

5 minutes with

Ghada Shbeir

What's keeping you busy at the moment?

I'm preparing for three concerts in Thessaloniki, Greece and a concert in Dar El Opera in Syria.

What are you currently reading?

I'm reading up on the history of Andalusia and a book on rhythm by Rudolph D'erlanger.

What was the last CD you bought?

A CD recently released in Paris called La Musique Syriac.

How do you relax?

I mostly listen to music when I need to unwind.

What is your biggest regret?

I have absolutely no regrets about anything I've ever done.

What's your most precious memory?

The Pope's visit to Lebanon.

Do you have a motto you live by?

Better late than never!

Name four people you'd invite to dinner

Myrna Bustani, my two best friends, and my sister.

...and four things you'd have trouble surviving without

My nieces and nephews, music, my concerts and my ongoing research on Syriac music.



Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

I can picture myself as one of the few musicians involved in Syriac music, and I hope to have made a name as a researcher and traditional vocalist and musician.

Vocalist Ghada Shbeir will be performing sacred hymns at the Al Bustan Festival on March 15