# A musical journey of peace



# FROM ISIS TO MARY TO THE NEW SOPHIA

This musical Journey for Peace began in early 2022. I was pondering a theme for my new project when it suddenly became clear: «From Isis to Maria» – will be its title. But what is the music of Isis? How will I discover the ancient sounds and melodies that reach far into the past and yet are musically meaningful today? Can it relate to the present at all?

I travelled to Egypt to visit the temples of Isis along the Nile, and there, in Dendera and Philae, inspiration was found! I brought back melodies and certain ancient words.

But what about Mary, whose songs have traditionally been of a devout and pious tone? I was searching for the liberated Mary, freed from the patriarchy and power structures that have long been associated with the Divine. It was the Divine-Feminine that I was seeking to honor and bring to a new light.

Almost all of western classical sacred music pertains to Christ Jesus and his mother Mary — the Messiah, the liturgies, the oratories, the Stabat Mater, the Ave Maria. Where can we find its affiliation with Isis, Miriam, early Christianity, Gnostic Christianity, the Celtic initiates, and all the holy women who followed Jesus?

The name of Maria-Mirjam already appears with Moses sister; it was Mirjam who saved him and who has been a key name of Jewish culture.

In search for the true music of Mary I visited the Cathedral of Chartres and, as I learned, Europes oldest Marian shrine. There, even before the time of Christ, the Druids venerated the Madonna «Pariturae» – she, who shall bear «the child». And once again, here in Chartres, I received profound inspirational melodies for our opus.

I do love classical vocal music. But I am also looking for new horizons, pathways and connections that can lead to an understanding of the bigger picture, giving rise to renewed meaning and allowing for the old and the new to mutually endow each other.

Our new oeuvre was meant to be accompanied by string quartet and accordion, intended to revitalize ancient languages, connecting cultures and awakening the mind! I am able to write down melodies, but I cannot arrange them for an ensemble.

Meeting Felicia Birkenmeier and Gotthard Killian was a stroke of luck. They understood what I was talking about and possessed the musical equipment for its manifestation. Both had been on a similar quest for many years.

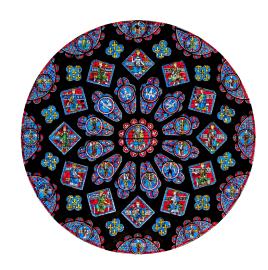
Additionally, Udo Auch and Olivier Vogt, and the young musician Viviane Ruof contributed their musical and intuitive skills to the success of this work — one that none of us could have created alone.

So wherein lies the bridge that can connect the former with the now? It was the name of Sophia (Greek for "Wisdom") that surfaced in my consciousness. Here, I discovered essential inspiration in the scroll of «Pistis Sophia» (version of J.J. & D. Hurtak) and the writings of Rudolf Steiner. After Isis and Mary find wisdom and the power of love through their suffering, Sophia emerges on a different plane. She stands for the future, in lieu of which the final aria calls out: «Arise, oh human, arise from sleep! Know thyself, know myself, Earth is calling you. Sophia sings my heart. Know that it is time. The time has come.»

The work thus created brings into focus the energy of the feminine, an energy that exists in every human being, male and female alike. It is an energy that can guide to the future, nourishing, illuminating, and empowering.

Thus, a bridge was forged arcing over more than five millennia: From the Ancient Egyptian to the Sanskrit, from Hebrew to Aramaic, from Gaelic to Old Russian, and ultimately from Latin to German. From simple melodics to advanced complexity. From tonal sounds to new tonality. Replete with hope and pioneering the future.

