



## *Devoted*

In the program ***Devoted***, ETHEL has gathered music of passionate affection and dedication from cultures of the world, and practices as old as time. Following their own conviction that music can elicit intuitive understanding, facilitate moments of empathy, as well as awe and inspiration, ETHEL guides an exotic and deeply informative journey through the music of the great religions, secular love, and communal celebration.



On the way, the audience will traverse the hymns of Appalachia, the plainchant of Hildegard von Bingen, the ecstasy of Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and the tribal initiation songs of the Bayaka. There will be Klezmer, Kirtan, Boyobi, love songs and elegies – all expressive of the most significant human experience. Seeking an interfaith dialogue between modernity and antiquity, ETHEL demonstrates an abiding devotion to each other, their craft, and above all, the audience.

*Shout unto the LORD, all the earth! Break forth and sing for joy!*  
– Psalm 98:4

*Love has taken away my prayer beads and filled me with poetry and song. I tried to keep quietly repeating, no strength but Yours, but I couldn't. I had to clap and sing.*  
– Jalal al-din Rumi

*Don't regard yourselves as the final recipients of [...] music [...]. Instead, offer your ears and heart to heaven. Let your experience of [...] music go up to God."*  
— Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Davening: A Guide to Meaningful Jewish Prayer

