira Z. Carmel* has found her home for artistic expression in music. For over a decade of writing and performing music, her songs have taken many shapes and sounds, whether it's a doo-wop swingy tune, talking about post-modern problems with her band "The Hazelnuts", a rocky-jazzy philosophic ponder about the meaning of life with her former "Shira Z. Carmel Quartet", or a Yiddish poem about Jewish life in the USSR composed with her Avant-guard duo "The Technicalities"... Whatever the instrument, whatever the genre, Shira creates a human microcosm: a SONG, and with it - an idea, a story, a new perspective. Now - accompanied by 6 horns and a drummer there's no stopping her.

Finding inspiration in the classical brass quintets, jazz big-bands, the 1940s' cool jazz and the New Orleans marching band traditions, arranger *Orr Sinay* dips Carmel's songs in a hot sauce of horns and drums that best befits her sultry voice and poetic lyrics. *Carmel* & *Sinay* met in the Jerusalem Music Academy, and it was musical love at first sight. They now collaborate in this fascinating project, where **Brass, Wind** and **Fire** come together. After performing for astounded audiences throughout the year, **Shira Z. Carmel and her Brasserie** are now releasing their debut EP and planning to take over the world.

"Shira Z. Carmel's act is likely the best musical act in Israel today... One could say that Carmel hovers somewhere in the middle of a dodecahedron, whose faces include Tom Waits, Frederick Chopin, Kurt Weill, the Soft Machine, Jolie Holland, Regina Spector and, say, the Pixies, but that would be to say nothing about it."

[+972 Magazine, about a Shira Z. Carmel live performance]

## Shira Z. Carmel and her Brasserie are

Voice & Songs: Shira Z. Carmel // Arrangements: Orr Sinay // Drums: Oded Levi Tuba: Péter Lengyel // Trombone: Yaron Ouzana // Trumpet: Tal Avraham Bass Clarinet: Nitai Levi // Saxophone: Noam Shapira // Clarinet: Tomer Amikam