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#### Track List

Nr. 1	Isis & Osiris – Primeval Mother & Primeval Father	05:12
Nr. 2	From Oneness to Duality	00:5
Nr. 3	Set kills Osiris and throws him into the Nile	00:40
Nr. 4	Isis mourns Osirisand goes to look for him	02:10
Nr. 5	Isis calls on Ma>at and Hathor for spiritual help	01:50
Nr. 6	Om Purnam adah – All is included in wholeness	02:45
Nr. 7	Healing through awareness	05:02
Nr. 8	Anu Ari Pata – Everything is contained within me – I am the light.	01:29
Nr. 9	Osiris is dismembered by Set	01:15
Nr. 10	Isis is desperate and calls for the sun –the light.	02:02
Nr. 11	Amin Amen Aoum OM – Answer from the Source	02:30
Nr. 12	Isis draws new strength – she awakens to new life – Horus.	04:25
Nr. 13	$\label{lem:amen-Osiris} Amen-Osiris\ becomes\ god\ of\ the\ underworld-everything\ is\ part\ of\ a\ larger\ order.$	01:24
Nr. 14	Mi Ma'amakim – From the depths I call to you, O God – Psalm 130	02:4
Nr. 15	$\label{prop:second} \mbox{Ave Shechina Shalom - Salutation and Peace of the Divine Feminine Presence/Hebr.}$	02:04
Nr. 16	Mari Maria Myriam Malkuta	03:22
Nr. 17	Gabhaim Molta – How the Christ Impulse came to Ireland on a subtle level	02:20
Nr. 18	Na Garje - The town on the mountain	01:3
Nr. 19	Abwûn – The Lords prayer, in Aramaic	01:5
Nr. 20	Air in D Major (Orchestral Suite No.3)	03:0
Nr. 21	Attack on the Light – Jesus' Crucifixion	00:5
Nr. 22	Mood from Golgotha	00:5
Nr. 23	Stabat Mater – 1 <sup>st</sup> movement	04:24
Nr. 24	Mortem Filii – Death of the Son	01:10
Nr. 25	Oh Mary – Holy Women	03:40
Nr. 26	The old rise up once more before the new can arise	01:4
Nr. 27	Metamorphosis – Introduction from the Dissonance Quartet in C major	01:42
Nr. 28	Ave Sophia – The time has come	06:29
Total r	running time	70:1

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LYRICS	The music is played on the concert pitch a1 = 432 hertz/Hz 432 Hz, which has a harmonizing influence on body, soul, and spirit (instead of 442 Hz).  and their meaning		Melody: E.D./Arr.: F. B.  Text: Traditional prayer from the  Upanishads/Ancient India – Sanskrit;  Om Tryambakam Yajamahe Sugandhim  Pushtivardhanam  Urvaarukam Iva Bandhanam Mrityor  Mukshiya Maamritat. –
Primeval Mother & Primeval	Melody & Text: E. Dreyfus (*1986)/Arr.: G. Killian (*1961) Isis Umma – Great Mother (Egyptian); Osiris Ra Re – Father, Sun God, King (Egyptian),		We adore the opening of expanded vision! It all makes more sense that way. This is how growth comes from suffering, and not even death is a separation.
	Abba Nartumid Eyn Soph Or – Father of Eternal Light Without End (Hebrew);  Anu Ari Pata – I am the Light (Egyptian); Isis, Umma, Mother (Egyptian) Imma – Mother (Hebrew),  Ama – Mother (Arabic); Dea – Mother (Celtic);	Nr. 8 — Anu Ari Pata – Everything is contained within me – I am the light.	Melody: E.D./Arr: G.K.  Anu Ari Pata – I am the Light. The light is within me.  Ani Habi – I am love. Love is my essence.
	Mata – Mother (Sanskrit);; Osiris Habi Dodili Isis – Osiris, I, Isis, love you.	Nr. 9 — Osiris is dismembered by Set	Comp.: G.K./Melody inspired by motif by E.D.
Nr. 2 — From Oneness to Duality	Inspired by a melody of: E.D./Composed: G.K.	Nr. 10 — Isis is desperate and calls for the sun –the light.	Melody & Lyrics: E.D./Sentence: F.B  Osiris Abba Nartumid – O Osiris Father of the Eternal Light!  Eyn Soph Or – The light has no limits.
Nr. 3 ——— Set kills Osiris and throws him into the Nile	Inspired by a melody of: E.D/Composed : G.K.		Anu Ari Pata – The light works through me. Ra Re Yah – Sun God, King, Eternal!
	Melody: inspired by motif by E.D./Movement: G.K. Osiris Ari Pata Amun Ra. – Osiris, Thou Light of God		Melody & Lyrics: E.D./Sentence: F.B. Amin – So be it Amen – It is so AOUM – OM
Nr. 5 — Isis calls on Ma'at and Hathor for spiritual help			Das Aoum – Om is the sound from which, according to the Vedas, all life arises.
Nr. 6 — Om Purnam adah –	Isis Ma'at Hathor Anu Ari Pata – O goddesses, where is the light?  Melody: E.D./Set: F. Birkenmeier (1956*)/Text: Traditional prayer	Nr. 12 — Isis draws new strength – she awakens to new life – Horus.	Melody: E.D./Arr: F.B.
All is included in wholeness	from the Upanishads/Ancient India - Sanskrit Om Purnam adha purnam idam purnat purnam udacyate.  Purnasya purnam adaya purnam evavasisyate. Om Shanti.	Nr. 13 — Amen – Osiris becomes god of the underworld – everything is part of a larger order.	Melody: E.D./Arr: F.B.
	Here is wholeness, here is wholeness.  We come from wholeness and cannot fall out of it.  If you take a drop from wholeness, a whole drop remains.  May peace come from this insight.	Nr. 14 — Mi Ma'amakim – From the depths I call to you, O God – Psalm 130	Composer unknown Mi Ma'amakim Keraticha Yah Eli Shema Koli Shema Kol Tachanunay - From the depths I call to you, oh Eternal, my God, hear my voice. Turn your ear to me, hear my heartfelt pleas.

