



Born in Lebanon, **Ghada Shbeir (Vocals)** has degrees in musicology and in Arabic music of the eastern Mediterranean. She specializes in ecclesiastical music, Arab-Andalusian music, and the Syrian musical tradition in the Aramaic dialect. She has participated in many congresses and festivals and given concerts as a soloist in many countries, performing ancient Maronite music. She has also performed with En Chordais both in Greece and abroad. Ms. Shbeir teaches at the University USEK of Lebanon; she has been a visiting lecturer in the MediMuses project and given master classes in singing. In 2007 she won BBC3 World Music Awards as best musician of the Middle East and North Africa and as best musician of the year internationally for her album “Al Mouachahat.” She released six CDs so far, three of them including traditional Arabic music and three including Syriac chants.