

HEAR, O ISRAEL

What do jazz and the Friday night Shabbat service have in common?

You will find it is much more than you could have imagined when you listen to a unique composition created by a teenage jazz-obsessed Rabbi's son and recorded by the great Herbie Hancock.

Hear, O Israel – premiering in the UK on Saturday at an event produced by YaD Arts for the Jewish Community Centre for London, was originally recorded by Herbie Hancock's quintet in 1968. It was re-released by Trunk Records in 2008.

Composed for a New York shul by the-then 17-year-old Jonathan Klein, now a Professor at the world-famous Berklee College of Music in Boston, Hear, O Israel, incorporates the core prayers of the Friday Night service. Klein arranged these prayers for eleven jazz musicians including four singers.

Johnny Trunk of Trunk records says: *'Of all my releases over the years, this has to be one of the most beautiful, and certainly one of the most unusual. Back in 1968, a Friday night prayer concert was recorded in New York. Nothing unusual about that, except it was composed by a seventeen year old and the musicians involved just happened to be some of the greatest jazz players of all time. Add to this sextet (led by Herbie Hancock) a fine soprano, a contralto, and a Rabbi and you end up with a rare blissful mix of modern spiritual jazz, modal phrase, Hebrew praises and an overall sound you may not have experienced before.'*

Also premiering on the night is Four Pieces for Peace, a suite of meditations on prospects and dreams of a more friendly future. This new music has been commissioned by F-IRE composers including Barak Schmool, Jonathan Bratoeff, Nick Ramm and Tom Mason.

A musician-led association, the ten-year-old F-IRE Collective today maintains a record label with more than 30 releases, an education programme and regular performances.

Date: Saturday 16th October

Time: 8pm & 9.30pm

Venue: King's Place, 90 York Way, London N1 9AG

Price: £9.50 in advance, £11.50 on the door.

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