Nr. 15 — Ave Shechina	Melody: E.D./Arr.: G.K.
Shalom – Salutation and Peace of the Divine Feminine	
Presence / Hebrew.	
Nr. 16 — Mari Maria	Melody & Text Part 1: E.D./Arr. and composition 2 <sup>nd</sup> part: F.B.
Myriam Malkuta	Mari Maria Myriam Malakim, Mari Maria
	Myriam Irachem
	Marei Maryam Main Malkuta Haolam (hebr.) Variations on the name Mary in invocation of angels and
	as royal
	and merciful mother of the earth.
	Zama zama ozza rachama ozai – Invocation from the Pistis
	Sophia (2nd century Gnostic Scripture): You children of God are one with me, the first mystery.
Nr. 17 — Gabhaim Molta	Melody and lyrics trad. Ireland - Gaelic/Movement: G.K.
How the Christ Impulse	Gabhaim molta Bríghde,
came to Ireland on a subtle level	iníon í le héireann Iníon le gach tír í, molaimís go léir í.
34501010401	Lóchrann geal na Laighneach,
	soils' ar feadh na tíre Ceann ar óigheacht
	Éireann, ceann na mban ar míne.
	Tig an Geimhreadh dian dubh, gearra lena géire, ach ar lá le Bríghde, gar dúinn Earrach Éireann.
	I give praise to Brigid, daughter of Ireland Daughter of all lands; let us praise her.
	The bright torch of Leinster, shining across the country
	The leader of Ireland's youth, leader of gentle women.  The house of Winter is dark, cutting with its sharpness But
	on Brigid's Day, Spring in Ireland draws near to us.
	I give praise to Brigid, daughter of Ireland Daughter of all
	lands; let us praise her.
Nr. 18 —— Na Garje - The town	Traditional Siberian tune and text in old Russian language
on the mountain	Arr. to music by Alexander Kresling. Chor: Ensemble Marisis
	Na garje garje aai
	Da na vseij krassotje ach och ach
	Stajal garadok, aai
	Garadok kamenyi ach och ach V ätom garadu, aai
	Njet li milavo mavo ach och ach
	On the mountain, on the mountain, aai,
	in full splendor, ach,
	was a town, aai,
	the town made of stone, ach, och, ach, in this town, aai,there is no dearest, ach.
	(The town is a metaphor for the new Jerusalem, the new earth. In the future
	the dearest in this town will be Christ, as light and love within us.)

