

LE TRIO JOUBRAN



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PRESS RELEASE**

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Le Trio Joubran will perform at Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Saturday 2nd May, 8pm.

Following their stunning UK premiere in Wales three years ago, Aberystwyth Arts Centre are thrilled to welcome back Le Trio Joubran.

*“This is contemporary oud playing at its finest —inventive, quixotic and arresting”
Songlines*

Samir, Wissam and Adnan Joubran are three young brothers who proudly represent the extraordinary cultural heritage of Palestine, and are the only professionally performing oud trio in the world. On this tour they are joined by percussionist Yousef Hbeisch, whose artistic contribution brings a new dimension and richness to their music. Their repertoire, made up of original creations and magnificent improvisations, is rooted in their knowledge of traditional maqâms and their subtle interpretations. Their music is however also influenced by contemporary flamenco and jazz guitarists such as John McLaughlin.

With their skilful, heart-wrenching improvisations that evoke the landscape, culture and people of Palestine, the trio conjure up harmony and sweetness, depth and joy. On stage, their eyes meet and their instruments unite to express that which the spoken world cannot. Between musical ecstasy and sumptuous silence, the trio carries its audience from elation to melancholy. Their overwhelming stage performances are both precise and overflowing with emotions that take the audience’s breath away.

As Palestinians, Le Trio Joubran dream of the day when they can be free to just be ‘themselves’, to just create and play music like normal musicians. Their musical life is carried out amid the unimaginable social and political complexities of present day Israel and the West Bank. The Palestinian experience of occupation, discrimination, hardship and sacrifice lends their musical scene a unique, experimental, diverse and innovative perspective, set apart from the rest of the Arab world. This trio’s music has the power to remind you that away from the conflict, theirs is a beautiful

country with a rich and culturally diverse heritage. Something in their music simply transcends cultures, borders and politics.

A world-class must-see for all fans of classical and world music, Le Trio Joubran's heart-stoppingly beautiful oud playing will touch your soul.

Tickets for this production are £14 (£13) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre ticket office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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