

Elisete, the Brazilian Singing Bird from Israel

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Her name is Elisete, she is a singer and songwriter. She was born in Brazil and she lives in Israel since 1991. She moved there during the Gulf War and decided to stay. Her first album Luar e Café was released in 2004 and has received a lot of good reviews from the press in Israel and also abroad.

Some people say that Elisete is the real thing in the Latin scenario in Israel. She has got the rhythm in her blood and her music, she says, "comes from the heart".

The singer composed all fifteen songs of her first album, all of them with Brazilian rhythms and sound, and most of them sung in Hebrew.

Her next CD is due out soon, and her latest single - "Shalom Dikaon" ("Goodbye Depression") is already filling the airwaves of Israel.

"In my songs I try to conciliate the Brazilian life style that is based on happiness, sun and music and the local reality so difficult most of the times" she says.

Her music is very eclectic like herself: her songs bring bossa-nova, samba, forró, baião and other Brazilian rhythms.

"I'm in the process of finishing my second album," says the Brazilian artist. "I want it to be dedicated to the late Ehud Manor, a wonderful human being that supported my work and liked it!"

She seems to be able to perform comfortably in either language, which may be the reason for her rising international stardom.

"It is really awesome to know my music is getting to people all around the world and that they are liking it even though the majority of my songs are in Hebrew!" she says.

You can get to know more of Elisete at her website: www.elisete.com.