The Lords prayer, in Aramaic	Abwûn d'bwaschmâja Nethkâdasch schmach Têtê malkuthach Nehwê tzevjânach aikâna d'bwaschmâja af b'arha Hawvlân lachma d'sûnkanân jaomâna Waschboklân chaubên aikâna daf chnân schvoken l'chaijabên Wela tachlân l'nesjuna ela patzân min bischa Metol dilachie malkutha wahaila wateschbuchta l'ahlâm almîn. Amên
	FATHER-MOTHER of all created things Your name sounds holy through time and space. Let your kingdom of unity arise now. Let Your will happen through me - as in the spirit, so in everything that is formed. Give us what we need daily of bread and insight. Untie the bonds of my mistakes - how I solve them for others. Let's not enter oblivion, the temptation of shallowness, fall at home. And deliver us from immaturity, which is evil. Because yours is everything that reigns, the life that produces and is active, the song that beautifies everything and renews itself through the ages. Amen.
Nr. 20 — Air in D Major (Orchestral Suite No.3)	Comp.: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)
Nr. 21 — Attack on the Light – Jesus' Crucifixion	Comp.: G.K./Melody inspired by motif by E.D.
Nr. 22 — Mood from Golgotha	Comp.: G.K./Melody inspired by motif by E.D.
Nr. 23 — Stabat Mater – 1 <sup>st</sup> movement	Comp.: Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710 – 1736) Stabat mater dolorosa iuxta crucem lacrimosa, dum pendebat filius. – There was the mother in pain, by the cross in tears, while her son hung there.
Nr. 24 — Mortem Filii –  Death of the Son	Musical arrangement: U. Auch (1963*)

Nr. 19 — Abwûn composed by F. B.

Nr. 25

Oh Mary - Melody and lyrics: E.D./Arr.: U.A. & E.D.

**Holy Women** Oh Maria – Oh Mary

Oh Shechina – Divine Mother as the presence of God in all (Hebr.)

Anna – Mother of Mary

Pariturae Dea Matres - Druidic invocation to the Theoto-

Mater Dei Christi - Mother of Christ (lat.)

Heilige Frauen, was ist euer Wirken? - Holy women, what

Maria Jakobea – Jesus' next disciple and more

Maria Magdalena - Jesus' next disciple and more

Maria Salome – Disciple of Jesus

Innere Weisheit Sophia - Inner Wisdom Sophia - Personi-

fication of Wisdom (Greek)

Ruach Hakadosha – the holy spirit (Hebrew)

Heilig heilige Geistin - Holy Holy Spirit

Wer bist du? - Who are you?

Wo bist du? Zeige dich! - Where are you? Show yourself!

Nr. 26 — The old rise up once Melody: E.D./Arr.: G.K. more before the new can arise

— Metamorphosis – Nr. 27 ---Introduction from the Dissonance Quartet in C major

Comp.: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 - 1791)

Nr. 28 -

Ave Sophia - Melodie & Text: E. D. und F. B./Satz & Komp.: F. B.

**The time has come** Ave Sophia, du Wesen aus Weisheit.

Wohin geht die Menschheit, Isis, Maria,

Ave Sophia?

Ich bin das All, ich bin der Mensch,

Vergangenheit und Gegenwart und Zukunft.

Meinen Schleier soll jeder Sterbliche lüften.

Du Strahlen der Weisheit, Sophia.

Mensch steh auf, erhebe Dich aus all dem Schlaf.

erkenne dich, erkenne mich,

die Erde ruft nach dir.

Mein Herze singt Sophia.

Erkenne: Es ist an der Zeit!

Hail Sophia, being of wisdom.

Where is humanity going to, Isis, Mary, Ave Sophia?

I am the universe: I am the human.

past and present and future.

Every mortal shall lift my veil.

You rays of wisdom, Sophia;

Arise, oh human,

arise from sleep!

Know thyself, know myself, Earth is calling you.

Sophia! Sings my heart.

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Know that it is time. The time has come.

Elischewa Dreyfus was born in a culturally open and spiritually diverse center in the heart of Switzerland to a Christian German mother and a Jewish father. From an early age she has encountered a wide variety of people, cultures and styles of music as well as daily practiced Vedic rituals and has journeyed to places of power all over the world.

Her training as a music and movement teacher at the HKB in Biel and the «Master of Arts in Music Pedagogy - Project and Opera» as well as her singing training with various teachers (see website) have given her a basis for her current work. She sings in concerts both nationally and internationally and gives workshops as well.

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