



PRESS INFO

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IRFAN

World Fusion/Ethereal Wave/Mystic Folk

IRFAN's music is an unique blend of hypnotizing melodies and rhythms - an electro-acoustic World Fusion inspired by the sacred and folk music traditions of the Balkans, Persia, the Middle East, the Orthodox chanting and the musical heritage of Byzantium and Medieval Europe. Getting strength from their Bulgarian roots the band incorporates the timeless and rich sound of the renowned Bulgarian traditional music and harmonies into deep and mesmerizing electronic soundscapes and asymmetric percussive beats. One of the main features of IRFAN is the extensive use of the exceptionally beautiful ethnic female vocals and strong male vocals and choirs accompanied by a great variety of traditional Bulgarian, Balkan and Oriental string instruments (oud, baglama saz, santour), wind and key instruments (kaval, nay, duduk; harmonium) and percussions (darbouka, daf, bodhran, riq). The combination blossoms into an original World fusion that blends the Neo Folk and Gothic/Ethereal Wave matrix with the Oriental mysticism, the Balkan tunes and the Medieval romance into a captivating sound of crystalline beauty. The name of the band, which originates from Sufism, represents the notion of "gnosis" and "mystical knowledge" and perfectly stands for the unique experience and mystical, ethereal atmosphere created by their music. IRFAN's recordings and the live performances lead the audience through an emotional and spiritual journey beyond space and time.

DISCOGRAPHY

2003 IRFAN

Full-length debut album, released by [PRIKOSNOVENIE](#).

2007 SERAPHIM

Full-length album, released by [PRIKOSNOVENIE](#).

2008 THE GREAT HERESY

Soundtrack for the documentary "The Great Heresy" (TV series focused on the Medieval European heresies - the Bulgarian and Byzantine Bogomils and the Italian and Southern-French Cathars), released by the [Bulgarian TV Channel bTV](#).

2015 THE ETERNAL RETURN

Full-length album, released by [PRIKOSNOVENIE](#). [Side Line Magazine](#) rated this recording at № 1 position in [Side-Line Magazine's "TOP 20 best albums of 2015"](#)

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NOTABLE CONCERTS

2007 – 2016 Concerts at large scene-festivals including [WAVE-GOTIK-TREFFEN \(DE\)](#), [M'ERA LUNA \(DE\)](#), [CASTLEFEST \(NL\)](#), [FESTIVAL-MEDIAVAL \(DE\)](#), [COLOURS OF OSTRAVA \(CZ\)](#), [LES ANTHINOISES \(BE\)](#), [SUMMER DARKNESS \(NL\)](#), [ENTREMURALHAS \(PT\)](#), [VOICE OF NOMADS \(RU\)](#), [MENUO JUODARAGIS \(LT\)](#), [CASTLE PARTY \(PL\)](#) and numerous other Gothic, Neo Folk, Medieval and World Music festivals and venues in Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, France, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria, The Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Lithuania, Russia, Romania and Bulgaria.

Club and festival shows with other bands including [CORVUS CORAX](#), [OMNIA](#), [VALRAVN](#), [ARCANA](#), [THE MOON AND THE NIGHTSPIRIT](#), [OF THE WAND AND THE MOON](#), [SIEBEN](#), [CESAIR](#), [RASTABAN](#) and more.

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www.irfan.bandcamp.com/releases

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